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Nathaniel Bagley Elected as Chairman of the Historical Preservation Authority

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At a special public meeting of the Board of Directors on March 2nd 2015, Brother Nathaniel Bagley was elected Chairman of the Board of the Historical Preservation Authority of the City of Birmingham.

The Authority is undertaking a project to be known as the “Freedom Center”. The Freedom Center will be used for a variety of activities and events. It will initially house the public policy institute which will provide and promote research, educational and outreach activities which focus on the extension of human and civil rights around the world, (ii) the addition of much-needed archives space for the Civil Rights Institute and (iii) a renovation of the Gaston Motel. The project is estimated to cost 10 million dollars.

STOP HUNGER NOW

The Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in partnership with the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., packaged, sorted, and loaded over 10,000 meals for delivery to communities throughout the world in an effort to end global hunger. The event was held on July 18, 2015 at the Omega Center in Huntsville, Alabama and included not only the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta; but, also included a number of members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, community supporters, and children.

This effort, part of Xi Omicron's commitment to community service, was done through the Stop Hunger Now Program and was completed in approximately one hour. As Xi Omicron Basileus, Gerald Vines, put it, "This project was more than just adding ingredients to a bag and sealing it. It was also about encouraging our youth and ourselves to become more global and civic minded and for us to build a community."





Bro. Freeman Holifield, Jr. Assumes Command

In July 2015, Bro. Lt Col Freeman Holifield, Jr. assumed command of the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron on the Keesler Air Force Base, in the city limits of Biloxi, Mississippi on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The 81st Training Wing, Aerospace Medicine Squadron is the electronics training Center of Excellence for the U.S. Air Force that will further distinguish this Mighty Man of Omega.

Bro. Holifield was initiated through Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and, in 1994 received a dual B.S. degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. He has held several positions at the Flight, Field Operating Agencies, Major Command and Headquarters Air Force levels to include BE Flight Commander, Environmental Program Manager, Bioenvironmental Engineering Counterproliferation, and Air Combat Command's Deputy Command Bioenvironmental Engineer.



Bro Holifield is married to Lorrie Pointe Holifield of San Antonio, TX and they have a son, Freeman Holifield, III.

Through steadfast, high-minded, commitment to excellence, Bro. Lt Col Holifield embodies the motto of his command-- *Esse Quam Videre*.



XI OMICRON PRESENTS NEW CLASS OF SOR

The Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi held its annual beautillion for members of its mentoring program, Sons of Royalty (SOR). This event was held April 11, 2015 at the Omega Community Center in Huntsville, AL. The programs focus is to provide a sustained and preventive program that will enrich the lives of young males in 9th-12th grades. The mission of SOR is to display the importance of putting God first in daily activities, being upright and just in all dealings, having self-respect as well as respect for others, and maintaining a positive attitude. It strives to teach Christian values in the areas of teamwork, leadership, responsibility, and practical life situations.

This annual event provides an opportunity for the young men of the program to host a formal event designed for young men to teach social graces and necessary skills for success in life, and to become gentlemen. Xi Omicron hosts an annual beautillion for high school men from around the immediate area. The ultimate purpose is to create a holistic African American student.

SOR PARTICIPATE IN EMBODI SUMMIT

The Sons of Royalty (SOR) participated in the EMBODI Summit hosted by the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) program is designed to refocus the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., with the support and action of other major organizations, on the plight of African-American males. Both informal and empirical data suggests that the vast majority of African-American males continues to be in crisis and is not reaching its fullest potential educationally, socially and emotionally. EMBODI is designed to address these issues through dialogue and recommendations for change and action. EMBODI addresses issues related to STEM education, culture, self-efficacy, leadership, physical and mental health, healthy lifestyles choices, character, ethics, relationships, college readiness, fiscal management, civic engagement and service learning. SOR sponsored by Xi Omicron, is a mentoring program established to address the need leadership, scholarship, and service for young men in the Huntsville/Madison County area.



Pictured left to right (front row): Bruce Ellis, President; Clifford Sutton, Samuel Gideon, Dallin Woodley, Daryl Bowden, and Christian Daniels. Left to right (back row): Nicholas Rhynes, Ortavian Brazelton, Jeremiah Key, Samuel Cooper and Brandon Gordon



Pictured above are SOR with members of Xi Omicron Chapter at the EMBODI Summit.



Rocket City Unified Memorial Service

On March 12, 2015 Xi Omicron, Psi Kappa Kappa, and Nu Epsilon Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. held its annual joint Memorial Service at the Omega Center in Huntsville Alabama

Xi Omicron Volunteers to Support WJAB's Jazz-A-Thon

The Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. of Huntsville, Alabama recently volunteered to man the phones and raise funds for the WJAB radio station at the Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama on April 25, 2015.

WJAB is a National Public Radio station. As a non-profit radio station, it must conduct an annual funds drive in order to support its operating costs and stay on the air. WJAB calls its fundraiser Jazz-A-Thon.

Participation by the brothers of Xi Omicron accounted for over \$4300 during the radio station's pledge drive in 2014. The chapter placed similar goals for the 2015 pledge drive.

Omega Fraternity, Longtime educator, activist Henry Spears
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Henry Spears spent his life promoting education and improving race relations in Montgomery, but in 2008 he put it all aside to focus more on family. "I want to concentrate more of my life (on) being with my lovely wife Kathleen and our family," Spears told the Advertiser in a March 2008 news article.

That year, Spears had decided not to seek a fifth term on the Montgomery County Board of Education for health reasons. He had served on the school board for 32 years, the longest of any board member.

Spears died from lower intestinal problems, he was married to Kathleen Spears, of 62 years. He was 81.

"He was a sincere community leader and a dedicated education supporter," Kathleen said. "He was always a very devoted family man and a sincere Christian."

Those who worked with Spears during his lifetime remembered him Tuesday as a devoted educator and community leader as well.

"Mr. Spears' life reflected his belief that a strong public education system is key to creating opportunities for students and building our communities," said Beverly Ross, school board president, in a prepared statement. "He was a steadfast champion of children and a powerful voice on education and equality. He has left a lasting legacy in Montgomery, and he will truly be missed."

Spears was born June 4, 1928, in Montgomery. He attended Alabama State Laboratory High School, graduating in 1946. In 1947, he married Kathleen. The couple had three children.

He went on to earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Alabama State University, where he would later serve as director of the ASU Foundation for Alumni Affairs. From 1950-1955, he worked as a math and science teacher and as an assistant principal at George Washington Carver High School.

In 1955, Spears joined the Branch YMCA as its executive director, a position that called for him to work with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on several occasions, said W.R. Jones, who now serves as executive director of the Cleveland Avenue YMCA, formerly the Branch YMCA.

Spears, who left the YMCA in 1963, was instrumental in getting King as the guest speaker for the Branch YMCA's sixth annual Father and Son banquet in 1955, Jones said. He also worked with King, then with the Montgomery Improvement Association, to use leftover funds from the Rosa Parks Defense Fund to open the Cleveland Avenue YMCA in 1960, he added.

"He helped to integrate the YMCA by serving on several biracial panels," said Jones, who credited Spears for his decision to serve the YMCA. "He was an outstanding citizen and YMCA laymen."

By 1976, Spears had a different calling in education. That year he was elected to the Montgomery County school board to fill the unexpired term of a board member who had resigned. Getting re-elected to the District 6 school board seat was no easy feat because blacks had to run countywide so soon after the 1960s protest movement had ended, Spears told the Advertiser in 2008.

Carver High School Principal Gary Hall said Spears often visited schools when he served on the school board. He took the time to speak to teachers and students, Hall recalled.

"He spent more than half of his life working for the children of MPS," said Hall, who became acquainted with Spears as members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. "He would give me words of encouragement. He was just that kind of person."

In 2008, Spears said he was proud of his service in education when he looked back over the 32 years he worked to help give blacks an equal opportunity in education.

"If I have to name one single thing that brings a smile to my face, it would have to be my involvement in fighting for and having constructed the first decent school facilities for black students in Montgomery County," Spears said.

Faternally yours,

Bro. James E. Lovejoy. (SPR '14)

14 Royal C.O.N.T.E.N.T.I.O.N.S.

On a dark and stormy night on April 19, 2015 at 10:00 pm the Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. birthed

14 Royal C.O.N.T.E.N.T.I.O.N.S. into the world of Omega to serve all mankind.

Roderick Bryant
Build-A-Bear

Renardo Gale
12 YAS (12 Years A Slave)

Johnette Orale Mayes
SΩper Mario

Joseph A. Kimbrough
Amistad

Justin Wagner
Peter ParQer

Rufus Gaines
HellbΩy

Charles Crayton
Grady



Carl Dorsey
Quiksilver

Ritzel King
Prodigal Son

Randall Travis McFarland III
Ωimbo Slic3

Dawood Muhammed
Big Hero 6

Bobby Tanner
PUG

Ronald Parks
Fred G. Sanford

Enrico Hunter
Captain Planet

Xi Omicron Assembles to Support the 2015 Sickle Cell Walk-A-Thon



The Humble Servants of the Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. assembled on June 6, 2015 in Huntsville, Alabama to support the Sickle Cell Foundation of North Alabama's Walk-A-Thon to raise awareness and donate \$2,800 to improve the quality of life for people suffering from sickle cell conditions. The brothers pictured (left to right): Front row--Dakaria Brown, Bobby Tanner, Lamar Hall, Isaac McKenzie, Ralph Redrick, Randall McFarland III, Carl Dorsey, and Marcus Taylor. Back row--Charles Crayton, Rufus Gaines, Gerald Vines, Renardo Gale, Michael Taylor, and Winston Ivey. Present but not pictured include: LeMonté Green, Kovolick Latham, Frederick Windham, Enrico Hunter, and Wayne Leonard.

Xi Omicron Assembles to support the 2015 American Cancer Society Relay for Life



On May 16, 2015 the Hard Working and Humble Brothers of Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. supported the 2015 American Cancer Society and participated in the annual Relay for Life. Brothers pictured from left to right include: LeMonté Green, Terrance Martin, Frederick Windham, Oral Chadwick, Isaac McKenzie, Orale Mayes, and Buford Thompson. Brothers Bobby Tanner and Justin Wagner were present but not pictured.

Bro. and Mrs. Freeman Holifield, Sr. were honored on January 17, 2015 at the Madison Mission SDA Church in Madison Alabama for their accomplishments in integration, education, and excellence. As a man who places his relationship with the Lord as the center of his life, Bro. Holifield proudly lists his membership in the First Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years his most important realization of his devotion to service. Bro. Holifield and his wife are blessed with two children, Dr. Quintaniay Holifield of Baltimore, MD and Bro. Lt. Colonel Freeman Holifield, Jr. USAF. They are the proud grandparents of Freeman Holifield, III.

Brother Holifield was initiated into the Nu Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in 1964 and was one of the first black police officers hired Huntsville.

Brother Holifield has numerous other accomplishments including:

Life Membership in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc,
Serving as the 3 time Basileus of the Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.,

Prince Hall Masonic affiliations:

Life Member of Ancient Egyptian Arabic Nobles of Mystic Shrine (AEANOMS)

Honorary Past Imperial Potentate

Past Imperial Deputy of Desert Alabama

Past Imperial Deputy of Oasis Huntsville

Past Potentate Al Azhar Temple 195

33rd Degree Mason (in the same 33rd Class as Rev. Al Green)

Past President J.E. Harris 33rd club

Immediate Past President of Deep South Shriners

Member of Tennessee Valley Consistory #160

Member of Evening Star Lodge #6

Prior President of the National Alabama A&M University Alumni Association

Inducted into the Alabama A&M University Hall of Fame for Football

Recipient of the Alabama A&M University Presidential Citation

Named Honorary Citizen of Tuskegee Alabama

Recipient of awards from the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education

Bro Holifield is currently serving as the Vice Chairman Solid Waste Board Authority in Huntsville and maintains his civic duties by coaching and mentoring youth in sports.



Bro Freeman Holifield
receives honors for his
contribution to
integrate the Police
force in Huntsville,
Alabama



Nu Epsilon's newest

14 Brothers of Nu Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. were initiated on April 18, 2014 in Huntsville, Alabama.

Eric Hewlett
Chauncy Casselberry
Ernest Brun
Lester Piri
Joseph Porter
Deverick Lee
Terry Curry

Wesley Lindsey
Elverage Robinson, III
Rollin Barton, III
DeMonté Murry
JeMarquis Baker
Darrie Miles, Jr.
Austin Boyle

Alpha Phi Chapter Supports Children's Village, Inc.

Submitted by Bro. Anthony Wright

Members of Alpha Phi Chapter participated in the 6th Annual Founder's Day Angel Network Luncheon on October 9, 2014 to demonstrate our support for the mission of Children's Village Inc. The mission of Children's Village, Inc. is to "offer our children a stable, nurturing family setting based on biblical principles. Our unanimous commitment to providing a loving environment and meeting our children's emotional, educational, and spiritual needs culminates to form a wholesome family unit that facilitates hope for the future." For over 40 years, Children's Village has provided shelter, food and clothing to Alabama's abandoned, abused and neglected children. Children's Village is unique in that it can accept male and female residents thereby allowing mixed gender siblings to remain together.

Alpha Phi Chapter consider our continuous support a small price to pay in order to assist in helping 18 kids find love, happiness, stability, and the opportunity to grow up believing in themselves. Luncheon attendees had the opportunity to interact with the keynote speaker, Pamela Samuels Young, a practicing attorney and bestselling author. Bro. /Dr. Brian Sims, M.D. is Chairman of the Children's Village Board.