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Brothers of the Tenacious 13th District,

The second quarter of 2026 has been a period of remarkable progress, historic milestones, and continued excellence across the 13th District. From January through March, the collective efforts of our brothers have demonstrated our unwavering commitment to growth, service, and strengthening the foundation of our great Fraternity. Each engagement, visit, and initiative undertaken during this quarter reflects the intentional work being done to elevate our District's presence on the international stage.

One of the most significant and historic achievements this quarter was the District's role in hosting the International Headquarters Quality Business Review (QBR) in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. This milestone event would not have been possible without the dedicated support and outstanding execution of the brothers of Eta Iota Iota Chapter. Led by DDR Rick Mulgrave and Basileus Quincy Lewis, their professionalism and commitment to excellence ensured that the District was showcased in a manner that reflects the very best of Omega, further solidifying our reputation for operational effectiveness and hospitality. Also, I have to give a big thanks to Bro Trevor Mann, Ms. Sharon Rasario, Lyrhea Heyliger, and Diane Rawlins for working tirelessly to ensure our guests had a great experience.

We were also honored to witness historic moments with the visit of the Grand Basileus to four chapters within our District during this quarter. Zeta Xi and St. Croix of the Virgin Islands, as well as visits to Upsilon Lambda Lambda of Toyko, Japan and Sigma Gamma Gamma of Okinawa, Japan. Notably, three of these visits marked the first time in our District's history that a sitting Grand Basileus visited chapters within the district, an achievement that speaks volumes about our continued growth, relevance, and visibility within the Fraternity. Grand Basileus Lewis and his wife's visits served as powerful reminders of the importance of connection, leadership engagement, and the strengthening of bonds across all levels of Omega.

In January, I had the privilege of attending the International Undergraduate Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, alongside our outstanding undergraduate brothers from the Alpha Epsilon Beta Chapter at the University of the Bahamas. Their presence, engagement, and commitment to leadership development reaffirm that the future of our District is in capable hands. Additionally, my travels took me to Panama City, Panama, where I visited the brothers of Nu Gamma Gamma Chapter during their impactful social action initiatives, including back-to-school efforts for local youth and meaningful church partnerships. This visit also served as a site selection opportunity as we prepare for a potential District meeting in Panama City in 2027, further expanding our international footprint. Lastly, in this quarter, I have been able to visit and participate in the 7th District Annual District Meeting, representing the 13th District in several meetings and events.

As I reflect on a highly productive quarter, I want to express how proud I am of the men of this District. Your dedication, resilience, and forward-thinking mindset continue to drive our progress and position us for even greater success. I encourage each of you to carry this momentum forward as we prepare to gather for our 33rd Annual District Meeting in Toronto, Canada.

In Friendship and Fraternity,

Brother Freddie Thompson, IV

13th District Representative
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated



QUALITY over QUANTITY

Brothers,

I greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe, through whom all things are possible!

I must express my sincere gratitude for the abundance of articles that I received with the condensed timeline you were afforded. It is a testament to your flexibility and commitment to be the authors of your own story. Each article is an expression of your Chapters' willingness to uphold the Cardinal Principles that our illustrious organization was founded upon, but not every article is worthy of the Oracle.

The 13th District has a unique vantage point that sets us apart from all other districts, and many Brothers will never know the trials, tribulations, or successes that you experience as world travelers. They live vicariously through you and your stories, so make them compelling.

In the same sentiment that we discuss Brother Walter H. Mazyck's *Members Versus Men* and the value of 8 thorough Brothers over 80 lukewarm ones, so should we apply it to producing a few quality articles over several puff pieces. I have no doubts that what you submit next will reflect the high standard this District has always set. Give the Oracle something worthy of our legacy.

In Friendship,

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WE DON'T ROAD TRIP, WE SKY TRIP!

*The 42nd Grand Basileus, Brother
Ricky Lewis, visits chapters within
the Tenacious 13th District!*

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP: OMEGA PSI PHI AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS



By: Brother Melake Whyte

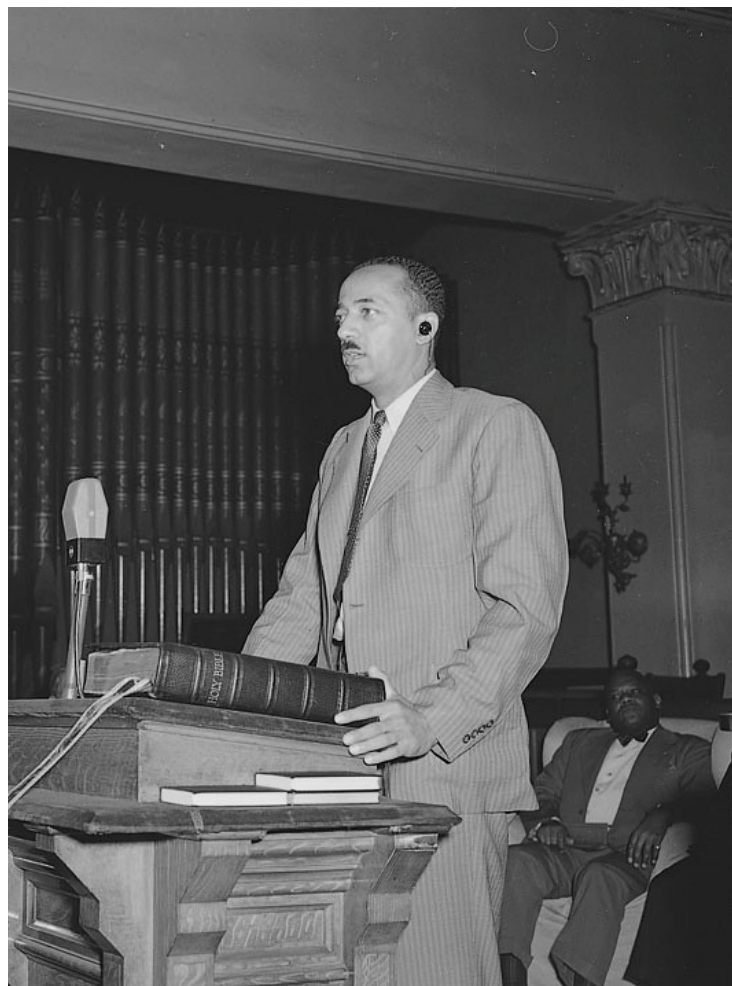
The sound of the Fraternity's signature Omega Call echoed through the terminal at Henry E. Rohlsen Airport as brothers of the Eta Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated gathered to welcome Grand Basileus Ricky L. Lewis to the island of St. Croix. Brother Lewis travelled to the island alongside members of the Fraternity's Supreme Council, marking the first assembly of the Fraternity's leadership in the United States (U.S) Virgin Islands.

"This fraternity is a global organization with more than 200,000 initiated members in 18 countries across four continents," Brother Lewis said during his visit. "St. Croix is part of what we do, and it is important for us to come together as leaders to continue moving the fraternity forward."



While this gathering highlighted the Fraternity's present leadership, the relationship between Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the U.S. Virgin Islands has an even richer history. That connection can be traced to Brother William H. Hastie, a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. From 1946 to 1949, Brother Hastie served as the first Black Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands and helped shape the modern political and civic landscape of the territory. A jurist, educator, and trailblazing public servant, Brother Hastie exemplified the Fraternity's cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift, marking an indelible legacy that continues to inspire local leaders.

Building upon that legacy, the Fraternity saw fit to establish a permanent presence in the territory with the chartering of the Eta Iota Iota Chapter on December 8, 1990, on the island of St. Croix. Since its chartering, the chapter has remained committed to serving the community through mentorship initiatives, scholarship programs, youth engagement, and civic outreach that uplift the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands.



During their visit, the Supreme Council was welcomed to Government House, where they had the opportunity to engage with Governor Albert Bryan Jr. Governor Bryan, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, joined the leadership of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in fellowship and thoughtful discussion, reflecting the longstanding tradition of leadership and public service shared by members of historically Black fraternities.

The visit allowed the Supreme Council to witness the work being carried out by the brothers of Eta Iota Iota Chapter. Despite the territory's small size, the chapter continues to make a meaningful impact through programs focused on mentorship, scholarship, and community uplift. For the brothers of the chapter, this visit symbolized the continuation of a legacy that began with trailblazers like Brother William H. Hastie and continues today through the dedicated service of Omega men committed to strengthening their communities.



GRAND BASILEUS RICKY LEWIS VISITS ZETA XI IN ST. THOMAS, USVI



By: Brother Winston Williams Jr.

From March 2-5, 2026 the Zeta Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. hosted 42nd Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis in St. Thomas. The Brothers of Zeta Xi welcomed Brother Ricky L. Lewis and his wife, Vicky Lewis, for a series of high-level engagements that connected international leadership with local community needs.

A Grand Arrival

The visit commenced on March 2nd at the Cyril E. King Airport, where the Grand Basileus and the First Lady were greeted by an enthusiastic delegation of Brothers from the Zeta Xi Chapter. Accompanying the Grand Basileus were key regional leaders: 13th District Representative Freddie Thompson IV, who oversees the Fraternity's international chapters, and Rick Mullgrav, the Deputy District Representative of the Caribbean Region.





Investing in the Future: Sports and Education

A core component of the visit was a direct outreach to the youth and educational institutions of the U.S. Virgin Islands. While on the island, Brother Lewis met with Vincent Roberts, Commissioner of the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation (DSPR) at the Emile Griffith Ball Park.

Recognizing the hurdles faced by local youth athletes, the Grand Basileus announced significant philanthropic commitments:

- \$3,000 Donation: Earmarked for the Elrod Hendricks Little League to assist at-risk youth and to purchase sporting equipment.



Furthering the Fraternity's commitment to supporting students furthering their academic pursuits in higher education, the Grand Basileus is also providing a \$5,000 donation committed to the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI), supporting the fraternity's mission of scholarship and academic excellence within the territory.

Cultural Exchange and Brotherhood

Beyond official business, Brother Lewis and Mrs. Lewis took time to experience the natural beauty and culture of St. Thomas, touring several of the island's spectacular sights. The hospitality of the local chapter was on full display during a culminating reception hosted at Brother Gimez Ashby's Villa Fratelli Cresta, providing an intimate setting for fellowship and the strengthening of fraternal bonds.



GRAND BASILEUS RICKY LEWIS VISITS THE FAR EAST

The brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter, affectionately known as the Far East Ques, made history this week as they welcomed the 42nd Grand Basileus, Ricky Lewis, to Okinawa. The visit was a celebration of the Fraternity's four cardinal principles—Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift—demonstrated through genuine fellowship and community engagement.

The visit began on Sunday, March 15th, with the focus exactly where it belongs: on the bond between brothers. The Far East Ques hosted an exclusive "bruh only" night at Eva Lei's restaurant. The evening was defined by high-level fellowship, providing a rare opportunity for the local brothers to connect with the Grand Basileus in an informal setting. It was a night of shared stories and reinforced commitment to the fraternity's mission, proving that the spirit of Omega remains vibrant thousands of miles from the mainland.

On Monday afternoon, the energy shifted to Kinser Elementary School, where the Grand Basileus and the brothers faced off against a formidable group of 5th graders. The "Are You Smarter Than an Omega Man?" competition was a highlight of the trip, pitting the brothers' wisdom against the sharp minds of the students.





While the competition was lighthearted, the impact was serious. To support the school's ongoing efforts, the brothers made a \$300 donation to the Kinser Elementary PTO. The event served as a powerful bridge between the military community and the fraternity's commitment to youth and scholarship.

To wrap up the historic visit, the Far East Ques hosted a D-9 Meet and Greet at GrapaChinas. This event brought together members from across the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) stationed or living in Okinawa.

It was a night of Greek solidarity, allowing leaders from various organizations to engage with Grand Basileus Lewis. The gathering underscored the importance of the Divine Nine's collective presence in the Pacific, fostering a sense of home and shared purpose for those serving far from the U.S.

The visit of Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis served as a powerful reminder that the Far East Ques are not just a chapter, but a cornerstone of the Okinawa community. Through fellowship and service, the brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma continue to lead the way.



A NIGHT OF DISTINCTION WITH GRAND BASILEUS RICKY L LEWIS



Tokyo, Japan – In a powerful display of international brotherhood and cultural excellence, the brothers of the Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. welcomed the 42nd Grand Basileus, Ricky L. Lewis, and his wife, Vicki, to Tokyo for an unforgettable weekend.

The chapter's signature Spring event, "BlackOwt: Mardi Gras Tokyo Edition," brought together brothers, dignitaries, and guests from across Japan for a night defined by elegance, fellowship, and culture. Hosted at the New SANNO Hotel, this event showcased the unique ability of Omega men abroad to merge tradition with global influence.

The presence of Grand Basileus Lewis marked a significant moment for the chapter. It underscored the Fraternity's ongoing commitment to strengthening its global brotherhood and maintaining a visible, impactful presence beyond the continental United States.

Throughout the weekend, Grand Basileus Lewis engaged with the brothers, offering encouragement and reaffirming the Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. His visit served not only as a recognition of the chapter's work but also as a reminder of the unity that binds Omega men across the world.

As the fraternity continues to expand its international footprint, the Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter remains a massive example of what it means to uphold the legacy of the 4 Founding Fathers on a global stage.

The BlackOwt affair in Tokyo was more than an event-it was a defining moment of connection, celebration, and reaffirmation. With the wisdom of our Grand Basileus, and the leadership of newly elected Basileus George Garrison IV and the continued dedication of the Samurai Ques, the future of Omega Psi Phi abroad remains strong, unified, and impactful.



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BRIDGING THE DIASPORA: MENTORSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP IN ST. MARY

By: Brother Dr. Paul Prosper

ORACABESSA, JAMAICA – Deepening the 13th District's commitment to the Caribbean, the Graduate Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Jamaica recently converged at Oracabessa High School to execute a powerful demonstration of Uplift and Scholarship. On March 6, 2026, Brother Dr. Paul Prosper stood as the visible embodiment of the Fraternity's Fatherhood and Mentoring initiative, representing both Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Jamaica Diaspora Task Force Action Network (JDTAN) during the "Dining with Mentors" Luncheon and Backpack Giveaway.

The event, held in the lush parish of St. Mary, served as a strategic nexus between international resources and local needs. Dr. Prosper facilitated a high-level dialogue, bridging the digital divide by moderating a Zoom session between eager mentees and a cohort of international mentors from the Diaspora. This synthesis of technology and personal presence ensured that the students saw a tangible roadmap to success, transcending geographical boundaries.

In strict alignment with the Fraternity's Social Action mandate, the initiative provided critical resources to the youth of Oracabessa. Ten students were presented with backpacks meticulously outfitted with books and JDTAN educational materials. Furthering the principle of Scholarship, Dr. Prosper personally donated and signed copies of his own book for each mentee, offering them a lasting symbol of Omega excellence. Brother Prosper presented each student with a copy of his book and read a personalized, signed message of inspiration in each one.

The impact was both quantifiable and profound. Over the course of two intensive hours, Dr. Prosper engaged with 70% of the program's mentees, alongside key institutional stakeholders, including Principal Mrs. Lothian and Guidance Counselor Mr. McKay. The atmosphere of brotherhood was furthered by lunch provided by JDTAN, creating a space where the "Cardinal Principles" could be discussed over a shared meal.

"Thank you for taking care of the kids and us. My heart is overwhelmed," stated Nicole Gardere, JDTAN's Oracabessa High School Mentorship Program Chair, to Bro. Prosper. Her sentiment underscores Brother Prosper's role in helping to make this event a success. By showing up in person where others only send support from afar, the Reggae Quez continue to expand the 13th District's footprint on the island of Jamaica, proving that for the Sons of Blood and Thunder, the mission of community uplift knows no borders.





PHI GAMMA GAMMA WINS SECOND ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY STEP SHOW

By: Brother Anthony Polk

Stuttgart, Germany — On February 7, 2026, the brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma (PGG) traveled west to take the stage at a packed step show in Stuttgart in celebration of Black excellence and to support college-bound seniors from the Kaiserslautern community. Now in their second year participating, PGG joined fellow fraternities and sororities from the Divine Nine to showcase the rhythm, precision, and legacy of stepping as performed by Black Greek Letter Organizations while raising scholarship funds for local students.

The evening blended entertainment with purpose. PGG's performance was high-energy and meticulously choreographed, drawing cheers with synchronized stomps, hand claps, and call-and-response chants. Beyond the spectacle, the brothers wove history and context into their routine, taking time to educate the audience about Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., its Cardinal Principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift, and how those values influence the Fraternity's community and philanthropic work worldwide.

Organizers emphasized that the event's goal extended beyond mere competition: It served as a cultural showcase and fundraiser. Proceeds from ticket sales and donations were allocated to prize money for the winning organization's scholarship funds, amplifying the step show's mission to uplift future generations through scholastic endeavors. The Brothers' performance not only entertained but also reinforced mentorship and service as tenets integral to the Chapter's operations, inspiring students and community members alike.

As the evening came to a close, applause and expressions of appreciation resonated throughout the venue in recognition of all participating organizations. The program fortified the connection between Black Greek Letter Organizations and the local youth, while simultaneously advancing the shared mission of increasing opportunities to attend college.



LAMBDA XI PROMOTES COGNITIVE WELLNESS AT INAUGURAL THRIVECON



By: Brother Eugene Gibbs

South Korea - Members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Lambda Xi Chapter participated in the inaugural ThriveCon community wellness event held February 20, 2026, at the Collier Community Fitness Center on USAG Humphreys. Hosted by the installation's Family & MWR Sports, Fitness, and Aquatics team, the first-ever event brought together more than 25 organizations and community groups to highlight programs that promote healthy living and community engagement. With more than 200 participants in attendance, Lambda Xi hosted an interactive table featuring mental health games designed to challenge focus, memory, and problem-solving while encouraging conversations about cognitive wellness.

The chapter also used the opportunity to showcase its service initiatives, promote scholarship opportunities, and share upcoming programs with members of the installation community. Brothers further demonstrated their commitment to wellness by participating in event activities, including a cycling fitness class. Through this engagement, Lambda Xi continued to exemplify the Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift while advancing the fraternity's mandated Health Initiative, reminding attendees that strengthening the mind and body is essential to building a better community.



FUELING FUTURES AND INSPIRING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT



On February 7, 2026, the spirit of community shone brightly at the Torres De Alba Hotel in Panama City, Panama as the Nu Gamma Gamma (NGG) chapter hosted its 2nd Annual Back to School Event (BTSE), a cornerstone of the chapter's commitment to social action and mentorship. More than just a giveaway, the event represents the combined efforts of the NGG Social Action Committee and the Fatherhood & Mentoring Committee to provide 110 elementary and middle school students with the essential tools for success, from backpacks and writing utensils to art supplies, igniting excitement for the academic year ahead.

The event's impact was amplified by the inspiring presence of members from the 13th International District leadership team. Distinguished guests, including Bro. Freddie Thompson IV, 13th District Representative, Bro. Eugene Porter, 13th District First Vice District Representative, Bro. Ronald Walker, 13th District Keeper of Finance and Bro. James Harris Jr., Basileus for NGG, personally engaged with families, encouraging students to pursue their academic goals with passion and determination. With a total attendance of nearly 300, the event was a vibrant gathering of students, parents, and community partners united to empower the next generation.

What made the 2026 BTSE truly remarkable was NGG's deep financial commitment, allocating approximately \$60 per student—a significant increase from the previous year.

This incredible effort was made possible through the invaluable support of strategic partners: The Delta Omega Foundation, Inc., Ms. Mamie Mallory and the Mallory Associates LLC, Mt. Olivet Reformed Episcopal Church, Kappa Iota Iota Chapter (Fort Eustis, VA), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and the Delta Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Though only in its second year, the BTSE is already creating an enduring legacy of hope and opportunity. The positive ripple effects are undeniable, boosting the academic outlook for families, attracting media attention, and sparking growing interest throughout Panama. The BTSE is a powerful demonstration of NGG's unwavering dedication to fostering sustainable community development and building a brighter future, one student at a time.



SIGMA GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER SUPPORTS AKA WINTER FOOD DRIVE

By: Brother Pablo Ramos

Camp Foster Okinawa, Japan – Community service and Greek solidarity took center stage on January 19, 2026, as the Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. supported the Phi Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for their annual Winter Food Drive.

Stationed at the front of the Foster Commissary, members of Alpha Kappa Alpha welcomed patrons and collected donations aimed at "making the season a little brighter" for the local community. The brothers of Sigma Gamma Gamma bolstered the initiative by contributing food donations and actively spreading the word across the island to ensure a high turnout and a successful collection.



This food drive served as a vital collection point for non-perishable goods and essential supplies, all of which are dedicated to supporting the AmerAsian School in Okinawa (AASO). The AASO provides essential bilingual and bicultural education for children of dual heritage, and the contributions from this drive help ensure that their students and families have the resources they need to thrive.

Brother Pablo Ramos stated, "When we align our efforts with our sisters in the Divine Nine, we don't just collect food—we build a stronger, more resilient community here in Okinawa. Supporting the AmerAsian School is a vital part of our mission to give back to the island that hosts us."



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MAKING A MEASURABLE IMPACT DURING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

By: Brother Michael Robinson

Throughout January 2026, the Brothers of the 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. actively supported National Mentoring Month under the theme, “Uplifting Youth Around the Globe.” While the observance traditionally emphasizes awareness and recruitment, the District’s efforts this year were marked by tangible participation and broad geographic engagement.

National Mentoring Month, established more than two decades ago by MENTOR National and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, continues to highlight the critical role mentors play in shaping the lives of young people. The initiative has received widespread national support and encourages organizations to expand mentoring opportunities and outreach.

Within the 13th District, measurable contributions were demonstrated through active chapter involvement across multiple countries.

A total of nine chapters conducted fatherhood and mentoring activities during the month, spanning regions that included South Korea, Japan, Germany, the Bahamas, Panama, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These efforts collectively reflect the District’s international reach and unified commitment to youth development.

Through these coordinated efforts, the 13th District demonstrated quantifiable impact by mobilizing chapters across six countries and territories, reinforcing its commitment to mentorship on a global scale. By engaging communities, supporting youth-focused initiatives, and promoting consistent involvement, the District continues to advance the mission of National Mentoring Month —ensuring that more young people have access to guidance, support, and positive role models.



RESILIENCE IN THE WAKE OF MELISSA



By: Brother Dr. Paul Prosper

Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica - When Category Five Hurricane Melissa swept across Jamaica's western region, it left a trail of destruction that tested the spirit of the Jamaican people. However, true to the Cardinal Principle of Perseverance, the “Reggae Quez” of Zeta Xi Chapter rose to the occasion, proving once again that the sun never sets on the mission of Omega.

From October 2025 through February 2026, the Reggae Quez executed high-impact Social Action initiatives focused on immediate relief and long-term recovery. This was not a mere series of donations but a strategic Uplift campaign that reached deep into the social fabric of parishes like St. Elizabeth and the community of Lacovia.

The quantifiable impact of this mission is a testament to the chapter's leadership. Collectively, the Brothers raised a grand total of \$1,481,542.40 JMD (approximately \$9,103.39 USD) to facilitate critical repairs and provide essential supplies. These funds directly supported projects such as the roof repair of the Melody House, which was severely damaged during the storm.





Beyond financial contributions, the Reggae Quez demonstrated the principle of Manhood through hands-on service. Brothers logged 59 volunteer hours, performing tasks ranging from the physically demanding clearing of trees and debris from community roads—benefiting over 200 residents—to technical support, such as setting up Starlink internet for elderly citizens and their families. The chapter's logistical prowess was further demonstrated by the collection and shipment of 10 barrels of food, hygiene products, and clothing, as well as the distribution of solar generators and power equipment to families still grappling with utility outages.

In one particularly poignant act of brotherhood, a chapter brother provided financial assistance to a former classmate in St. Elizabeth who was struggling with funeral expenses amid disaster recovery efforts. This holistic approach to service underscores our role as the "Standard-Bearer of Omega in the Caribbean." By impacting 248+ lives through direct action, the Reggae Quez of Zeta Xi Chapter has set an international benchmark for how the 13th District executes strategic community uplift in times of crisis.

HONOLULU CELEBRATES THE LEGACY OF DR. KING

By: Brother Lymas Johnson

The Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. participated in the 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemorative march and community observance at Kapiolani Park in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Monday, January 19, 2026, to honor Dr. King's enduring legacy.

Fraternity and sorority members presented coordinated marching formations and step performances, paying homage to the rich traditions of Black Greek-letter organizations while emphasizing the principles of unity, equality, and service that defined Dr. King's life and mission.

More than 40 Brothers from the local area and visiting chapters were in attendance. In total, over 1,000 individuals participated in the observance, representing a wide range of backgrounds and communities and underscoring a collective commitment to service and fellowship.



HONORING DR. KING'S LEGACY IN PYEONGTAEK, SOUTH KOREA

By: Brother Michael Robinson

Brother Michael Robinson of the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., joined members of the Republic of Korea Divine Nine community for a one-mile commemorative walk honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Sunday, January 18, 2026.

The walk began at the Camp Humphreys Millet (Walking) Gate at 10:30 a.m. and concluded in front of Christ Is Life International Church in Pyeongtaek, South Korea. The event brought together members of the Divine Nine and community supporters in a shared expression of unity, remembrance, and service.

Following the walk, Lambda Xi Chapter Basileus Eugene Gibbs and Brother Clint Carmichael, accompanied by their families, attended the Sunday morning gospel service at Christ Is Life International Church. The service was led by Pastor Michael Allmond of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and served as a heartfelt tribute to Dr. King's enduring impact. The program featured uplifting songs, reflections, and a powerful sermon that emphasized faith, perseverance, and service to others.

Pastor Allmond delivered his message from Micah 2:13, titled "2026: The Year of Overcoming, Victory, and Triumph."



Throughout the sermon, he echoed Dr. King's call for individuals to become "drum majors for justice," encouraging the congregation to lead lives marked by courage, compassion, and commitment to righteousness.

The gathering served as a meaningful reminder of Dr. King's vision for equality and unity. Through fellowship, worship, and reflection, participants reaffirmed the importance of continuing his work in communities around the world.

The Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter remain committed to keeping Dr. King's dream alive by uplifting those that are in need and treating everyone with dignity and respect.



THE CRUCIAN QUES PARTICIPATE IN MLK MARCH ON ST. CROIX

By: Brother Melake T. Whyte, II

On January 19, the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Eta Iota Iota Chapter, in conjunction with other Divine Nine (D9) organizations, participated in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. March on the island of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

The march honored the life, legacy, and enduring impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and served as a demonstration of unity, civic engagement, and commitment to social justice. By standing alongside fellow D9 organizations and community members, the brothers reaffirmed their dedication to Dr. King's principles of service, equality, and nonviolent advocacy.

Participation in the MLK March reflects Eta Iota Iota Chapter's continued commitment to community involvement and collective action. Through visible engagement in events that promote awareness, unity, and progress, the chapter upholds the Fraternity's Cardinal Principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift.

Eta Iota Iota Chapter remains dedicated to supporting initiatives that strengthen the community and honor the legacy of leaders who have shaped the pursuit of justice and equality.



PROMOTING LITERACY THROUGH READ ACROSS AMERICA

By: Brother Michael Robinson

During the month of March, the 13th International District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. proudly promoted Read Across America, encouraging chapters and brothers throughout the district to actively support youth literacy by reading to children, visiting local schools, and participating in community literacy events.

Launched in 1998 by the National Education Association, Read Across America is the nation's largest annual celebration of reading. The initiative inspires children of all ages to discover the joy of books while promoting diversity and lifelong literacy habits. Although widely recognized on March 2 in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, the program offers year-round resources to help students stay engaged in reading.

The program also emphasizes the importance of representation in literature and encourages access to books that reflect the diverse experiences of young readers. With many students across the nation facing literacy challenges, Read Across America highlights the academic and personal benefits of reading, including stronger cognitive development, improved comprehension, increased empathy, and long-term educational success.



Across the district, brothers have embraced the initiative by engaging directly with students. Representing the Lambda Xi Chapter, Bro. Marcus Shepard partnered with Humphreys West Elementary School librarian Jennifer Hwang to bring Read Across America to life during the week of March 2–6. Brothers visited several classrooms, sparking lively discussions and enthusiasm among students.

Chapter Basileus Bro. Eugene Gibbs led interactive reading sessions featuring books by acclaimed authors LeBron James and Jacqueline Woodson, encouraging students to reflect on themes of perseverance, identity, and imagination. The week concluded with Bro. Clint Carmichael reading a story about Mary Jackson, NASA's first Black female engineer, inspiring conversations about careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Meanwhile, at Ikego Elementary School in Yokosuka, Japan, Bro. Leon Hatcher of Upsilon Lambda Lambda captivated students during Read Across America Day by bringing stories to life and encouraging a love of reading. Through these efforts, we continue our commitment to uplifting communities and strengthening youth literacy.



THE COLEMANS UNITE FOR LUOPADS INITIATIVE

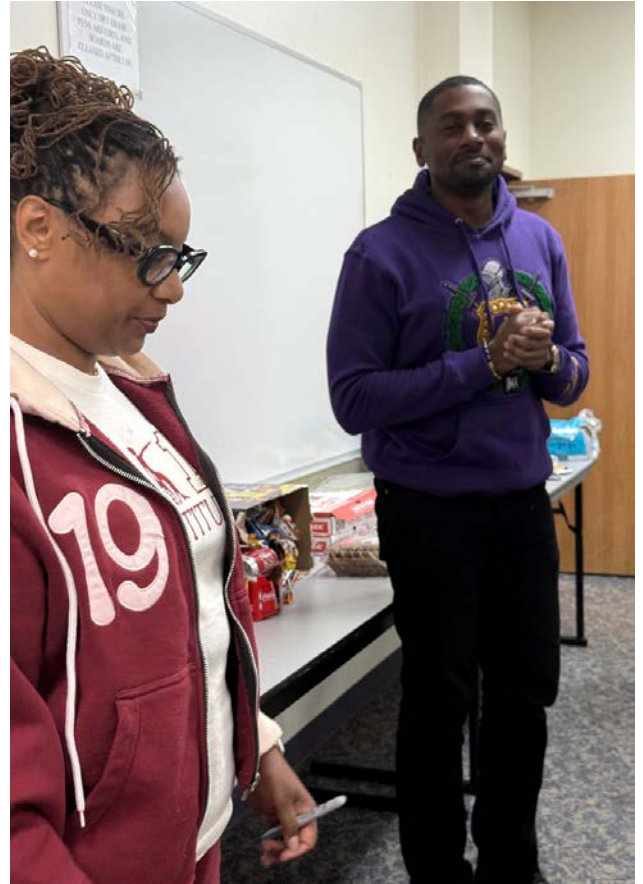
By: Brother Michael Preaster

Zama, Japan - On January 10, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Brothers of Upsilon Lambda Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. gathered at Sagamihara Housing Area in Zama City, Japan, in support of a regional Social Action initiative sponsored by the Tokyo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The effort was held in observance of the Far West Regional Day of Service and centered on the impactful Love U Outreach Pads (LUOPADS) initiative.

LUOPADS is a global service project focused on addressing menstrual health inequities by providing reusable feminine hygiene products to women and girls in underserved communities. The initiative not only supplies essential items but also promotes dignity, health, and continued access to education for those who might otherwise miss school or work due to limited resources.

Working in partnership, members of both organizations assembled more than 140 handmade, washable feminine pads. These items will benefit women and girls in countries such as the Philippines, Cambodia, India, Benin, and Tanzania, where access to feminine hygiene products remains a significant challenge.

Upon completion, the items were forwarded to the Global Aid Network mission team for international distribution. This collaborative effort underscored a shared commitment to service, global outreach, and the empowerment of women and girls, reflecting the enduring mission of both organizations to uplift communities in need.



FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

By: Brother Lymas Johnson

Honolulu, Hawaii - In observance of Black History Month, the Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., along with visiting Brothers, came together in fellowship and worship, joining members of fellow National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations to strengthen community bonds and support one another in a spirit of unity.

On Sunday, February 1, 2026, the Brothers assembled at Wheeler Chapel on Wheeler Army Airfield for a Gospel service held in support of Brother Chaplain Jonathan Dukes. Delivering a powerful sermon titled “The Love of a Good Friend,” rooted in Proverbs 18:24, he offered a message that resonated deeply with those in attendance.



His words encouraged reflection on the enduring values of friendship, compassion, and service—principles that have long been pillars within the African American community and remain central to the significance of Black History Month. The service inspired attendees to move forward with renewed purpose, emphasizing kindness, love, and appreciation for one another along life’s shared journey.

Continuing the month’s observance, on February 15, 2026, the Brothers visited Trinity Missionary Baptist Church near Joint Base Pearl Harbor–Hickam. During the service, Brother Vice Basileus Howard Covington presented a donation on behalf of the chapter to support the church’s ongoing ministries and community programs. The contribution reflects the chapter’s continued commitment to service, fellowship, and uplift within the community.



A BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRIBUTE AT USAG HUMPHREYS

By: Brother Michael Robinson

South Korea - On Sunday, February 22, 2026, Brother Michael Robinson of the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., served as the guest speaker for a special Black History Month tribute hosted by the Burning Bush Gospel Service at Camp Humphreys Army Base. Brother Robinson was invited by Chaplain Danny Black and Eric Reynolds to deliver a message of reflection and inspiration in recognition of the month's observance.

The service was marked by a spirit of celebration and cultural pride, as several attendees honored the occasion by wearing traditional African attire. The program also featured a powerful praise dance performed by the youth ministry to the song "Break Every Chain" by Tasha Cobbs, creating a moving moment of worship that resonated deeply with those in attendance.

During his presentation, Brother Robinson spoke on the 2026 Black History Month theme, "A Century of Black History Commemorations." He encouraged those present to pause and reflect on their personal role in shaping history. Asking the congregation to consider questions such as "What is history?" and "What can I do to make my home, my community, and society better?" he emphasized the interconnected foundations that have long sustained communities: family, home, church, community, and faith.

Brother Robinson noted that these pillars are not separate but woven together. Family shapes the home, the home strengthens the church, the church anchors the community, and faith holds them all together. Reflecting on the significance of personal and collective history, he reminded the congregation that every day and every year becomes a chapter in the story of our lives, filled with joy, others with hardship, but all offering opportunities for growth.

Drawing inspiration from historic voices, he referenced the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., encouraging listeners to consider their own dreams for themselves, their families, and their communities. He also echoed the call to "Keep Hope Alive," reminding the audience that hope requires courage, action, and unwavering faith.

Closing his remarks, Brother Robinson encouraged everyone to reflect on the legacy they are building, reminding them that history is not only something remembered, it is also something each of us has the power to create.



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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

*Mental, Physical, Social, and
Spiritual initiatives to strengthen
the brotherhood and community.*

PHI GAMMA GAMMA COACHES RAMSTEIN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

By: Brother Anthony Polk

Ramstein, Germany - When Ramstein High School faced a shortage of basketball coaches for the 2026 season, two members of Phi Gamma Gamma (PGG) stepped up to fill the gap and bring experience, energy, and mentorship to the program. Brother Edward Rolax accepted the head coach position, and Brother Clemonte Mills joined as his assistant, together taking responsibility for both the JV and Varsity teams.

Rolax and Mills move into their roles with deep backgrounds in playing and coaching basketball. Their arrival immediately stabilized a program that had struggled to secure leadership, and their presence ensured that 24 student-athletes across JV and Varsity rosters would have consistent training, structure, and competitive opportunity for the season.

Their work goes beyond X's and O's. Rolax and Mills emphasize fundamentals, conditioning, and game IQ while intentionally using basketball as a vehicle for teaching leadership, accountability, time management, and resilience. Practices include skill development drills and team-building exercises designed to strengthen character as well as on-court performance.

PGG's involvement underscores the chapter's commitment to community service and youth development. By volunteering their time and expertise, the brothers aim to create a positive environment where student-athletes can grow both as players and as young men preparing for life after high school.

Players and parents have already noted improvements in discipline and teamwork, and early results on the court reflect a team responding to clear expectations and consistent coaching. For Rolax and Mills, success will be measured not only in wins but in the personal growth of the 24 athletes they mentor this season.

As the 2026 campaign unfolds, Ramstein's basketball program benefits from a renewed sense of purpose and stability — a direct result of two community members who answered the call to lead.



WHOLENESS UNLOCKED

By: Brother Michael Robinson

South Korea - On Saturday, January 31, 2026, ten Brothers of the Lambda Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., attended the “Self, Mind, Body, and Spirit: Wholeness Unlocked” panel discussion held at the Hub on Camp Humphreys Army Base. The event was led by hosts Ms. Qwanquita T. Wright, Ms. Shakiemah Clark, and emcee Ms. Takiah Boyce, and featured several panelists, including Chaplain Darrell Davis from United States Army Garrison Humphreys.

During the program, the Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter set up an informational display table highlighting mental health awareness, the fraternity’s “Brother, You’re On My Mind” initiative, mandated programs, and notable men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The display encouraged attendees to engage in conversations about mental health and available resources.

The event featured several panel discussions that encouraged open dialogue about faith, wellness, and relationships. One session focused on integrating spiritual and mental health practices, where panelists emphasized that while prayer is essential, faith must also be accompanied by action. Participants discussed the importance of listening to God, supporting those in need, and recognizing that seeking help is not a sign of weakness but a step toward healing.

Another discussion explored navigating personal and professional relationships. Panelists highlighted the value of vulnerability, accountability, and sincere communication. They also emphasized understanding that not every relationship lasts forever, encouraging participants to focus on growth and grace in both personal and professional interactions.





A third session addressed wellness within individuals, families, and communities. Participants discussed how mental health influences physical, emotional, and social well-being, and the importance of self-reflection, balance, and healthy communication.

Brother Curtis Pugh of Lambda Xi Chapter shared perspectives on healthy living, while Brother Ronald Kinney, Clinical Director of the Substance Use Disorder Clinic Care at Camp Humphreys Brian D. Allgood Army Community Hospital, attended the event and offered his professional support to those seeking assistance.

The Brothers of Lambda Xi Chapter remain committed to supporting programs that educate and empower the community, particularly African American men, on the importance of mental health and overall wellness. Mental health remains a top priority for the chapter. For many years, this topic has often gone unspoken, as individuals were reluctant to openly discuss mental health challenges. Today, the chapter continues to help bring awareness to the conversation and encourages open dialogue, support, and understanding within the community.





SUPPORTING YOUTH BASEBALL THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

By: Brother Melake T. Whyte, II

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands - On January 10, 2026, the Brothers of Eta Iota Iota Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, in partnership with the Crucian Purple and Gold Foundation, proudly donated to a local 12-and-under Little League baseball team, Victory, in support of youth development and community engagement.

The contribution was made to assist the team with resources needed to promote participation, teamwork, and positive youth development through sports. By investing in local youth athletics, the chapter and foundation reaffirm their shared commitment to fostering discipline, leadership, and character among young people in the community.

Supporting youth sports aligns with the fraternity's broader mission of service and uplift by encouraging healthy lifestyles, mentorship, and constructive outlets for personal growth. The partnership with the Crucian Purple and Gold Foundation further strengthens the impact of this initiative by combining resources to meet community needs.

Eta Iota Iota Chapter remains dedicated to supporting programs and organizations that provide meaningful opportunities for youth and families throughout the Virgin Islands.



SUSTAINING THE ISLAND'S PULSE

By: Brother Dr. Paul Prosper

In a profound demonstration of the Cardinal Principle of **Uplift**, the “Reggae Quez” of Zeta Xi Chapter convened in the week of 12 – 19 January 2026 to execute a mission-critical Health Initiative: the annual Charles Drew Blood Drive. The chapter recognizes that Social Action is most effective when it addresses the literal lifeblood of the Jamaican social fabric. This initiative serves as a direct response to the perennial blood shortages facing the nation’s public health system, positioning the Fraternity as a vital partner in national resilience.



The event was marked by a spirit of high-level sacrifice and "Brotherly" duty. Leading by example, a delegation of brothers presented themselves for donation, embodying the mandate of **Manhood** through community responsibility. Among those who successfully navigated the rigorous screening process were Brothers McKay, McDonald, and Williamson, as well as Dr. Paul Prosper. In a moving display of "Blood on Blood" kinship, Brother McDonald was joined by his biological brother, Mr. McDonald, further expanding the footprint of the Fraternity’s impact to include the broader Omega family.



The metrics of the day underscore the tangible impact of the 13th District’s operations. Strategic donors, including Brothers Prosper, McDonald, and his kin, each contributed 450 mL of life-saving blood. These quantifiable results—totaling over 1,350 mL from these three individuals alone—provide the Jamaican medical community with a critical resource for emergency surgeries and trauma care.

Furthermore, the spirit of **Perseverance** was evident even in those unable to donate. Brothers Holness and Taylor, having recently returned from mission-critical travels across the African continent, were deferred due to international epidemiological protocols. Their presence at the site, despite their inability to donate, reflected the "Global Statesman" ethos of the chapter—demonstrating that the sun never sets on the work of the 13th District.

By aligning this activity with the **International Mandated Program for Health Initiatives**, the Zeta Xi Chapter continues to set the gold standard for Caribbean operations. This blood drive was more than a service project; it was a sophisticated execution of leadership that reinforces Omega’s 100-plus-year legacy of bringing light and life to the shores of the West Indies.



2026 NFL PRO CAMP AT RAMSTEIN, GERMANY

By: Brother Anthony Polk

Ramstein Air Base, Germany – On March 7 – 8, 2026, more than 200 military children sharpened their football skills and enjoyed a day of pro-level football at the 2026 NFL Pro Camp held at Ramstein, thanks in large part to dedicated volunteers from the Brothers of Phi Gamma Gamma.

Now in its third consecutive year supporting the event, PGG members handled setup, breakdown, and on-field facilitation, ensuring the camp ran smoothly from first whistle to final drill. Their work helped keep the camp free for military families overseas, preserving the event’s mission to give dependents a high-quality sports experience without cost.

Devin Lloyd of the Jacksonville Jaguars served as the camp’s featured athlete, leading drills, offering technique tips, and inspiring young participants with pro-level insight and encouragement. The camp was organized and led by Brother Anthony Polk, who coordinated volunteer efforts and event logistics in partnership with the Defense Commissary Agency and Procter & Gamble.

“Seeing kids light up while learning from an NFL player, that’s why we come back year after year,” said PGG brother Clemonte Mills, involved in the event. “Being able to give our time to make this free opportunity possible for military families is an honor.”

With strong community support and continued volunteer engagement, the NFL Pro Camp in Germany remains a valued annual tradition, delivering professional coaching and unforgettable memories to military youth across Europe.



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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 CHIEF AMONG US: BROTHER JUSTIN THURMAN JOINS THE AIR FORCE'S ELITE

By: Brother Rob Taylor

On 6 March 2026, Brother Senior Master Sergeant Justin Thurman has recently been promoted to the distinguished rank of Chief Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force an achievement reserved for the very best among the enlisted force. Only one percent of Airmen ever attains this prestigious rank, marking Chief Master Sergeant as the pinnacle of enlisted leadership.

Within that elite group, the accomplishment carries even deeper significance. Approximately 16 percent of those who reach the rank of Chief are African American, while African Americans represent roughly 19 percent of the total Air Force population. Brother Thurman's promotion therefore represents not only personal excellence, but also meaningful representation within the highest levels of military leadership.



What makes his achievement even more remarkable is the timeline. While the average Airman who reaches the rank of Chief Master Sergeant does so after approximately 22 years of service, Brother Thurman achieved this milestone in just 17 years, placing him well ahead of the traditional career curve. His promotion reflects a career defined by exceptional performance, steadfast commitment, and a leadership style that inspires those around him.



When asked what it means to be recognized among the top one percent of enlisted Airmen, Brother Thurman responded with a simple but powerful statement: "Representation matters." He hopes that younger Airmen will see his journey and believe that they, too, can achieve the highest levels of leadership. For many, seeing someone who shares their background succeed at the highest levels affirms that their own aspirations are attainable.



Brother Thurman's leadership ambitions do not end here. He aspires to one day serve as the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (CMSAF), the highest enlisted position in the United States Air Force. Since the creation of the position in 1967, only two African Americans have held this role. One of those distinguished leaders is Brother Kaleth O. Wright (1-03-Theta Rho), who served as the 18th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and has mentored Brother Thurman since 2010. That mentorship has played a meaningful role in shaping Thurman's professional journey and commitment to leadership excellence.

Brother Thurman was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through the Sigma Gamma Gamma Chapter in 2021. Since crossing the Burning Sands, he has faithfully exemplified the fraternity's Four Cardinal Principles: Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance, and Uplift. His professional accomplishments and commitment to mentorship reflect the very ideals that Omega men strive to embody.



Within the Air Force, his title now carries a singular and respected distinction, Chief. Yet within Omega, he is also recognized as a brother whose journey demonstrates the power of discipline, service, and purpose. As Brother Thurman continues to lead and inspire the next generation of Airmen, his story serves as a reminder that excellence, representation, and perseverance remain central to both military leadership and the enduring legacy of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Congratulations, Chief Thurman. Your achievement reflects not only personal success but also a legacy of leadership that continues to uplift others.



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MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Remembering the legacy of
Brigadier General Charles Young,
and celebrating the lives of
Brothers who have transitioned to
Omega Chapter.*

CHI MU MU CONDUCTS MEMORIAL SERVICE IN THE UK

By: Brother Mike Williamson

The Brothers of the Chi Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. conducted their annual Memorial Service following their chapter meeting on 14 March in the Croydon area of London, United Kingdom. The ceremony served as a solemn moment of reflection as the chapter honored the memory and legacy of Omega men who have entered Omega Chapter.

Operating in the United Kingdom presents unique challenges for the chapter, as many of the brothers are geographically dispersed across the country and throughout Europe. This distance can make organizing in-person events difficult. However, through the spirit of Perseverance, one of the fraternity's Four Cardinal Principles, the brothers remain committed to ensuring that the Memorial Service is always conducted in person, demonstrating their respect for tradition and their dedication to honoring the legacy of the fraternity.

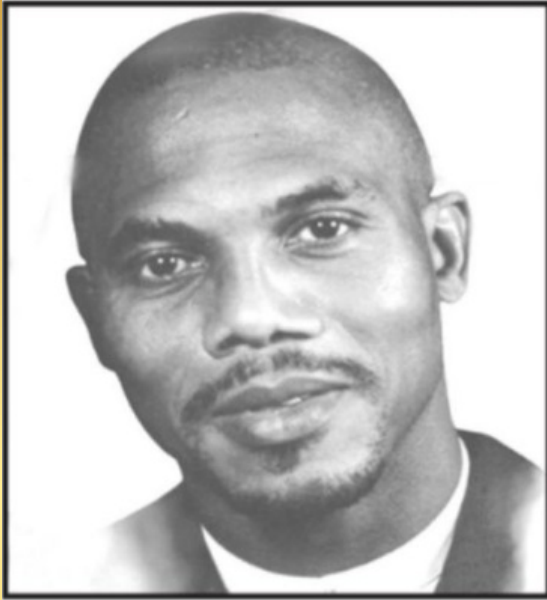
Following the service, the brothers continued one of Omega's most cherished traditions: fellowship. Gathering locally, the brothers enjoyed time together while watching an Arsenal F.C. match, strengthening the bonds of brotherhood that unite them despite geographic separation.

The evening concluded with the chapter supporting a visiting brother from Psi Chapter, who was in town for a DJ performance. The brothers came out in full support, demonstrating the spirit of Friendship and fraternity that extends across chapters, cities, and continents.

Even thousands of miles from the fraternity's birthplace, the Brothers of Chi Mu Mu continue to uphold Omega's traditions honoring the past, strengthening the present, and supporting one another wherever Omega men may gather.



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