



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated
12th District
Omicron Mu Chapter

December 10, 2021

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Chapter (Koinonia) Fellowship: 6:50 PM to 7:00 PM

Call to Order: 7:00M (SHARP) *Opening Prayer:* Bro. Charles Clemons, Chapter Chaplain

Zoom Etiquette Names Mandatory/ Mute if not Talking/ No eating on screen/Please Read Previous Meeting's Minutes

Adoption of Agenda /Additions: GENERAL BODY Approval motioned/2nd .. Adopted by the Body

Review/Adoption of Immediate Past Meeting Minutes: GENERAL BODY Approval motioned/2nd .. Adopted by the Body

Lamp of Knowledge... Bro. Darren Witcher

- 2 Samuel c22 v29 : For thou art my lamp, Oh Lord: And the Lord will lighten my darkness.
- Psalm c119 v105 : Thy word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
- Bro. Witcher tied the period that all Omega Men experience as a "Lamp" to its biblical representation, the Word of God being that light.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITING BROTHERS:

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS (25 mins)

- Basileus Report: Bro. D. Witcher
 - District/Chapter News and Information
 - Omega Black Writers on Dec 4th
 - 77th 12th District Meeting – May 12-15, 2022 Las Vegas
 - Westgate Hotel block east of Strip (near Top Golf)
 - Kappa Psi (Host Chapter)
 - Early Bird Special was \$160, Pre-Reg Rate \$210 is over, now \$260 til 3/1 then \$290
 - 2022 Conclave – July 21-26, 2022 Charlotte N.C.
 - Conclave Host Hotel (Westin) Sold Out, various others also
 - Registration for Conclave was \$395 til 10/12, now is \$440 w/o Tax
- Vice Basileus Report: Bro. B. Broughton
 - Chapter Committee News
 - Applauded the Founder's Day Celebration, Over 30 Bruhs from the Valley and surrounding areas
 - Encouraged Brothers to reach out to those that attended and attempt to bring them into the folds via OM
 - Document listing all Officers and Committee Chairpersons/Asst Chairs will be sent by KRS with Meeting Mins
- Keeper of Records & Seal Report: Bro. K. Thomas/ Bro. R. Bickerstaff
 - Fraternity Dues (Due Date: +October 31, 2021)
 - Now accepting Dues payments
 - See Previously Sent Email - Need 2021/22 Applications
 - Chapter's Current Status for Financial Brothers
 - National and District News and Correspondence
 - Membership Cards -
 - DR's Reclamation/Retention Message
 - KRS REPORT Acceptance and Approval ... Motioned/2nd .. Adopted by the Body

- Keeper of Finance Report: Bros. Gatewood / Bro. R. O'Neal
 - See Report: Account Activity and Balance
- Chaplin Report: Bro. C. Clemons/ Bro. P. Simmonds
 - Message from Bro. Chaplin
 - Information only 1st Sunday and 3rd Wednesday Prayer Call
 - 4th Sunday Bible Study - Justice from Scripture & the History of the Black Church
 - Divine 9 ... Bro. Clemons encourages our Chapter's participation

COMMITTEE REPORTS (35-40 mins)

- SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAMS - Bros. A. Thomas/B. Broughton
 - Divine Nine
 - Holiday Party December 8th at Larsen's Steakhouse from 5-7p
 - PPE Community Outreach Program – Bro. Gatewood (Next: Christmas Day)
 - No Package Assembly is necessary....
 - Omega Wellness Gathering on December 18th at Gatewoods...
 - Food Bank – Tuesdays at 4:00p to 6:00p Rock of the Valley Church (Bro. Sims)
 - Requesting Brothers presence on the Tuesday after Christmas 12/28
 - Photo Opportunity for COTY Application ... need Bruhs to show up on the 28th !!
 - YALA - Saturday Morning Virtual Sessions Now Once a Month (Normally 1st Saturday)
 - Program just celebrated it's 15th Anniversary
 - Commencement Day for current Session was held on November 27th – Year of Yes
 - Orientation for next Session was held on December 5th - Will focus of Positions in Sports off the Field
 - Bro. Ligons recommended that we incorporate more activities of the Chapter with YALA
 - Bro. Clemons suggest that the Chapter consider sponsoring at least one young person for YALA
- ACHIEVEMENT WEEK 2021 – Bros. K. Thomas/ D. Ligons
 - Achievement Week Banquet
 - Hosted Chapter Xi Gamma Gamma in Oceanside, CA on November 13, 2021 was a successful event both in presentation and finance...
 - Carryover monies were realized.... Motion to resolve transference of fund to next year's host
 - Seed Money will be refunded to the chapter
 - Essay Contest – Chairman: Bro. Roderick Bickerstaff
 - Acknowledged Committee Members... M. Sims, D. Ligons, T. Williams, K. Paschall
 - Displayed pictures of awarding ceremony at school with winner and oversized check
 - Awards were well received
 - Chapter Achievement Week Awards -
 - Chapter approved motion to allocate \$250 towards AW trophies for Chapter AW Winners
- HEALTH AND 'Omega' WELLNESS Chairman – Bros. Clemons /Witcher
 - December Omega Wellness..... Gathering on December 18th at Gatewood
 - Considering Golf Outing for January's Omega Wellness...
- MENTORING PROGRAM - Bros. T. Williams / M. Sims
 - Millikan Middle School in Sherman Oaks
 - So far there have been 3 Meetings that have been going very well.
 - Participation has been brisk... upto 40 people showing up on a weekly basis between Mentors/Mentees/Families
 - Field Trip has been organized in conjunction with the "Project Fly LA"... Spiderman Premiere nest Wednesday, December 15th ... Red carpet treatment Toy/Popcorn/ Movie
 - Next Meeting Monday, December 13, 2021
- RECLAMATION & MSP - Bro. B. Broughton
 - Reclamation.... "Friendship over Finance"
 - Also promoted the "Each one, Bring one" effort for January's meeting
 - Noted the 12th District initiative to waive District Dues for all reclaimed Brothers
 - Encouraged MSP Participation.... Lets be a Chapter standing ready to bring new men into the fold of Omega
 - Bruhs need to get 1. Financial and 2. MSP Certified
 - Let's use the January Omega Wellness as a reclamation event!!!

- BUDGET AND FINANCE - Bro. S. Tolbert
 - No Report
- EDITOR TO THE ORACLE – Bros. Buddy Lewis/ R. Bickerstaff
 - Bro. Lewis indicated that he is preparing a submission for the next Oracle and 12th District Newsletter
 - Will provide detailed update at next meeting
- 501(c)3 Update - Bro. J. Dixon
 - Meeting held on December 4th with Bro. Webster (Fraternity's Lead 501c3 Adviser)
 - Application was officially submitted on Tuesday Nov. 30th (\$600 Fee paid by Bro. Dixon)
 - Bro. Dixon offered to donate the \$600 to the fund as it's first contribution after application approval.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chapter Anniversary... December 8th Celebration. Blak Hous not available/Larson w/Divine 9
 - Settled on a Celebration for Tuesday December 28th at On The Thirty
- District Meeting Registration – 3 Chapter Purchased Registrations
 - Previously Purchased by Bros. Simmonds, and Gatewood,
 - Last prepaid registration purchased by Bro. E. Taylor
- Chapter Communication Tool 'Group Me' – Bro. R. O'Neal/ J. Dixon
 - Bro. Dixon has established a Group Me App presence
 - 38 Participants on the List ...

NEW BUSINESS

- **Christmas Toy/Family Drive (L. Gatewood)**
 - Bro. T. Williams will coordinate with Gatewood and Bickerstaff in order to structure this year's event
 - Bro. Ritter's Xmas Funk Jam/ Toy Drive will donate all gathered toys to the cause
- **COTY ... Chapter of the Year**
 - Application Submission will be spearheaded by Bro. M. Sims.
 - Bro. Sims encouraged us to record and document each of the chapter events that could be used to build the chapter portfolio.
- **Chapter By-Law Amendments**
 - The By Law amendments previously provided to the brothers via email in late November amending the term limits for Chapter Officers to 1 year in lieu of the 2 year term in the previous version was **Approved by the Body.**
- **Fund Raiser.... "Popcorn" ..**
 - Bro. Broughton suggest the chapter undertake the endeavor in February for Black History Month
- **Next Meeting January 12, 2022**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Christmas Funk Jam on Sunday Dec. 12th at Camby Bar 1309 Vanowen Street....
 - To be sent on Group Me!! ...
- Bro. Andrew Thomas's Son went on a Visit this past week and has interest being expressed by others
- Lift up Bro. Ligons... he lost his God Sister who was a mother of 3. Be prayerful for her family and his.
- Bro. Buddy Lewis ... this Saturday 12/11 will be participating in Virtual Mother Pearl Alumni event (See Group Me...) 4pm PST

Meeting Adjourned at 9:36

Darren Witcher	Brian Broughton	Paul Simmonds
Marvin Sims	Paul Simmonds	Roderick Bickerstaff
Charles Clemons	Richard O'Neal	Jay Rodriguez
Kevin Thomas	Tony Williams	Danny Ritter
Buddy Lewis	Doug Ligons	Jeremy Dixon
Keith Paschall	Kalen Parrot	