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Achievement Week 2003

On Sunday, November 16, 2003, Xi Phi celebrated its accomplishments with an outstanding National Achievement Week Program at Columbia University. Bro. Derrick



Bro. Thomas Watkins (l) and Bro. Derrick Touba

Touba, Vice Basileus, was named Omega Man of the Year and Bro. Thomas Watkins, Jr., CEO of the Challenge Publishing Group, was named "Citizen of the Year."

Moreover, Bros. Charles Thomas, Ph.D. and Jamal Joseph were honored with Basileus awards for their outstanding contributions to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in the areas of performing and cultural arts. Similarly, Bros. Kevin Woodhouse, Butler



Opera sensation Bro. Morris Robinson

Dowery, Jeffrey Covington, David

Winder Fisher, Neville Evans, Michael Gilbert, Mark Flowers, Randolph Walker and Talmadge Stewart were honored with Scrolls of Honors for their contributions to the Chapter. Xi Phi presented Motherhood awards and roses to the mothers of the Executive Council members and Chairman of the chapter. Many of the mothers - Homer Smith (Ernest), Sandra Boyce (Dominick), Lillian McBride (T. Ed), Myrna Covington (Jeff), Bonnie Flowers (Mark), Sarah Butler (Derrick Touba) - were on hand to receive their awards. Also, Xi Phi awarded \$500 college scholarships to three high school seniors. Three artistic performances were presented by Bro. Jamal Joseph and the Impact Repertory Theatre, Bro. Charles Thomas, Ph.D., and Bro. Morris Robinson. Afterwards, a complete reception with a buffet meal, libations, and jazz music was held for 150 guests.

We would like to thank Bro. Derrick Touba,



Basileus Appreciation award presented to Brothers Jamal Joseph (l) and Charles Thomas (2nd r) by Basileus Dominick Boyce and Vice Basileus Derrick Touba.

Xi Phi Dinner Dance 2004

On Saturday, March 20, 2004, Xi Phi Chapter hosted its Seventeenth Annual Benefit Dinner Dance at the Crowne Plaza LaGuardia Hotel in East Elmhurst (Queens), NY. Thanks to the patronage of numerous brothers from Xi Phi and other metropolitan chapters plus the support of many family members, friends, and other Greek organizations, the dinner dance was a success.

Starting at 9:00 p.m., a reception that offered hot & cold hors d'oeuvres plus open bar welcomed all guests to start the evening's entertainment. The dinner dance, which featured Dave Brown & The Versatiles, a DJ and several cash door prizes began at 10:00 p.m.

The Annual Benefit Dinner Dance is one of Xi Phi's major fundraising events. Funds from this event is used to support our Black College Tour that has taken over 584 high school juniors and seniors from the New York City area to historically African American colleges and universities in the states of: North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. These week-long tours have become our premier community action project. In addition, Xi Phi has given several scholarships to deserving students at the Thurgood Marshall Academy, (New York City) as were as other institutions in the New York, New

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Bro. Derrick Touba Basileus



Dear Brothers:

Please allow me to express my gratitude for your support of my candidacy for the position of Basileus of Xi Phi. I am ready to accept the challenge.

You may rest assured that I shall do everything in my power to justify your faith in me. I shall continue to perform my administrative duties to the best of my abilities and to your expectations.

I honestly believe that it is only through talking to each other that people achieve an open, truthful relationship in which they may work productively for the good of all. I believe that we can establish, right here at Xi Phi, such an atmosphere of open communication.

As your Basileus I will always be open to every member of our chapter and I invite your comments. I stand ready to discuss all points of view. Remember that this is your chapter, and you have a stake in its future. Let us keep our communication open and work together for our chapter's ultimate good.

Xi Phi Chapter Officers for 2004

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From the KRS Bro. Mark Flowers



When I first thought about being the Keeper of Records and Seal, I imagined that the work wouldn't be easy and that it wouldn't be so difficult either. Instead, it is something along the lines of mildly challenging. In the brief time I have been in this my beloved Fraternity and as a Chapter officer for a "hot minute," I found that this position has made me more aware of the need for OPPF. No, not the Illustrious Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., but three simple words: Organization, Prioritization and Planning. In dealing with organization, a Brother must remember that an organized house is a well-run house. Tools that help you build this particular skill are being able to separate between work files and Fraternity files and the proper use of stationary materials. I can't tell you how many times I've heard someone say that, they "left the disc with that information at work" or "I can't find it on my computer." Having items in their place is most important so that when information is requested, a quick and accurate response may be given. Next, we must prioritize the work that we are assigned. Giving situations or request specific numbers on a priority chart would help you take care of pressing needs rather than try to attack everything at once working on a project that can wait versus a project that is pressing for time. For instance, completing Chapter minutes may be a "1," most important, versus mailing out financial cards that could be a "2." What's also important is to understand that priorities may shift. So don't get frustrated if it seems that you aren't completing your work on time. Just make appropriate adjustments and continue to work. Finally, planning. Planning provides you the opportunity to live your life. What is important here is to have a day planner or a personal digital assistant (PDA). This allows you to assign times when you will perform certain task as well as give your self-personal deadlines to reach and check off as you complete a task. This way you won't be hurried to complete a task because you have to go golfing. Or you

will know not to schedule gym time during Omega time. The biggest enemy of OPPF is procrastination. Procrastination is nothing more than a thief of time and energy. So avoid it by setting goals for yourself and awarding yourself once you accomplish your duties. Keep in mind that you have to be realistic in your goals making them not too easy so as to cheapen your value and not to difficult to frustrate and destroy your spirit. An organized Brotherhood is a well running

XI PHI CHAPTER OFFICERS INSTALLED

On January 16, 2004, Corridor Five Representative Thomas Wallace installed Xi Phi's recently elected officers at Kappa Omicron's Harry Denny Jr. Chapter House, New York City. Congratulations are extended to Brother Derrick Touba, Basileus; Brother Butler Dowery, Vice Basileus; Brother Mark Flowers, Keeper of Records and Seal; Brother Wade Israel, Keeper of Finance; Brother James Rodgers, Chaplain; Brother Talmadge R. Stewart, Chapter Editor and Brother Clarence Berry, Keeper of Peace.

The new administration would like to formally thank the previous chapter officers for their exceptional accomplishments and they are hoping they will be able to perform their chapter duties as well as the previous chapter officers



EC Brothers Berry, Stewart, Rodgers, Touba (basileus), Dowery, Flowers and Isreal (l-r)

**Chapter Meetings:
3rd Friday at 7:00 p.m.
528 West 150th Street
New York, NY 10031**

America's Walk for Diabetes

By Bro. Dominick S. Boyce

On Sunday, October 19th, Xi Phi Chapter participated in America's Walk for Diabetes, the American Diabetes Association's largest annual fundraiser for diabetes research. The 5-mile walk took place at 10 am in Manhattan's Riverside Park Riverside Drive between 72nd & 104th Streets. Bro. Dominick Boyce served as Team Captain for the Chapter. Derrick Touba, Vice Basileus, Gregory Harris and Joe Mayor joined him on the fundraising walk team for the event.

Xi Phi Chapter and its members were able to raise a total of \$887 for the America's Walk for Diabetes. We surpassed our fundraising goal of \$560 to the American Diabetes Association. This dollar amount placed Xi Phi in the top 25 ranking for funds raised by overall organizations. Almost 80% of every dollar raised funds diabetes public programs and research for a cure.

I would like to thank each members of Xi Phi Chapter who contributed to our tax deductible fundraising efforts. However, I should note that two of our major donors in this effort were Bros. Jamal Joseph and Talmadge R. Stewart. Moreover, I would like to thank the Chapter for matching the funds (\$215) raised by the brothers at our October 17th Chapter meeting. It is my recommendation that Xi Phi Chapter participate in the 2004 America's Walk for Diabetes.

Social Action is...

Xi Phi Registers Young Voters

By Bro. Joe Mayor

On Saturday, March 20, 2004, Brothers Touba, Boyce, Mayor, Wyche and Dowery represented Xi Phi Chapter at the Pan Hellenic Council of Greater New York's 38th Annual C. Melvin Patrick Careers Conference. The event was held at the Frederick Douglass Academy, located at 2581 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard (149th Street and 7th Avenue), New York, New York 10039.

The theme for this year's conference was "*Redirecting the Path of our Youth.*" This theme is consistent with one of the missions of the Pan Hellenic Council, which is to empower youth with the information needed to make wholesome decisions about their lives. In keeping with this theme, the Conference Program had various keynote speakers and two workshop sessions conducted by panelist professionals from many fields of expertise throughout the morning. Our very own Brother Leslie Wyche served as the Auditorium Convener. Simultaneously, Brothers Derrick Touba, Dominick Boyce and Joe Mayor manned a voter registration table from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Brothers Dowery, Wyche and Touba documented our activities pictorially and assisted with registration efforts. In total, twenty eight (28) new voters were registered.

The afternoon portion of the program was reserved for students and parents to meet representatives from colleges and universities during the college fair. The C. Melvin Patrick Careers Conference was named as such in honor of the magazine publisher, community activist, social worker and advocate for young minority students and professionals, whose name it bears.

Community Health Fair/Voter Registration Drive

On Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11th, Xi Phi Chapter celebrated its 77th anniversary by participating in a community health fair and voter registration drive on 135th Street and Lenox Avenue in conjunction with the membership selection candidates, the churches of the community, Harlem Hospital, community-based organizations, the 32nd Precinct, Councilmen Bill Perkins & Robert Jackson, State Senator David Patterson and State Assemblyman Keith Wright. This project was coordinated by our Neophyte Brothers Emery L. Ailes, III and Charles R. Johnson.

Black College Tour 2004

By Bro. Michael Gilbert

Xi Phi Chapter 2004 Black College Tour, which took place from April 10, 2004 until April 16, 2004, was able to chaperone a group of 40 young people representing several public and catholic high schools from the New York / New Jersey area.

Planning committee members and chaperones who volunteered their time, uplift and enthusiasm included Xi Phi Chapter Brothers Ernest Smith (Chairman), Jeffery Covington, Dominick Boyce, Gregory Harris and Sorors Glorice McClain (Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.) and Kim Davis (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.). Schools visited include – Howard University, Hampton University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina A&T State University, Morgan State University, Delaware State University, Virginia State University and Norfolk State University and Virginia Union University respectively. Brothers and Sorors active at each institution greeted and gave uplift to our chapter and tour participants.

Selected participants are engaged in six workshops prior to the tour. The focus is on the college application process, financial aid, male/female relationships, an overview of each college they will visit through a mini-college fair, an overview of the student affairs paradigm and an overview regarding the selection of a major and minor. All workshops are structured to enable each participant to begin the process of applying to the college or university of his or her choice in more comprehensive ways. Upon their return from their experience a final workshop is facilitated to process the experiences of all involved and gather a sense of what areas of planning may need im-



Black College Tour

Xi Phi Chapter Citizen of the Year 2003

Publisher Extraordinaire! This would be only one of the many adjectives that could be used to describe Xi Phi Chapter's "Citizen of the Year" 2003 for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Brother Thomas H. Watkins, Jr.

Brother Watkins, who presides over The Challenge Group Publication Empire, is a dedicated Xi Phi Chapter member, loving husband, doting father of three (two daughters and a son), and a much admired Grandfather of six grandchildren.

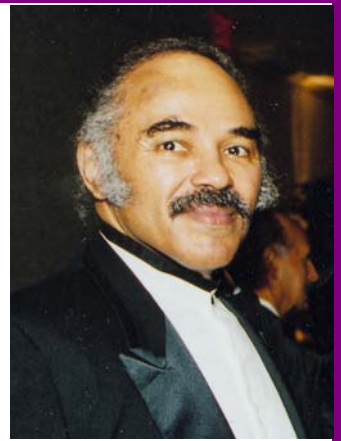
It should also be noted that Brother Watkins, because of his many generous cash donations to the Chapter over the years, could also be described as a philanthropist of African American Causes.

The Challenge Group Publications consist of the New York Daily Challenge, Jersey City. Challenge, the Afro Times and the New American. The Daily Challenge is the only African American daily newspaper in the United States. Moreover, the Jersey City Challenge, the Afro Times and the New American are all weekly publications.

Through leadership and example, the Challenge Group reflects Brother Watkins' corporate philosophy: "Emphasizing Excellence with Integrity." He has used his philosophy to compose a talented team of individuals to support and execute Challenge Group Mission Statement. It is because of his kind, gentle and cooperative disposition, that the term "Outstanding Boss" would be another adjective to describe Brother Watkins.

At the recent National Achievement Week Program of Xi Phi", whose theme was "*Economic Empowerment Leading to Social and Political Change for the Present and the Future*," Brother Watkins led by example, making a monetary donation of \$2000.00 to assist the Chapter in various philanthropic endeavors during his acceptance speech.

For his many outstanding contributions to the African American Community, as well as his unrelenting support of his Frater-



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS HONOREES PRESENTED

On Sunday, November 16, 2003, the Xi Phi Chapter Scholarship Awards Committee proudly introduced three New York City high school students as this year's scholarship awards honorees at the 2003 National Achievement Week Program held at the Alfred Lerner Hall, Columbia University, New York City.



The scholarship awards honorees are Ms. Shaina Biggers, Mr. Felix Cuestas, III, and Mr. Diego Veliz. The Scholarship Awards Committee has decided to grant each of them an award of \$500.00.

This money is to be used to purchase school textbooks or to help defray the cost of any other items that they might need for school.

As soon as the Scholarship Awards Committee receives a copy of their college registration (proof that they are enrolled in a college or university for the 2004 Fall Semester), a check will be sent to their respective college or university.

This scholarship money must be claimed within 12 months after September 2004 to be valid or it will be forfeited. Ms. Biggers, a Herbert H. Lehman High School senior, plans to attend Temple University, Long Island University, Ohio State University or Pace College. Her intended major is Biology and Business.

Mr. Felix Cuestas, III a Francis High Scholl senior, plans to attend Tuskegee University. His intended major is

Computer Technology.

Mr. Diego Veliz, a Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis High School senior, plans to attend Berkeley College, Pennsylvania State, Temple University or John Jay College. His intended major is Business and Information Systems. Special thanks are extended to Chapter Basileus Dominick Boyce, Scholarship Awards Committee members Brothers Randy Walker, Dave Gardner, Marc Wright and Soror Tracey Questell (DST), NYC Department of Education Learning Support Center, for their invaluable help and as-

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Jersey and Connecticut areas.

These activities have been financed in large part by the money raised through our fundraising events which our patrons have supported.

Special thanks are also extended to Immediate Past Basileus Brother Dominick Boyce for serving as Master of Ceremonies; Brother Emery Ailes, III and Brother Charles Johnson for coordinating the cash door prize raffle; and to the 2004 Benefit Dinner Dance Committee and its chairman, Brother Winder Fisher, for again doing an outstanding job in orchestrating this year's gala affair.



Raffle Winners:
Demetria Thomas,
Mark Thompson

To conclude this extraordinary evening of fun and frolic, Xi Phi sponsored an after hours party. Thanks to Brother Jerome Daniel and many other brothers for their invaluable help and cooperation in coordinating

Xi Phi Chapter Omega Man of the Year 2003

By Bro. T. Edward McBride, Jr.

Dedication! Webster's dictionary defines it as committing oneself to a particular course of action. I define it as Derrick R. Touba, Xi Phi Chapter's 2003 Omega Man of the Year.

Derrick graduated from Hampton University with a BA degree in Sociology. His first job upon graduating was as a caseworker for the Human Resources Administration's Bureau of Child Welfare. In 1991 he became a Substance Abuse Counselor for Narco Freedom Incorporated and in 1992 he was a caseworker for the Little Flower Children's Services. These positions prepared him for his true love - teaching. In 1993 he became a Middle School teacher for the New York City Board of Education. He did this while earning an MS degree in Elementary Education from City College of New York. In 1999 he took a position with the Yonkers Public Schools where he presently teaches Middle School students. In 2001 he successfully completed all requirements for the valid NYS School Administrator/Supervisor Certificate that is required for moving up to the management levels in the school system.

Brother Touba's dedication to the Fraternity began on April 11, 1992 when he crossed the burning sands of Omega through Xi Phi Chapter. As a means of learning more about his beloved Fraternity he became involved with various committees of Xi Phi Chapter. He has been active with the Social Action committee as a past Chairman of the Voter Registration sub-committee and past Chairman of the Senior Citizens Center sub-committee. He has been involved with fundraising for the Chapter by being a member of the Dinner Dance committee and the Tailgate committee. Brother Touba is the past chairman of the Achievement Week committee and it was through his efforts that the Chapter received its proper recognition from the District for its Achievement Week program. Brother Touba been recognized twice with the Basileus Appreciation Award and several Scrolls of Honor.

In 1996, having gained a broader understanding of what it means to be a man of Omega from his involvement with the various committees, Bro. Touba ran successfully for the Office of Keeper of Records and Seal, Keeper of Finance, Vice Basileus, and finally his current position, Basileus.

On the District level, Brother Touba has been a member of the Corridor V Membership Selection team since 1995. He has also served as a Delegate to the District Conference as well as the Chapter's representative at the District Shirtsleeve Conference.

Brother Touba shows this same degree of dedication to God, his wife Crystal, his daughter Danielle, his profession as a teacher, his family and friends. Congratulations Bro. Touba, you're Xi Phi Chapter 2003 Omega Man of the Year.



Bro. Touba and wife Crystal

Metro Omega Annual Carter G. Woodson Celebration

by Bro. Emery L. Ailes, III

The Metro Omega Chapters of New York City hosted its annual Carter G. Woodson Celebration on February 6, 2004 at City Hall. The event took place inside the corridors of the New York City Council Chambers.

The idea of Metro Omega was conceptualized in 1996 to unify the chapters. In 1998 a committee was formed to make a positive impact in the community by sponsoring positive events to mirror the desires of Brother Woodson keeping our heritage alive.

Among those honored this year were four people of distinction who reflects our four cardinal principles. Manhood: Excellence in Sports, G. William Hunter; Scholarship: Excellence in Education, Rev. Bonnie Epps-Burgess; Perseverance: Excellence in Government, The Honorable Bill Perkins; and Uplift: Excellence in Religion, Reverend Brother Doctor Eugene S. Callender.

All of the honorees received an engraved plaque made of crystal. Also among those receiving recognition were ten youths —

the epitome of the affair. The Explorers," whose ages ranged from 10 to 20 years of age, is an elite group mobilized by Brother Richard Pierre (Epsilon Chapter), a member of the New York City Police Department. These youths are being trained to obey and uphold the law in



(L-R) Bro. Rodney Olden, Bro. James D. Edmonds, Bro. Robert Gadson, Bro. Butler B. Dowery, Ms. Bonnie Epps-Burgess, Rev. Bro. Eugene Callender, Bro. Garnold King, II, Hon. Bill Perkins



Members of the "Explorers"

their community and thereby help facilitate a positive change. After the formal event concluded, food and beverages were served. The entire event was educational and the atmosphere inviting. It was good for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Neophyte Orientation

By Bro. Derrick Touba

On Saturday, February 28 at 4pm Xi Phi Chapter held a Neophyte Orientation at the home of Brother Jerome Daniel. Our Neophyte Brothers were given important information that will help them navigate their way through Omega. It was an uplifting and rewarding session. Our Neophyte Brothers are Emery Ailes, III and Charles Johnson. Welcome to the world of Omega.



Brothers Rodgers, Harris, Ailes, Johnson, Touba and Jones (l-r)

Road Trip to Beta Chapter

By Bro. Joe Mayor

On February 6, 2004, Beta Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, celebrated its 90th anniversary. Lincoln University in Pennsylvania was bubbling with activities. There was a black-tie banquet at the University dining hall, presentations, heart-felt stories of past glory days and much fan-fare.

Brothers came in large numbers, both young and old, to enjoy the celebration and to be a part of history. The "New York Bruhs" (as our usual cadre of Brothers who road-trip together is affectionately called), filled 5 cars and jeeps with over 25 Brothers from Kappa, Xi Phi, Beta, and Kappa Omicron Chapters, and made our way to Lincoln University full of the spirit of friendship.

Brothers broke bread together, laughed, talked, listened, sang and hopped. "On the yard" (on campus), the brotherhood met at the top of the quad where we sang and set out hops until the wee hours of the morning. Congratulations Beta Chapter, long live the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity!

Scenes from The Dinner Dance



Dominick Boyce and Reggie Stewart



John Cash, David Marzette and Duane Smith celebrate 20th anniversary at dinner dance.



Xi Phi's 2004 Executive Council.



T. Ed McBride, Thomas Wallace, Peter Higginbotham and David Gardner

Bridge Builders...

Bro. Mapp Donates Bust of MLK

Bro. Wilbur L. Mapp, artist and art professor at Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York (CUNY) has produced sculptures of important black historical figures as well as beautiful wood carvings and fine furniture.

Born in North Carolina, Bro. Mapp started his teaching career there. While at Livingston College in Salisbury, NC he created busts of Harriet Tubman for the Tubman Theatre and of Bishop Hood, founder of Hood Theological Seminary. His works are on exhibit on the college campus.

On January 15, 2004 Mr. Mapp presented a 500 pound brass bust of Martin Luther King to the Martin Luther King Junior High School. The bust of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a copy from the original bust, which was commissioned in 1994. After visiting Martin Luther King Jr. High School and interacting with the students and the principal, Brother Mapp was very certain that donating the bust was the right thing to do. He shares his artistic gifts with the community through volunteer work at the Elmcot Senior Center where he renders works of art holiday decorations



Bro. Mapp and bust of MLK

Corridor Five Joint Memorial Service

On Sunday, March 14th, the Brothers of Corridor Five conducted a Memorial Service at Saint James Presbyterian Church in New York City. Xi Phi served as the host chapter and was represented by numerous chapter brothers. Collectively the Brothers of Corridor Five donated \$1000 to St. James. It should be noted that Xi Phi Brother Rev. Dr. Eugene S. Callender is the Senior Pastor.

This Metro Omega Service is conducted annually at various churches in New York City or Long Island to honor those Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Brothers who passed away during the past year. Under the guidance of Corridor Representative Thomas Wallace, metropolitan chapters called to memory those brothers who have entered the Great Beyond (also known as the Omega chapter). Our fraternity was proud of these brothers in life, and in death, wishes that they not be forgotten.

Brother Wallace stated during the ritual ceremony "Brothers, another year has passed, and more of our friends have joined Omega Chapter. As they have gone on from us, some part of the brilliance of Omega's star has been diminished. We have been saddened by their passing. More links in Omega's chain have been broken. Their work is done. But in the Celestial Chapter to which they now belong, they take their places with

other Stalwart brothers. Their prayers are with us. Their places here on earth will be taken by other Brothers who will see from their examples the great and lofty purpose to which we dedicate ourselves. Omega, inspired by those whose names have just been read, and by those resting in their labors, will never cease to try to make the world a community of friends and brothers.

Omega shall help our fellowmen to rise above pettiness and narrowness of selfish lives, and we of Omega shall give ourselves in the service to all mankind. This is Omega's faith, Omega's creed, Omega's aim. " God prosper our endeavors."

Xi Phi would like to acknowledge the memories of late Chapter Brothers Booker Rucker, George Forde



and Moriba McDonald.

Afterwards, the Brothers were provided with a fellowship opportunity in the basement of the church, where the St. James Presbyterian Church Hospitality Committee provided a hot and very delicious meal to all in attendance.

Basileus Derrick Touba would like to thank Brother Butler Dowery, Vice Basileus, and Brother James Rodgers, Chapter Chaplain for their hard work in coordinating this enjoyable service. Brother Touba would also like to thank the many brothers from New York City and Long Island (approximately fifty or more) who were in attendance. Congratulations are also extended to Brother John Cash who stood in for one of the founders during the Memorial Service.

Xi Phi Chapter Worship Day

By Bro. Derrick Touba

On Sunday, February 29 the Men of Xi Phi worshiped together as brothers



along with the congregation at Convent Avenue Baptist Church. The Brothers of Xi Phi collected and made a donation of approximately \$200.00. I also had the opportunity to address the congregation and out of that came a collaborative social action project.

2002 Line Celebrating first Birthday



Line Name: 4 In Due And Ancient Form
#1 Reginald Morgan AKA Braveheart
#2 Clyde Braswell AKA I-Que
#3 Mujaheed Bey AKA FoQus
#4 Michael Gilbert AKA Long Night
Crossed: 21 Dec. 2002 6:30 P.M.

Meet the Neophytes



Bros. Johnson and Ailes

On Saturday, November 29, 2003, Brothers Emery L. Ailes, III and Charles R. Johnson crossed the burning sands of Omega through Xi Phi Chapter.

Bro. Ailes is a 2003 honor

graduate of Lehman College. He is married to Regina Ailes who is a co-owner of Ailes Enterprises, Inc. Brother Ailes is also certified in substance abuse and HIV/AIDS counseling. Brother Johnson is a graduate of Emory University. He holds a Master of Divinity degree and is about to receive an MBA from Dartmouth College in June of 2004.

From the Editor
Bro. Reggie Stewart



As the recently elected Chapter Editor, I would like to take a moment to thank my fellow chapter brothers for allowing me the opportunity to be part of the historical venture to reactivate our chapter newsletter. For years Xi Phi, under the outstanding leadership of former Editor Brother T. Edward McBride, Jr. (currently Chapter Director of Communications) has published a newsletter. However, because of various circumstances, our newsletter was temporarily suspended.

The Brothers of Xi Phi have decided that now is the time to renew publication of our newsletter so that we can inform our fellow brothers about the many activities and accomplishments that our chapter has completed over the past few months.

For years most Omega men have only been known for their outstanding parties. We are not denying that we love to party and we party like no one else. However, partying is only one of the many things that we do well. As professional men of many different backgrounds, we are much more than a social fraternity. We strive to give back to our Black community. We constantly attempt to help our young brothers and sisters to achieve their ultimate goal of improving their lives, both professionally and personally.

The Brothers of Xi Phi routinely conduct neighborhood clean-ups, voter registration drives, blood and book drives, donate toys during the holidays, mentor middle and high school students as well as provide financial assistance to college bound high school students.


Most of the time, we perform these many different services without much fan fare. We do these things to help our fellow

brothers and sisters because there is a real need. However, sometimes we would like to let the general public know that the Brothers of Xi Phi are about more than getting together to socialize. Thus, we are reactivating our newsletter so that those of you who seldom have the opportunity to see us at other venues realize that Omega Men are truly renaissance men capable of accomplishing so many things.

Please feel free to contact our chapter at the Kappa Omicron's Harry Denny, Jr. Chapter House, 528 West 150th Street, New York City or drop us a line at P.O. Box 616, Hamilton Grange Station, New York, New York 10031, if you need our assistance in your community projects. Looking forward to hearing from you. Our greatest goal is achieved when we can help someone to improve their lives in any manner.

The Brothers of Xi Phi Chapter
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12th Annual Pre- Fathers Day Luncheon Cruise
 on the Luxurious Yacht MYSTIQUE




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Sunday June 13, 2004

3:00PM – 7:00PM, New York Skyport Marina, East 23rd Street
 Suggested Dress: Nautical White • Buffett Luncheon • Cash Bar

Information / Tickets			
Horace Balmer	212 - 826-7000	David Gardner	718 - 295-4694
Clarence Berry	718 - 379-9210	Wade Ireal	516 - 378-5418
John Cash	718 - 994-1946	Edward Lawaon	908 - 755-4136
Butler Dowery	212 - 283-3748	John Staton	212 - 864-5192
Winder Fisher	212 - 876-2525	Randolph Walker	718 - 864-9117



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