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No Matter How Affluent We Become; No Matter How Eager We Are to Succeed in Life, May the Men of Omega Never Forget the Gauge by Which All Omegas Must Live, Namely - "Friendship"; No Matter How Much We Differ in Methods and Procedures; No Matter How We Differ in Ways to Reach the Desired Goals; No Matter How Much We Compete (for Competition is Healthy and Desirable); No Matter What the Situation in Life May Be Let it Never Be Said That 6,000 Nor 60,000 Omega Men Ever Forget That
"FRIENDSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SOUL".

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Greetings Brothers,

This year's Virtual Achievement Week Banquet was a success. It was the combined effort of each and every Brother during the planning phase that facilitated effortless execution. Our guest speaker Brother MG David Wilson, a transformational Leader, shared with us 32 years of Fraternal wisdom and a lifetime of experience during his speech. I, on behalf of Lambda Beta Beta Chapter, thank you Brother Wilson for your time and affection, for personifying Black Excellence and for being the example for all Omega Men ushering in social change.

It was also a wonderful site to see our Sisters and Brothers of the Divine Nine, Family and FRIENDS, both far and nigh in attendance. The COVID-19 pandemic has drastically disrupted our way of life, in terms of socializing and fellowshiping, but it has not deterred or discouraged us from Seeing it Through. Everyone online looked to be in good health, good spirits, and in good order. How pleasant it was for us all to dwell together in unity as we celebrated another successful Omega year. Listening to Brother Pringle reflect on his time as Basileus helped put in perspective all that we had accomplished as a chapter over the last 12 months. We were able to substantially grow the chapter's savings account, expand the Project Aspirations Mentorship Program, establish the Omega Project Aspirations Foundation (501c3), honor our commitment to all the internationally mandated programs, selflessly serve the community of Oahu, uplift our Brothers in need, and initiate nine new Brothers (The 9 Sons of the Great Pandemic) into the Fraternity; all while remaining resolute to **FAMILY, FRIENDSHIP, AND FRATERNITY!**

I want to personally thank Brother Linwood Richardson and Brother Britton London for putting on an outstanding Achievement Week program, despite the current circumstances and restrictions of social distancing. I also want to congratulate this year's award recipients:

Mrs. Louise Richardson – Citizen of the Year Award

Bro Bryce Pringle – Omega Man of the Year

Bro Bryce Pringle – Founder's Award

Bro Curtis Wilson – Colonel Charles Young Award

Bro Joseph Rucker – Superior Service Award

Bro MG David Wilson – 13th District Founder's Award

I salute and celebrate you all. Friendship is Essential to the Soul and LIFE!

Ajaya K. Martin

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Brother Ajaya K. Martin

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Basileus

Leadership

At every level of Leadership, I've always been told, "When in Charge, TAKE CHARGE!" The penalty for indecisiveness is the loss of confidence and ultimately the loss of respect of those that you lead. This holds true in every organization, especially an organization of Alpha Males and cognoscenti. They'll give you two chances to prove themselves right, that you're not qualified to lead the pack. The first mistake you make will only afford you the opportunity to self-correct. The second mistake will confirm their self-perceived notion that you're not the right person for the job and the higher you ascend, the more the microscope of scrutiny and perception magnifies. It's a tough position to be in, but it's both fair and impartial to every Leader; it's a part of the process and it comes with the territory. With that being said Brothers, have faith that every decision I make for Lambda Beta Beta Chapter is for the greater good. No decision is made without qualified counsel and sound advice. No decision I make will satisfy every Brother, but the intent is that every decision made will benefit every Brother. Therefore, I will continue to do my duty that is best and leave unto the Lord the rest!

Ajaya K. Martin

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Vice Basileus

WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

Passion! What is yours? We all have them; we all feel it; we are all driven by some inner calling. Sometimes, people can build careers based on their passion. Professional athletes, teachers, attorneys, and many more are full of practitioners who seek to fill a calling. Unfortunately, most people probably do not have the luxury to line up a career with a passion, having to work out of pure necessity.

A general definition of passion is a feeling of intense **enthusiasm** towards or compelling desire for someone or something. Passion can range from eager interest in or admiration for an idea, proposal, or cause; to **enthusiastic** enjoyment of an interest or activity; to strong attraction, excitement, or emotion towards a person. I know, as members of Omega Psi Phi, reading this definition, we all pick up on the word **enthusiasm**. Often, we refer to it as that "E" that puts one over the top trying to do their very best in a continuous pursuit toward greatness.

Passions are personal and intimate to the beholder. Passions come throughout different stages of life. When we are young, we have other interests that take our attention.

Sometimes, a childhood passion remains with a person until adulthood and can become a career, as mentioned earlier. One man's passion is different from the next. Though they might be similar, each person will have a personal love for something.

So why am I talking about passion? The short answer is, I want to know what your passion is for our fraternity. Each person joined Omega for personal reasons. Hopefully, we all saw something we could relate to, a part of the cause we could help accomplish. For me, I have a passion for serving children. My passion for our youth has driven me to lead our Talent Hunt and Scholarship programs in the past. Brothers know I continue to love being a part of our Talent Hunt. Although this program is for our young performers, I always feel like I get more out of it than them. I thoroughly enjoy working with all of the kids, encouraging them, and watching them encourage each other. Each year I feel blessed being a part of something that gives the youth a platform.



Vice Basileus

WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

As the Vice Basileus, I think it is essential to know the chapter's fraternal passions. I want all of us to enjoy doing something for Omega as much as I enjoy the Talent Hunt. I had a brother recently told me he would get that "E" for his program. After our conversation, I thought about his statement for a while.

If you are passionate about something, it should be no problem showing that "E" towards it. Do not get me wrong; there are going to be ups and downs. Still, I believe, if you love something and you are serious about it, everyone around you will know it. People will see your passion through your actions. If you have to build up that "E", maybe consider it might not be your passion, at least not during the current season.

Brothers, I hope to see each of us working within our passions for Omega. No one person can do everything, but we all can do something. Consider the program that aligns with your passion and jump onboard. It does not mean you have to lead that effort. Your help is always needed. If you see a need unfulfilled and aligns with your passion, I challenge you to stand in the gap and take that program to the next level. There should be no one person committees or positions unfilled within the chapter. If you have an idea or want some advice on where you can serve, please let me know. I am willing to help find a niche spot for you. Again, I ask, what is your passion. I prefer you not to tell me. Show all of us.

Britton T. London

**Britton T. London, Sr.
Vice Basileus
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Keeper of Records and Seal (KRS) **OMEGA PSI PHI** F R A T E R N I T Y , I N C .

A Friendly Reminder

Greetings Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta,

Happy Holidays and I hope all had a festive Thanksgiving with family and loved ones either in person or via some virtual environment during these trying time. It's important that we continue to check on each other and be the epitome of "My Brother's Keeper" while navigating through this Covid-19 pandemic. I also want Brothers to remember that the community still needs our help now more than ever before. Brothers, there are a lot of things going on in our communities that are disheartening, However, since our inception, we have been known to serve our fellow man by providing for and protecting our own. It can't be any different now. We have and will continue to drive voter registration within our communities, and we have already made a difference. Through our mentoring programs we are making a difference in the lives of our O'hana.

I am pleased to announce we currently have 32 Brothers financial at all three levels. Brothers we have several ways to pay dues now; PayPal, Venmo or by mail. After you pay your dues, go to the IHQ website oppf.org and update your profile information. We need a good administrative push, so we have updated information for and from each brother within the chapter. This is how you receive your Oracle and receive any items ordered off the website. This also aides the chapter in how we manage and maintain an updated roster of the Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta. I am sending all the IHQ correspondence out to the body. Brothers take the time to read and or participate in any function, webinar or feedback that IHQ is requesting your attention to address as your input is the most important to her cause.

Again, thank you Brothers for trusting me as your Keeper of Records and Seal, my vision for the chapter is nested with the Basileus, Family, Friendship and Fraternity. I wish everyone a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Douglass Wilson



Fraternally,
Douglass Wilson
1-Xi Pi-19

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FRIENDLY REMINDER

FY21 DUES

\$130 - IHQ

\$125 - Chapter

\$100 - District

\$355 - Total



For your convenience, you can pay your FY21 dues to either of the **'OFFICIAL'** LBB accounts. Cash and personal checks, made OWT to **Lambda Beta Beta Chapter**, are also accepted.

If you are already a LifeMember, your annual dues are \$225.

PayPal - Payments@lbbques.com
VEMO - LBB Chapter

If you have any questions pertaining to anual dues, feel free to contact me anytime.

KRS - Bro. Douglass Wilson - 808-315-3201 - douglasswilson@hotmail.com



Keeper of Finance (KF) Financial Transparency



Greetings Brothers,

I hope this message reaches you in the best of health and spirits. Once again, I express my sincerest gratitude for your trust in allowing me to serve as the chapters' Keeper of Finance. I do not take your trust for granted! I will maintain financial transparency, through accuracy, and translucent practices. Moreover, I intent to solicit best practices from all of you in order to support favorable financial record keeping.

Recently, we modernized our financial reception and distribution procedures. The addition of electronic transactions serves as a means to leverage technology and although a convenience for some, applications such as Cash APP, offer a 2-3-day delay. Therefore, we ask for your Fraternal patience in processing transactions through the aforesaid application. Brothers who desire in person or non-electronic payment methods, we stand prepared to facilitate your request.

Lastly Brothers, I want to thank each of you for your FRIENDSHIP. During this time of year, we give thanks and show appreciation to Friends and Families. Traditionally, many Brothers use this time to travel, and reunite with loved ones. Unfortunately, COVID constraints have greatly hindered travel options. During these unprecedented times having a FRIEND is truly a joy. "Friendship is Essential to the Soul."

Thank you for your time. I appreciate your trust and look forward to future interactions. Be blessed and stay safe.

Randy Brown



Fraternally,
Randy Brown
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Chaplain

The Holiday Spirit!

It would be beautiful to use the holiday season to spiritually expand, to show that this time of year is more than a hectic splurge of spending that leads to stress, family conflict, and depression. Many people experience that negative reality and don't know how to change it into something more positive. I'm thinking of three words that we can all focus on: **giving, gratitude, and grace.**

Giving has become so materialistic around holiday time that it's easy to forget how meaningful it is to give of yourself. In practical terms, this means being generous when you interact with others, sending the following messages: "I care." "I am here for you." "You matter." "I appreciate you." "Here is my love." When you can say these words, it makes a difference in other people's lives, especially those who are close to you but get taken for granted. Sometimes, however, it's hard to find a comfortable way to speak from the heart. If this is the case, you can give through your awareness. The following meditation for giving is a powerful way to connect or reconnect with anyone in your life.

Gratitude has become a hollow gesture we overplay in our "thank you . . . not a problem" society, when in reality it's a powerful spiritual value. Gratitude and giving, when focused through these meditations, opens up a clear path between two people at the level of feeling and even a deeper level of shared awareness. But there is also purification, because when you express gratitude from the heart, old resentments and negative feelings are detoxified.

A uncommon spiritual quality is Grace, which belongs to the purest level of awareness, where a single spirit embraces everyone and everything. Grace is that quality in consciousness that enables us to feel safe, protected, loved, and blessed to be alive. By meditating on grace, we bring it more into everyday awareness and give room for experiencing grace in our own lives. This is the attitude that keeps life fresh and renewing; it opens the way to the path of enlightenment. When we speak of taking responsibility for our beliefs and feelings, the deeper we go in awareness, the more lasting and positive the change we are aiming for. But the holidays are also a time of doing, and with regard to spiritual values, these are good practices to keep in mind. Don't be drawn into holiday complaining. Remain composed and centered. Always be willing to give of yourself. This is most needed when others feel frazzled and stretched beyond their comfort zone. When you are living with the attitude of grace in action, God has descended on earth.

Curtis Wilson

Fraternally,
Curtis Wilson
1-SGG-18



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FY21 CALENDAR

The Next 90 Days



The Next 30 Days



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6	7	8 E Council Meeting 7pm	9	10	11 District Council Call	12 LBB Chapter Meeting
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20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend				Bruh Night		
	MLK Day MLK Parade					District E-Council Call
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31				Bruh Night	Pro Bowl Weekend Fundraiser (TBD)	
Pro Bowl Fundraiser						Chapter Qrt Reports District Basileus Call



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						LBB Chapter Meeting
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day	President's Day			Bruh Night Chez Sports Bar		Meals on Wheels Project Aspiration
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
LBB Masquerade Ball (TBD)				Bruh Night BWWs Kailua		District Conf Call
28						
LBB Quarterly Church Visit						



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NEWS

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TAKING CARE OF SOLDIERS

The Brothers of Lambda Beta Beta (LBB) Chapter, supported a service member in the KaMakana/Hoakalei community of Ewa Beach, HI by re-enlisting her into the U.S. Air Force while she was on restriction of movement status (ROM).

Community service serves as core tenants within the Fraternity. These current times causes for extra caution when interacting with members of your community and while at work. TSGT Igao of The United States Air Force, was in a ROM status. She needed a commissioned Officer to re-enlistment her in order for her re-enlistment to be official. The last hurdle was the swearing in ceremony. Brother Joseph "Cody" Lucas, initiated in 2005 by Xi Psi Chapter, who is currently a Captain in the United States Army was uniquely qualified to accommodate the request. TSGT Igao was unable to leave her residential area due to recently leaving the island to address a death in her family. Along with Brother Douglass Wilson, initiated in 2019 in Xi Pi Chapter, Brother Lucas supplied a United Flag and his Company First Sergeant (Kevin Boyle) to help get the TSGT Igao sworn in and her re-enlistment complete so she can continue to serve her country as a Legal clerk at Hickam Air Force base.



Bro Joseph Lucas, TSGT Igao/and Husband, Brother Douglass Wilson and 1SG Kevin Boyle



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The Thirteenth District **NEWS**

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Greetings Brothers of the Tenacious Thirteenth,

I trust that this meets you and your families doing well and staying safe.

I am please to announce that at a duly constituted meeting of the 13th District Council convened on Saturday 19th September 2020, the District's proposed Life Membership Program was unanimously approved. We encourage *you* to consider taking advantage of this economically viable opportunity as you support our beloved District.

The cost of the District's Life Membership is US\$800. As a reminder, if you were a paid registrant for the 27th Annual 13th District Conference this past July, \$100 of your registration fee will be applied to your life membership. Please make the necessary adjustment when you are processing your payment.

The link is now active - to make payment and complete your application, please visit oppf13th.org >>>Donations.

By clicking the Life Membership image, you will be taken to the application form. Please complete and forward appropriately to lifemembership@oppf13th.org. Be sure to include your Receipt Ref # on the form.

As part of your exclusive membership package, you will receive the following:

- -Exclusive 13th District Life Member T-Shirt
- -Exclusive 13th District Life Member Cap
- -Exclusive 13th District Life Member Lapel Pin
- -Exclusive 13th District Life Member Annual Event
- There are limited places, so do not hesitate. Become an inaugural Life Member of this historic initiative in the 13th.
- Thank you in advance for your generosity and for your support of this great District!

Fraternally,

Brother Trevor V. Hodge Ed.D.

Tenth 13th District Representative



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Deputy District Representative
Africa/Europe/Middle East

To all the Brothers who span the length and breadth of the globe - Greetings!!!

It is my unparalleled pleasure to write to each of you on the observance of this year's International Achievement Week. This year's theme, "**Omega Men Ushering in Social Change**", is particularly pertinent to our current global reality as we take stock of the turbulent times in which we live. Since the establishment of our great Fraternity, Omega men have led the charge of social justice and social change, whether it was during the civil rights era or the push for the right to vote to championing the cause of those oppressed by inequitable government policies to standing up against draconian law enforcement practices. Each of us as individuals and as a collective hold the profound responsibility and has the moral obligation to courageously ensure that we too are actively challenging our family, friends, neighbours, co-workers and those with whom we interact to usher in change that establishes a safe and equitable existence for our brothers and sisters. No matter our differences, we must remain true to our call to lift as we climb.

Our need for social engagement is further amplified by the current pandemic affecting the globe. This has not only affected us personally, but has challenged us in many ways to innovate and creatively devise ways to fulfil our mandates and the call to engage never been more important. Continue to be Keepers of the Cards and Protectors of the Flame.

Brothers, if we are seriously committed to effecting positive change in our communities worldwide as this year's theme calls us to do, then it is vital that we reflect on our beloved Founders, the values for which they stood and the motivation behind those four principles that fundamentally define us. We lose critical energy when we focus on what separates us and what makes us different, as opposed to those things we have in common that can unify us. As a team, we must do more than simply make a difference; rather, together we can be the difference.

On this Founders' Day, I invite us all to re-dedicate ourselves to the vision and mission of our Founders, being cognisant of the sacrifices they made and the efforts of those who've gone before us to pave the paths on which we journey in Omega. Most importantly, let us rekindle that flame we felt so deeply in our spirits as we crossed those burning sands whether it was five years or thirty-five years ago.

Let us walk confidently in the knowledge that our work, no matter how seemingly inconsequential, is of tremendous importance to the communities we have the honour of serving. Lastly, let us recall our oath and remember that Friendship is truly Essential to the Soul!

I wish you all a very successful Achievement Week and Happy Founders' Day 2020!

Faternally yours,

Trevor V. Hodge Ed,D,
Tenth 13th District Representative
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International Headquarters Office Announcement

DECATUR, GA –

Greetings,

I hope this letter finds you and your families doing well and in good health. After COVID-19 sterilization and sanitation last week, IHQ officially reopened this morning with continued strict COVID-19 protocols. We are **not open** to unscheduled visitors. Our staff team reports to the office on a rotational basis to ship materials, and to perform any essential task. All other tasks are performed in the safe confines of our homes. Please continue to be patient with us as we service your needs, along while working in and through this pandemic.

If you need any assistance from the International Headquarters, please use [ZenDesk](#).

Continue to be safe.

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Special Events Checklist Webinar

DECATUR, GA –

Brothers –

Please join the International Headquarters for a Special Events Checklist (SEC) webinar on December 16, 2020 at 8:00pm ET. The design and purpose of this webinar is twofold: to ensure you are informed about the SEC submission and approval process; and to train you on the SEC functionality in the new iQue System.

Please register by using this link [SEC Webinar](#). The deadline to register for this event is December 15, 2020 at Midnight PST.

Every Brother, Basileus, Keeper of Records and Seal, District Counselor, and District Representative should attend this training. We believe this training will protect the brotherhood and also mitigate risk to our fraternity.

We look forward to you attending.

Continue to stay safe

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