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Psi Phi Chapter Basileus

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From the Basileus

Greetings Brothers,

I am proud to stand before you as your newly elected Psi Phi Chapter basileus. As we launch the first edition of our chapter newsletter, "1932", this serves as a bridge to strengthen communication, keep you informed and celebrate our collective efforts in serving the community and building a better society.

Our chapter's theme this year is "Elevating Excellence: Building Brotherhood, Cultivating Growth and Serving Our Community."

I would like to extend special thanks to our Public Relations Committee Chairman, Bro. Richard L. Williams, for his dedication in implementing this newsletter. His leadership has made it possible for us to stay connected and informed, and I appreciate his commitment to our chapter's success.

Brothers, as we move forward, let's continue to stay inspired, connected, and committed to the work of Omega.

Fraternally,
Bro. Richard Watkins

Annual Boys Camp Held at Winston-Salem State University

Submitted by Bro. Murray Miller
Social Action Committee Chair

As Omega Men, we can all look back fondly on the days of summer or youth camps we attended. We remember the many events participated in and new friendships gained that became a vital part of who we are. We grew, explored and learned new things about our fellow campers and the world around us – while having fun doing so.

Psi Phi Chapter was privileged to sponsor eight boys for the annual Omega Psi Phi 6th District's Boys Camp during the week of July 14-19. The camp was held on the campus of Winston-Salem State University and approximately 250 boys from North Carolina and South Carolina attended.

The camp focused on attributes of leadership and how each camper can incorporate them in their daily lives. The camp was facilitated by the 6th District's brothers who were counselors and administrators. With a regimented schedule, the campers began with socializing and building friendships, as this is one of the greatest benefits of the camp. The camp also focused daily on the following: conflict resolution, team sports, outdoor activities, golf, reading and much more!

Each camper came from a different background with varied experiences. They were separated by age and participated in age-specific activities. They only interacted with other age groups during mealtimes.

The goal of the 6th District Boys Camp is for attendees to have fun during the week, but more importantly, to leave feeling good about themselves, their accomplishments and the friends they made during the session.

Psi Phi Chapter continues the connection with the campers and their parents throughout the year. These campers will be included in future events as well as our mentoring initiatives. As we continue to live our four cardinal principles of Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift, the Boys Camp encompasses all of these ideals in one week with these boys – each of whom will be young men in a few short years!

This is one of the many ways Psi Phi Chapter gives back to society!

Psi Phi Chapter Annual Golf Tournament Held at Reynolds Park

On August 3rd, the Brothers of Psi Phi Chapter held its seventh annual golf tournament at Reynolds Park Golf Course in Winston -Salem. More than 75 golfers participated in the event and it was a tremendous success. It was a great fellowship for the Brothers and members of the community who supported the chapter's annual fundraiser for youth scholarship.

Bro. Rodney Taylor is the tournament chair and he was assisted by co-chairs Rodney Hatton and Johnathon Partee. They would like to thank all the Brothers who participated, whether playing or volunteering. They also would like to thank the staff of Reynolds Park Golf Course for their assistance.

"I would also like to thank Surry Insurance Co. as our chief sponsor this year, and a special thank you to Core Technology Corp. for providing the golf tees," Taylor said. "M.R. Williams Co. provided all the snacks for our golf tournament, so a special thanks to them too, as well as to the dozens of volunteers."

Photo by Bro. Galvin Crisp

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INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WEEK NOV. 10-17

Achievement Week Awards Banquet
November 14 • 7 p.m.
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 905 File Street
Speaker: Sheriff Bro. Bobby Kimbrough

PSI PHI CHAPTER CALENDAR

Nov 5: Election Day!
Nov. 8 & Nov. 30: WFU Football Psi Phi Fundraiser
Nov. 11-17: International Achievement Week
Nov. 14: Achievement Week Awards Banquet
Dec. 11: Psi Phi Chapter Meeting
Dec. 13-15: The Mighty Sixth District 2nd Council Meeting, Spartanburg, SC

2024-25 PSI PHI CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Assistant Keeper of Finance: Bro. Solomon Quick
Chaplain: Bro. Brian McMillan
Keeper of Peace: Bro. Anthony Galloway
Parliamentarian: Bro. Corey Morgan

Past Basileus Profile

- **Name:** Carlos Roseboro
- **Year Initiated:** Fall 2010
- **Chapter Initiated:** Psi Phi
- **Alma Mater:** Gardner Webb University
- **Year as Basileus:** 2022-24
- **Occupation:** Thomas Built Buses

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PSI PHI HANDS OUT AWARDS AT ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

Psi Phi chapter held a weeklong of activities as part of International Achievement Week from November 11-17. The theme was "Omega Men Building a Better Society with Friendship as a Foundation." The activities got under way on Veterans Day with a breakfast to honor local veterans, followed the next day with a virtual wellness seminar by Psi Phi Chapter and Beta Beta Chapter – Psi Phi Brother John Card presenting. The following evening, Psi Phi brothers volunteered at Samaritan Ministries soup kitchen and homeless shelter.

On November 14, the annual Achievement Week Awards Banquet was held under the leadership of Basileus Richard Watkins and the guidance of Achievement Week Chair Linwood Jerald. The week culminated with a fellowship church service at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on November 17, which coincided with the fraternity's founding 113 years ago, and was attended by more than two dozen brothers. Psi Phi made a donation to the church's Senior Life Enrichment Center.

Mt. Zion Pastor Rev. Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. was named the Psi Phi Chapter Citizen of the Year. Other award winners were: Bro. James Singletary (Manhood); Bro. Rhett Butler (Scholarship); Bro. Cedric Russell and Joseph Bruinton (Perseverance); Bro. Nick Lloyd (Uplift); Bro. Galvin Crisp (Superior Service); Bro. Henry Ashe (Founders); and Bro. Tim Smith and Bro. Murray Miller (Omega Man of the Year). Awards were also presented by Mu Epsilon Chapter of Winston-Salem State University and Lambda Eta Chapter of Wake Forest University. The International High School Essay Contest winner was Coby Mack of Parkland High School.

The awards banquet speaker was Sheriff Bro. Bobby Kimbrough. He encouraged the brothers and those in attendance to "stand in the gap" to address issues in the community that affect young Black men. The emcee was Bro. Richard L. Williams.

SPREADING GOOD CHEER!

Psi Phi chapter provided a lot of cheer during the holiday season. In November, the brothers delivered Thanksgiving meals to 25 local families. They worked in conjunction with local nonprofits Experiment in Self Reliance, Climbing Jacob's Ladder and local citizens to identify the 25 families. Psi Phi chapter thanks the management of Harris Teeter, 150 Grant Hill Lane, where more than a dozen brothers shopped for items to fill the boxes. Each box contained a turkey, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, rolls, pie, yams and tea or lemonade. The brothers met at the Omega Friendship Center to pack the boxes and later delivered them to the families.

In December, Psi Phi continued its tradition of visiting the widowed Quettes to deliver fruit baskets and sing Christmas carols and Omega Dear. This year one of the Quettes stated, "Psi Phi Chapter has brightened my Christmas for the past 25 years!"

From the Basileus

Brothers of Psi Phi Chapter,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunities ahead. Through our dedication in 2024, we embodied Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift – strengthening our chapter and making a meaningful impact in the community. This year, let us press forward with purpose:

Strengthen Our Bonds. Deepen relationships with one another, offering support and encouragement. Brotherhood is our foundation.

Serve Boldly. Continue to meet the community's needs with passion and purpose, reflecting Omega's values in all we do.

Elevate Our Standard. Strive for excellence in every area of life – professionally, personally and within the chapter.

January is particularly special as we prepare to celebrate Psi Phi Chapter's Charter Day on January 23. For 92 years, our chapter has been a beacon of service and leadership. Let us honor the brothers who came before us and recommit to carrying their legacy forward.

As basileus, I remain committed to leading with integrity and vision, honoring our chapter's rich history while paving the way for an even brighter future. With your prayers, support and active engagement, 2025 will be a year of growth, impact and brotherhood that we will proudly remember for years to come.

I look forward to serving alongside you and cerebrating the victories that await.

Friendship is essential to the soul,

Richard Watkins

CHARTER DAY FUNDRAISER

Brothers are encouraged to participate in a popcorn fundraiser that will launch on Charter Day and run through January 28. Brothers can share the fundraiser with friends, family, co-workers or anyone in their networks. Psi Phi keeps 50 percent of money raised.

QUEmmunity Calendar

- **Jan 15: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday**
- **Jan 20: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday**
- **Jan 23: Charter Day**
- **Jan 26: Talent Hunt Competition**
- **Feb 12: Chapter Meeting**
- **March 21-23: Mighty Sixth District 3rd Council Meeting, Greenville, NC**
- **April 16-20: Mighty Sixth District Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC**

Past Basileus Profile

- **Name:** Robert T. McCollum
- **Year Initiated:** December 1971
- **Originating Chapter:** Mu Epsilon
- **Alma Mater:** Winston-Salem State Univ.
- **Year as Basileus:** 1988-1990
- **Occupation:** Duke Energy (Ret.)

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH UPLIFT

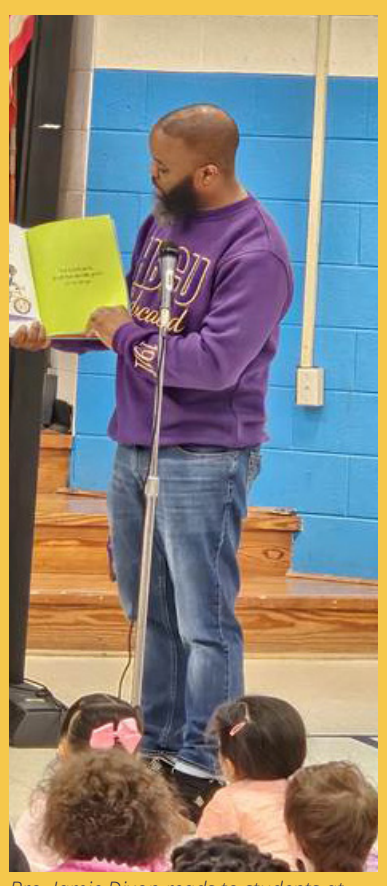
Brothers of Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. lived up to one of its four cardinal principles – uplift – in an intentional and monetary way during Black History Month. Several local Black-owned businesses were the beneficiary as dozens of fraternity members visited businesses including restaurants and a coffee shop in February to help improve their bottom line in a show of support and solidarity during Black History Month.

The Black History Month initiative was the latest community-service project by the brothers of Psi Phi. Around Valentine's Day, the brothers played "Que-pid" by handing out roses to female residents of Trinity Glen, a senior-care community, sharing warm conversations and creating heartfelt moments.

In November, the brothers delivered boxes of food to 25 local families. In December, they delivered fruit baskets to Omega widows and widowers. Through efforts like these, the Psi Phi Chapter continues to demonstrate its unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

Psi Phi Basileus Richard Watkins said each of these community-building initiatives reflects Psi Phi's dedication to service and friendship, hallmarks of the fraternity's cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift.

QUES MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



Bro. Jamie Dixon reads to students at Cook Literacy Model School on Feb. 7.

BRO. MAGRUDER TO HEAD HBCU BAND DIRECTORS

The HBCU National Band and Orchestra Directors' Consortium has appointed Winston-Salem State University's director of bands, Dr. Michael Magruder, as its president. In this prestigious role, Brother Magruder, a member of Psi Phi Chapter, leads the only national conference specifically tailored for HBCU band directors and students for a two-year term, which started in 2024.

The HBCU-NBODC is committed to advancing musical excellence at Historically Black Colleges and Universities by uniting music educators, directors, and performers nationwide. The consortium's significant focuses are collaboration and professional development. The consortium ensures that student musicians receive the mentorship and resources they need to succeed. It also aims to celebrate the legacy of Black music while fostering innovation and growth for future musical leaders.

As president of the HBCU-NBODC, Brother Magruder will act as the official spokesperson for HBCU directors and actively encourage other HBCU band directors to attend the 2025 conference. He will also work closely with the consortium's executive board to plan the convention, which will serve as a forum for exchanging creative concepts, industry best practices, and materials to improve music education.

The Jackson, Mississippi native graduated in 1979 from Louisiana State University with a Master of Music in clarinet performance. In 2001, he received a PhD from the University of Mississippi. Before moving on to director positions at other schools, including Texas College and Jackson State University, he started his career as band director at Sadie V. Thompson Jr. High School in Natchez, Mississippi.

Since joining Winston-Salem State in 2004, Brother Magruder has cultivated the Red Sea of Sound Marching Band into an award-winning ensemble. Under his leadership, band members have earned scholarships and awards recognizing their talent.

From the Basileus

Brothers of Psi Phi Chapter,

As we recently honored Black History Month, Psi Phi Chapter remains steadfast in its commitment to uplifting our community through economic empowerment and meaningful service. Over the past few months, our chapter has made a significant impact, demonstrating the true essence of Omega Men leading with purpose.

We have patronized Black-owned businesses throughout Forsyth County including Taste of the Triad, Forsyth Seafood Market & Café, ByGood Coffee and Natabelle's Desserts. Through our "Weekly Business Spotlight", chapter meet-ups and individual engagement initiatives, we have reinforced the importance of circulating our dollars within our own community.

Our commitment to service and social impact has remained unwavering. On February 13, Psi Phi brothers played Que-pid and presented roses to the ladies residing at senior-care community Trinity Glen. This small act of kindness is a reminder that Omega's reach extends to those who need us most.

Amid shifting social and political challenges, attacks on DEI, threats to civil rights and economic instability, our community is looking for leadership. We are what's next. I challenge every brother to lean in, mentor our youth, provide resources for families in need and inspire hope through our actions.

Psi Phi Chapter is growing, building and moving forward. Let's continue leading with excellence, courage and service. The work is ours to do – let's do it together.

Fraternally,
Basileus Richard Watkins

QUEmmunity Calendar

- **March 12: Psi Phi Chapter Meeting**
- **March 12: Psi Phi Memorial Service**
- **March 21: 3rd Council Meeting, Iota Nu Nu, Greenville, NC**
- **April 24: 80th Annual Sixth District Meeting, Iota Iota and Xi Mu Mu, Raleigh, NC**
- **August 9: Psi Phi Golf Tournament, Reynolds Park, Winston-Salem, NC**
- **September 12: 1st Council Meeting, Sigma Pi, Aikens, SC**
- **December 12: 2nd Council Meeting, Psi Phi, Winston-Salem, NC**
- **March 20, 2026: 3rd Council Meeting, Kappa Gamma Gamma, Anderson, SC**

Past Basileus Profile

- **Name:** Clinton "Andre" Crawley
- **Year Initiated:** 1982
- **Originating Chapter:** Upsilson Zeta
- **Alma Mater:** East Carolina University
- **Year as Basileus:** 2020-2022
- **Occupation:** Lead Software Engineer

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PSI PHI GIFTS $2,000 TO COOK ELEMENTARY

The Psi Phi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. made a $2,000 donation to Cook Literacy Model School – formerly Cook Elementary School. The donation enhances the school's literacy initiatives. The donation is from proceeds gained from October's Sneaker Ball fundraiser held in partnership with the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. at Kaleideum in downtown Winston-Salem. Cook's principal, Celena Tribby, expressed gratitude for the donation, saying it will go a long way in furthering the educational efforts at the school.

"We are grateful to the Psi Phi chapter of Omega Psi Phi for this amazing contribution," Tribby said. "We are thankful for all of our community partners, expressly those who take the extra step to make financial contributions to assist our educational efforts."

Several members of Psi Phi appeared at Cook to make the presentation, including Richard Watkins, chapter basileus.

"We are delighted to make this finanacial contribution to Cook Literacy Model School," Watkins said. "This type of community support aligns with the ideals of our fraternity. One of the core principles of Omega Psi Phi is 'scholarship'. This donation touches on that principle in a profound and meaningful way."

The financial contribution is the latest example of how Psi Phi supports the local community. In February, the chapter coordinated opportunities to support Black-owned business. Also that month, the chapter gave senior citizens at Trinity Glen care center roses on Valentine's Day. In December the chapter delivered fruit baskets to widows of former Psi Phi members, and in November the chapter delivered food to local families. Through these efforts, Psi Phi continues to demonstrate its unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

From the Basileus

Brothers of Psi Phi Chapter,

As we step into the month of May, I extend deep gratitude for your dedication and commitment to the work of Omega.

This month, we successfully completed our Membership Selection Process, ushering in a new line of Omega men who are ready to serve, lead and grow. I commend the MSP Liaison Committee for their diligence and professionalism throughout this process, and I charge each of us to take an active role in mentoring and molding these young brothers into strong stewards of our beloved Fraternity.

May also marks the beginning of Mental Health Awareness Month – a time when we prioritize not only the work we do, but the men doing the work. Mental wellness is foundational to our success, our leadership and our brotherhood.

This month, we will engage in a series of weekly events designed to uplift, connect and strengthen us under the theme: "Brother You Are On My Mind." Whether it's a wellness discussion or fellowship gathering, each event is an opportunity to check in with yourself and with your brother.

Psi Phi Chapter is moving forward, and we are doing so with unity, purpose and power – The Mighty Psi Phi Chapter!! Let us keep at the forefront our chapter theme for this year: "Elevating Excellence: Building Brotherhood and Cultivating Growth." This theme is not a slogan – it is a standard. It calls us to uplift one another, grow in purpose and leave everything we touch better than we found it.

Brothers, let us lead with love, serve with purpose and always strive for excellence in Omega and beyond.

In Friendship and Service,
Basileus Richard Watkins

80TH ANNUAL MEETING

Brothers of Psi Phi, led by Basileus Richard Watkins, represented well at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Sixth District that was held in Raleigh, NC.

QUEmmunity Calendar

- **May 18:** NPHC Founders Day, Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
- **June 1:** Greek Stroll-Off, Triad Park Shelter #6, Kernersville, NC
- **June 1:** Greek Cookout, Triad Park #6, Kernersville, NC
- **June 7:** Psi Phi Que Classic, ROAR, Winston-Salem, NC
- **August 9:** Psi Phi Golf Tournament, Reynolds Park, Winston-Salem, NC
- **September 12:** 1st Council Meeting, Sigma Pi, Aikens, SC
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Past Basileus Profile

- **Name:** Bro. Timothy Smith
- **Year Initiated:** 2011
- **Originating Chapter:** Psi Phi
- **Alma Mater:** High Point University
- **Year as Basileus:** 2018 - 2020
- **Occupation:** TASC Call Center

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Photo by Bro. Galvin Crisp

PSI PHI CHAPTER STEPPIN' UP

QUES GIVE $11,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO W-S SENIORS

A mind is a terrible to waste. That is why the Psi Phi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. continues to invest into the minds of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County high school students. In May, Psi Phi presented 11 seniors $1,000 each that can be used toward their college fees and tuition.

"These students excelled in the classroom and we are rewarding them with this scholarship," said Terry Colaire, a Psi Phi member and chair of the scholarship committee.

This is the second major educational investment Psi Phi has made in the community this year. Earlier in May, the chapter donated $2,000 to Cook Literacy Model School – formerly Cook Elementary School – to enhance the school's literacy initiatives.

"These educational initiatives are a hallmark of Omega Psi Phi," said chapter Basileus Richard Watkins. "We have stood on the pillars of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift for nearly 114 years. I congratulate each of the scholarship recipients as well as Brother Colaire and his team for spearheading this important effort."

The scholarship winners are: Bryson Jerald (Mt. Tabor); Jauan Wilson (Glenn); Fred Henry III and Joshua Jackson (Atkins); Carlson Greene and Brock Jackson (Parkland); Chandler Gregory and Kendall Woody (Ronald Reagan); and James Caldwell, Riley Horton and Chancelor McMillan (West Forsyth).

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As we move through 2025, I'm proud to reflect on what we've accomplished together. Our chapter has remained active, visible and purpose-driven. From Achievement Week to Juneteenth, the Sneaker Ball, and the Habitat for Humanity build – we've shown what Omega in action looks like.

Our commitment to education was on full display as we awarded college scholarships to 11 deserving young men – an investment in their future and our legacy. We've continued engaging local schools, mentoring youth and supporting families across Forsyth County.

As summer unfolds, we prepare for more impactful work: the upcoming Sixth District Boys Camp where we'll continue shaping young minds; and our Scholarship Golf Tournament, a vital effort to fund next year's scholars. We'll also come together in fellowship at the annual Psi Phi Chapter Cookout – a time to recharge and celebrate one another.

Thank you, brothers, for your commitment and service. Let's keep building, keep serving, and keep making Omega proud.

In Friendship and Service,
Bro. Richard Watkins
43rd Basileus, Psi Phi Chapter

QUEmmunity Calendar

- **August 9: Psi Phi Golf Tournament, Reynolds Park, Winston-Salem, NC**
- **September 10: Psi Phi Chapter Meeting**
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RE: OMEGA MEN ON THE MOVE

Brothers, please send any information you want included to Psi Phi Public Relations Chair Bro. Richard L. Williams by July 25 so it can forwarded to Sixth District Director of Public Relations Bro. Jamie Brunson by July 31.

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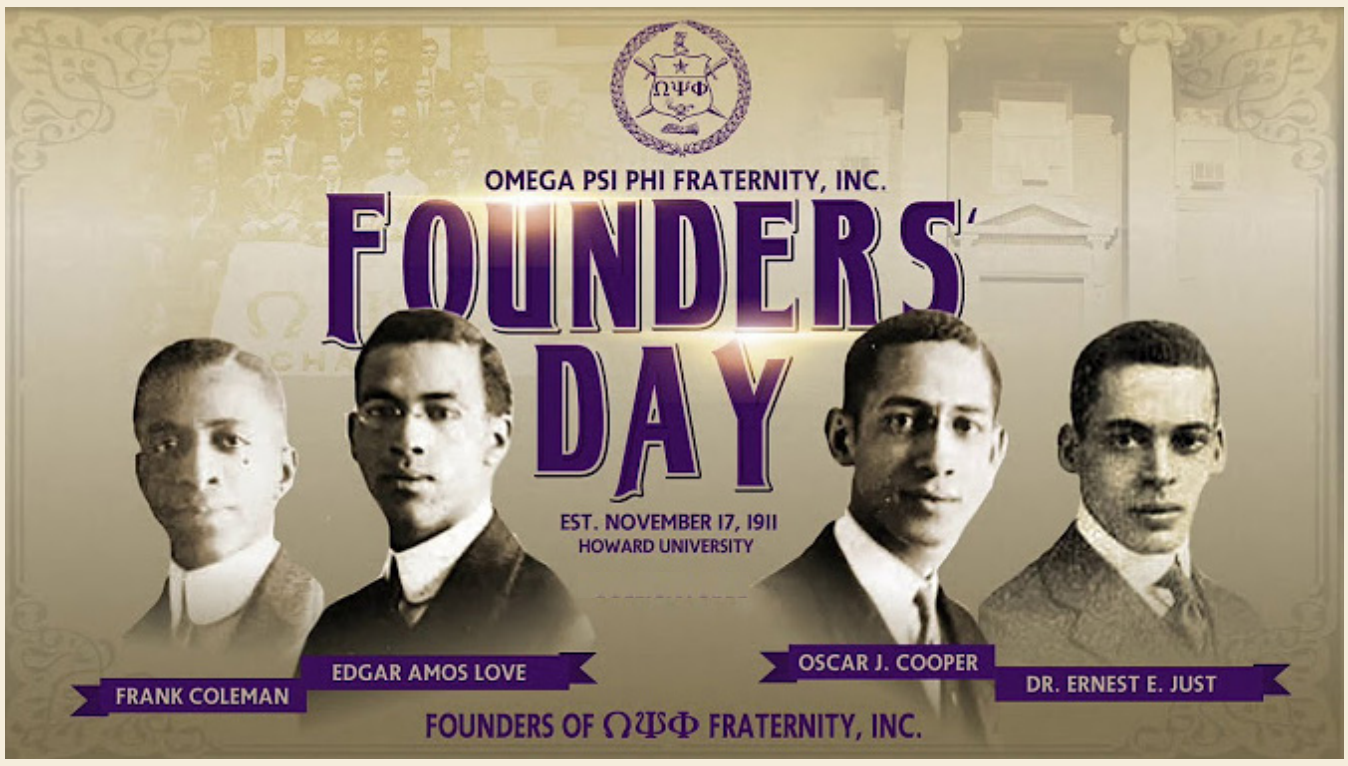
Psi Phi, Winston-Salem, NC

November 13
Achievement Week Awards Banquet
Psi Phi, Winston-Salem, NC

December 12
2nd Council Meeting
Psi Phi, Winston-Salem, NC

March 20
3rd Council Meeting, Kappa Gamma
Gamma, Anderson, SC

April 23
Sixth District Annual Meeting
Spartanburg, SC



HAPPY 104TH BIRTHDAY, BROTHER BRIGGS!

Psi Phi Chapter wishes a belated Happy Birthday to Brother B. Meeks Briggs. Brother Briggs was initiated into Psi Phi Chapter in May 1964. Psi Phi Chaplain Brother Brian McMillan had the opportunity recently to fellowship with Brother Briggs at his home on the east side of Winston-Salem. Brother McMillan said Brother Briggs was sharp, alert and happy to see him. Brother Briggs turned 104 years old in September. Here's wishing you many, many more!

CONGRATULATIONS BROTHER FAULKNER!

Brother Kenny H. Faulkner Sr. received his 40-year Service Award in July at the Dr. Moses C. Norman Sr. International Leadership Conference in Detroit. Here, Brother Faulkner poses for a photo with Grand Basileus Ricky Lewis at the International Leadership Conference.

PSI PHI TAKES TOP HONORS IN COMMUNITY AWARDS

Psi Phi Chapter continues to make its mark on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth Community. The chapter recently won two awards in a competition conducted by CommunityVotes Winston-Salem. According to CommunityVotes, "this year's campaign hosted thousands of nominations and votes cast by members of your community. An astounding 2,155 businesses and people were nominated, but only the top nominees in each category moved on to voting." Psi Phi won first place (Platinum) in the Nonprofit category and second place (Gold) in the Organization Services category. Other nonprofits competing in the two categories included Habitat For Humanity of Forsyth County, Bookmarks, Senior Services and Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Inc., among others.

CommunityVotes is a system for organizing community-led awards and nominations that celebrate local volunteers, leaders, and groups for their contributions to their communities. The platform uses a "vote-for-your-favorites" model to allow residents to nominate and vote for local businesses, organizations, and individuals who are making a positive impact. It helps raise awareness for community-focused work by providing a platform for public recognition and appreciation.

"TRUNK OR TREAT"

A DELICIOUS SUCCESS

Psi Phi brothers brought smiles to the faces of dozens of area children with the annual "Trunk or Treat" candy giveaway at Rupert Bell Recreation Center on October 23.

From the Basileus

Brothers of Psi Phi Chapter,

As we begin this new fiscal year, I am both eager and encouraged by the energy and commitment I see within our chapter. Our collective vision and the initiatives planned speak to the continued growth of our brotherhood and our impact in the community we serve.

As we prepare for Achievement Week, November 10–17, let us carry forward this year's theme: "Impactful Service Through Intentional Friendship." This theme reminds us that our service is strongest when it is rooted in genuine connection and purpose. True Brotherhood is not just felt—it is demonstrated through action, unity, and support for one another.

Additionally, we are honored that Psi Phi Chapter will host the 6th District Council Meeting, December 12–14. This is a significant opportunity to showcase our chapter's excellence, hospitality, and commitment to Omega's ideals. I ask each Brother to be engaged, visible, and willing to serve as we welcome Brothers from across the sixth district.

Let us continue to uplift each other, serve with excellence, and lead with Brotherhood. Together, we will continue to build and impact our community in meaningful ways.

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QUEmmunity Calendar

- **February 14** — Youth Leadership Conference, Psi Phi, Winston-Salem, NC
- **March 20** — 3rd Council Meeting, Kappa Gamma Gamma, Anderson, SC
- **April 23** — 81st Annual Meeting, Epsilon Nu, Spartanburg, SC
- **Septemebr 1** — 1st Council Meeting, Tau Omega, Greensboro, NC
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HAPPY QUE YEAR!

ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

Achievement Week activities were a success with the highlight being the awards banquet. Basileus Richard Watkins was named Omega Man of the Year; Bro. Dr. John Card (Founders); Bro. Andre Crawley (Superior Service); Bro. Richard L. Williams (Citizen of the Year); Bro. Stovell Wade (Manhood); Bro. Dr. Michael Magruder (Scholarship); Bro. Chris Redd (Perseverance); and Bro. Brian McMillan (Uplift). Awards were also presented by Mu Epsilon and Lambda Eta. A highlight was the appearance of 104-year-old Bro. B. Meeks Brigg. The keynote speaker was Sixth District KRS Bro. Dr. Tim Hunter.

2ND COUNCIL MEETING

Psi Phi hosted a successful 2nd Council Meeting of The Mighty Sixth District. More than 300 brothers from North Carolina and South Carolina attended the workshops, luncheon, and fellowship activities December 12-14. Basileus Richard Watkins and Chair C. Andre Crawley were pleased with how members of the chapter welcomed visiting brothers and collectively responded to make this one the more impressive council meetings in recent memory. Crawley said the council meeting success can serve as a dry run for when Psi Phi hosts the 82nd Annual Meeting in April 2027. Crawley will serve as the Grand Marshal.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS

In December, Psi Phi chapter provided holiday cheer as it continued the tradition of delivering fruit baskets to widowed Quettes. The widows were once again delighted to see the brothers and said they were pleased to know that they are still in the thoughts, hearts and prayers of Psi Phi brothers. It was an opportunity for many of the brothers to fellowship and sing Christmas carols with the widows.

THANKSGIVING BOXES

Psi Phi chapter delivered food boxes to more than two dozen families, ensuring that local families in need would have a bountiful Thanksgiving feast. Social Action Committee Chair Bro. Murray Miller and about a dozen brothers met at Harris Teeter on Cloverdale Avenue to pick up Thanksgiving staples. They stuffed the boxes and delivered them to 28 families who expressed their gratitude.

TOYS GIVEAWAY

Psi Phi's annual mission of providing toys was again a huge success. The chapter received the toys through a joint program with Operation Home Front and Dollar Tree stores. Normally, the chapter deliver toys to daycare centers, elementary schools, and organizations that service young kids. This year it was expanded to include individual families and community events. The chapter provided toys to six families – 12 kids – from Easton Elementary School, to kids whose parents are clients of Experiment in Self-Reliance, as well as La Petite Academy and North Hills Academy. North Point Academy hosted a community event and provided food boxes and the chapter gave toys to each family – a total of 10 boxes and 50 gift bags of toys.

From the Basileus

Brothers of Psi Phi Chapter,

As we turn the page on another year, I extend my sincere gratitude to each of you for your commitment, service, and dedication to the ideals of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The accomplishments of Psi Phi Chapter are a direct reflection of the time, talent, and sacrifice of its brothers.

The year ahead presents new opportunities to strengthen our bond of friendship, expand our impact in the community, and continue building a chapter that reflects excellence in leadership, service, and scholarship. Let us enter this year with a renewed focus, unity, and purpose fully committed to uplifting one another and advancing the work entrusted to us.

In 2026, I encourage each brother to remain engaged, accountable, and intentional. Together we will continue to build upon our legacy while preparing the next generation of Omega men to lead with integrity and vision. Our best work lies ahead, and I am confident in what we can accomplish when we move forward together. May this new year bring you and your family good health, continued success, and abundant blessings.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Psi Phi Chapter. Long live Omega, and long live The Mighty Psi Phi Chapter!!!!

In Friendship and Service,
Bro. Richard Watkins
43rd Basileus, Psi Phi Chapter

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- **March 20** — 3rd Council Meeting, Kappa Gamma Gamma, Anderson, SC
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PSI PHI REPRESENTS AT SCIENCE FAIR

Psi Phi Chapter brothers were well represented as judges for the North Carolina Science and Engineering Foundation's Region Five Science Fair. It was held Feb. 7 at Western Guilford High School in Greensboro. The event encourages youths and teenagers to embrace their STEM curiosity and the development of the talents they have in the STEM fields and disciplines. Psi Phi brothers were joined by brothers from Tau Omega and Mu Psi. Bro. Solomon Quick is the Region V director.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Nearly 150 youths, community leaders, and Psi Phi brothers attended the chapter's inaugural Black History Month Youth Leadership Conference February 14 on the campus of Winston-Salem State University, under the theme "Finding Success Without Losing Yourself". Prior to the panel discussion, Psi Phi brothers Barry Rountree, Antonio Stevenson, and John Card, MD, addressed the audience.

The panelists were local entrepreneurs Stephanie Miles, Christopher Hinton and Monet Beatty; private attorney and former Guilford County prosecutor Jakeana Paul Jackson; and City of Greensboro Director of Housing Samuel Hunter. WXII-TV anchor Kara Peters was the moderator.

The conversations were insightful and helped open doors of opportunity for Psi Phi to strengthen its mentoring pipeline in the community. The youth conference was organized by the chapter's Public Relations Committee chaired by Bro. Richard L. Williams and the Social Action Committee chaired by Bro. Murray Miller. The undergraduate chapter step teams from Mu Epsilon and Lambda Eta performed as well as the Carver High School marching band.

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WSFC NPHC INSTALLS OFFICERS

On February 10, Psi Phi Bro. Marvin Morgan was installed as president of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Council of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The other officers installed were: Darryl Sawyer, vice president, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Margie Bailey, recording secretary, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Daniel Crudup, treasurer, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; Amanda McElrath, corresponding secretary, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; Michael Bailey, financial secretary, Iota Phi Theta Fraternity; Tiana Johnson, chaplain, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority (not pictured); Derrick Hargrove, parliamentarian, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (not pictured); and Anna Jolly, historian, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

From the Basileus

Brothers of Psi Phi Chapter,

As we conclude a powerful and purpose-driven Black History Month, I am proud of the meaningful impact made by the Psi Phi Chapter. Our recent Youth Leadership Conference was a tremendous success, equipping young leaders with tools for growth, confidence, and community engagement. By investing in our youth, we continue building a legacy rooted in leadership and uplift.

This past week, we hosted our impactful health and wellness Zoom discussion titled "Mind, Body & Blood Pressure: The Silent Killer." The conversation centered on high blood pressure, heart health, stress, prevention, and the importance of knowing your numbers. It was a powerful reminder that strength includes prioritizing our physical and mental well-being so we can continue serving our families and communities effectively.

In recognition of Black History Month, we also demonstrated economic empowerment by supporting Black-owned businesses in our community, including Forsyth Seafood and The District 924. Both establishments are valued staples in our community, and our support reflects our commitment to collective progress.

These initiatives reflect who we are and what we stand for: service, scholarship, leadership and brotherhood. Momentum matters, and I am proud to say that Psi Phi Chapter remains on the move.

Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.

In Friendship and Service,
Bro. Richard Watkins
43rd Basileus, Psi Phi Chapter

Past Basileus Profile

- **Name:** Benny L. Murrill
- **Year Initiated:** Fall 1970
- **Chapter Initiated:** Mu Epsilon
- **Alma Mater:** Winston-Salem State University
- **Year as Basileus:** 2000-2002
- **Occupation:** Director, Forsyth Co. Youth Services (Ret.)

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QUEmmunity Calendar

- **May 9** — Psi Phi Life Skills Session, Omega Friendship Center
- **June 6** — Psi Phi Men's Health Summit, Winston Lake Reach Center
- **September 1** — 1st Council Meeting, Tau Omega, Greensboro, NC
- **December 1** — 2nd Council Meeting, Chi Iota Iota, Ft. Jackson, SC
- **March 1, 2027** — 3rd Council Meeting, Eta Beta Beta, Lexington, NC

CHAPTER TO HOLD MEN'S HEALTH SUMMIT

Psi Phi Chapter will host a Men's Health Summit on Saturday, June 6, at the YMCA Reach Center at Winston Lake, bringing together community leaders, healthcare professionals and residents for a morning dedicated to wellness and empowerment. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is organized by the chapter's Health Initiatives Committee, co-chaired by Brother Dr. John Card and Brother Rodrike Roberts.

The summit is designed to address critical health disparities impacting Black men by providing access to education, resources and preventative care services. Attendees will have the opportunity to receive free dental screenings and health screenings, including blood pressure checks and glucose testing, aimed at promoting early detection and encouraging proactive health management.

Beyond screenings, the event will feature educational sessions and community engagement focused on improving spiritual, nutritional, mental and physical health. Organizers emphasize that the summit is not just about awareness, but about equipping participants with practical tools and knowledge to make lasting lifestyle changes.

Black men in the U.S. face significant health disparities, including higher rates of chronic conditions like hypertension, diabetes and heart disease, often driven by systemic barriers to quality healthcare, economic inequality and chronic stress from discrimination. These factors contribute to shorter life expectancies and poorer overall health outcomes compared to other demographic groups.

From the Basileus

Brothers of Psi Phi Chapter,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I reflect on the outstanding progress our chapter has made over the past several months. Psi Phi continues to operate in excellence, demonstrating what true brotherhood, leadership, and service look like in action.

Our efforts have been recognized at the highest levels. We are honored to have received the 1st Place Large Chapter Reclamation Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. International Headquarters. Additionally, at the Sixth District level, Psi Phi was awarded the 2024-2025 Reclamation Award (Large Chapter winner) in recognition of our leadership excellence and outstanding efforts in reclamation. These honors affirm the intentional work being done to strengthen and sustain our brotherhood.

More importantly, our impact extends beyond awards. The progress we've made is evident in the lives we continue to touch throughout our community. Through service, mentorship, and consistent engagement, Psi Phi is making a meaningful and lasting difference.

As we celebrate these milestones, we proudly welcome our 24 newly inducted Spring 2026 initiates into the fold. You are now part of a legacy built on perseverance, service, and excellence. We look forward to your contributions as we continue to build.

Let us remain focused and committed to elevating Psi Phi Chapter to even greater heights.

In Friendship and Service,
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CHAPTER SUPPORTS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

Psi Phi chapter was proud to support a great cause by sponsoring the Children's Home Society's Annual Foster Care Awareness Month Family Picnic in May.

The chapter provided pizzas, cupcakes and drinks while serving adults and children throughout the day. Brothers had the opportunity to fellowship with families, uplift our community, and show love to those making a difference in the lives of children.

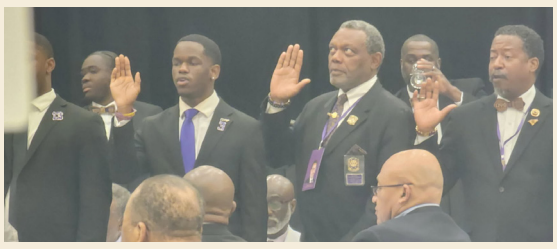
Events like this remind us of the importance of service, compassion, and standing in the gap for our youth and families. Psi Phi remains committed to building a better community one act of service at a time.

Past Basileus Profile

- **Name:** Dr. Keith Vereen
- **Year Initiated:** Spring 1985
- **Originating Chapter:** Sigma Mu
- **Alma Mater:** UNC Greensboro
- **Year as Basileus:** 2012-2014
- **Occupation:** Church Pastor

BRO. CRAWLEY SWORN IN AS MARSHAL AT ANNUAL MEETING

Psi Phi chapter was well represented at The Mighty 6th District's 81st Annual Meeting in Spartanburg, SC in April. Nearly 20 brothers were in attendance for the various meetings and to witness the installation of new officers, including the installation of Brother C. Andre Crawley as the Marshal of the 82nd Annual Meeting that will be hosted by Psi Phi next April. Psi Phi also garnered several 6th District and International awards related to the Reclamation and Retention Committee.



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QUEmmunity Calendar

- **August 8** — Psi Phi Golf Tournament, Winston Lake, Winston-Salem, NC
- **September 11** — 1st Council Meeting, Tau Omega Greensboro, NC
- **December 11** — 2nd Council Meeting, Chi Iota Iota, Fort Jackson, S.C.
- **March 12, 2027** — 3rd Council Meeting, Eta Beta Beta, Lexington, NC
- **April 29, 2027** — 82nd Annual District Meeting Psi Phi Winston-Salem, NC

QUES GIVE $7,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO W-S SENIORS

Psi Phi chapter recently handed out $7,000 in scholarships to Winston-Salem/Forsyth County high school seniors. A total of seven students were presented $1,000 that can be used toward their college fees and tuition.

"We were proud to honor these young men and their families at our chapter's June meeting," said Terry Colaire, scholarship committee chairman. Basileus Richard Watkins said, "These scholarships are yet another affirmation of Psi Phi pouring into our youth and uplifting our community. Congratulations to each of the scholarship recipients, their families, and Brother Colaire and Brother Green for a job well done."

Scholarships winners are Ethan Bailey (Parkland High School), Jarian Benson (West Forsyth High), Calvin Rice (North Carolina Leadership Academy), Cameron Simmons (Reagan High School), Kyle G. Pemberton (Forsyth County Day), Lieyton Pilson (Forsyth County Day) and Sterlyne Graham (Winston-Salem Street School). These scholarships illustrate how Psi Phi continues to support the community. The chapter recently made a $500 donation to St. Jude's

INAUGURAL BLACK MEN'S HEALTH SUMMIT A HIT

Psi Phi held its inaugural Black Men's Health Summit in June at the Winston Lake YMCA REACH Center that included a three-hour discussion on the matters of Black men's health. In addition, healthcare workers provided dozens of participants access to education, resources, and preventative care services. They received free dental screenings, blood pressure checks and glucose testing, all aimed at promoting early detection and encouraging proactive health management. The event was organized by the chapter's Health Initiatives Committee, chaired by Brother Dr. John Card and Brother Dr. Rodrike Roberts.

"This summit addressed critical health disparities impacting Black men in the community," Dr. Roberts said. "I appreciate the support from the various speakers, the vendors, and the community that showed up to receive the information to improve their health."

In addition to various screenings, the event featured sessions from speakers on spiritual, nutritional, mental, and physical health. Brothers Dr. Card and Dr. Roberts noted that Black men in the U.S. face significant health disparities, including higher rates of chronic conditions like hypertension, diabetes, and heart disease, often driven by systemic barriers to quality healthcare, economic inequality and chronic stress from discrimination. These factors contribute to shorter life expectancies and poorer overall health outcomes compared to other demographic groups.

"The summit was about equipping participants with practical tools and knowledge to make lasting lifestyle changes," Dr. Card said. "Our goal was to empower Black men through education, screening and community support. While we accomplished that with this event, we will continue to uplift our community with additional health-related events in the future."

ANNUAL CHAPTER COOKOUT APPROACHING

The Chapter Cookout will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, at Shelter 7 Triad Park in Kernersville. The ticket cost is $15 per person, and everyone will need a ticket to attend with the exception of children under the age of 12 who will be admitted for free. Tickets can be purchased at the Omega Friendship Center on Patterson Avenue every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. until Aug. 12. Bro. Brian Hart is the cookout chairman.

SIXTH DISTRICT HOLDS LEADERSHIP RETREAT AT OFC

Psi Phi chapter was pleased to welcome the Executive Team of The Mighty Sixth District, led by 45th Sixth District Representative Bro. Gary Bussey, as they met at the Omega Friendship Center on Patterson Avenue, for their 2026 Leadership Retreat.

From the Basileus

Brothers of Psi Phi Chapter,

As we continue to build upon our chapter's momentum, I want to thank each of you for your unwavering commitment to Psi Phi Chapter. Our Que Classic Party was an overwhelming success! The tremendous attendance, outstanding fellowship, and positive energy made it one of our signature events. Everywhere I go, people are still talking about what an incredible evening it was. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped make the event memorable.

Now it's time to turn our attention to our next major fundraiser: the Psi Phi Chapter Scholarship Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Winston Lake Golf Course. This event supports our scholarship and community initiatives, and we need every brother's support. Whether you register to play, recruit golfers, secure sponsorships, obtain donations, or volunteer your time, your participation will make a difference. Together, we can ensure another successful event.

Also, don't forget our annual Chapter Cookout on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Shelter 7 in Triad Park. A ticket is required for admission, and tickets are on sale now. The Golf Tournament and Cookout Committees will be available at the OFC every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. through the golf tournament to sell tickets and answer questions.

As many of our brothers prepare to attend the 85th Grand Conclave, July 30-August 3, 2026, please review your emails from International Headquarters for the latest agenda, schedules, and important updates.

Brothers, thank you for your continued dedication to our beloved fraternity and Psi Phi Chapter. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

In Friendship and Service,
Bro. Richard Watkins
43rd Basileus, Psi Phi Chapter

Past Basileus Profile

- **Name:** Gregory W. Bradsher
- **Year Initiated:** Spring 1982
- **Originating Chapter:** Mu Epsilon
- **Alma Mater:** WSSU
- **Year as Basileus:** 2006-2008
- **Occupation:** GM, Triad Municipal ABC Board

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- **September 25** — 1st Council Meeting, Tau Omega, Greensboro, NC
- **November 21** — Sixth District Undergraduate Summit, Charlotte, NC.
- **December 4** — 2nd Council Meeting, Chi Iota Iota, Fort Jackson, S.C.
- **March 1, 2027** — 3rd Council Meeting, Eta Beta Beta, Lexington, NC
- **April 29, 2027** — 82nd Annual District Meeting Psi Phi, Winston-Salem, NC

Q&A WITH TWO-TERM PSI PHI CHAPTER BASILEUS RICHARD WATKINS

EDITOR: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR TWO YEARS AS CHAPTER BASILEUS?
Basileus Watkins: My two years as Basileus were a period of growth, transformation, and purposeful service. When I accepted the responsibility, I understood that the position was much bigger than a title. It was an opportunity to build upon the strong foundation established by those who came before me while preparing the chapter for an even stronger future. Our administration embraced the philosophy of "Elevating Excellence while Leading with Purpose and Serving with Impact." We worked to make that more than a theme – but our standard. I am proud of how our brothers came together around a common vision. We strengthened membership, expanded community engagement, increased scholarship efforts – which we have given over $20,000 of scholarships to high school seniors – and created opportunities for brothers to become more involved in the work of the chapter. Most importantly, we continued to demonstrate that Psi Phi is committed to being a positive force in Winston-Salem and throughout the communities we serve.

EDITOR: DID YOU ACCOMPLISH INITIATIVES YOU OUTLINED WHEN YOU BECAME BASILEUS?
Basileus Watkins: Yes, and we accomplished many of them while also taking on opportunities that were not even on the original roadmap. One of my priorities was to strengthen the chapter from the inside out – membership, finances, brotherhood, programming, visibility and community impact. Our membership grew from approximately 85 financial members in 2024 to more than 147 financial members. We strengthened scholarship efforts, providing financial assistance to students and continuing our commitment to educational excellence. We expanded our community service through initiatives involving youth, families, education, public safety, and community organizations. We conducted our first Youth Leadership Summit, which provided young people opportunities to develop leadership skills, gain valuable knowledge, and be inspired to become future leaders in their communities. Another highlight was the opportunity to host The Mighty 6th District 2nd Council Meeting. Those moments allowed Psi Phi to demonstrate that we are not only a strong local chapter, but a chapter capable of representing Winston-Salem and the Triad with excellence. But perhaps the greatest accomplishment was creating momentum. The goal was never simply to check boxes on a list; it was to build a chapter capable of continuing to grow after my administration.

EDITOR: WHAT WERE SOME HIGHLIGHTS, IF YOU CAN SINGLE OUT A FEW?
Basileus Watkins: One of the most rewarding has been seeing the hard work and commitment of our brothers recognized through multiple awards and honors at the international, district, and community levels. Among the recognitions received were: 1st Place International Large Chapter Reclamation Award; 6th District 1st Place Large Chapter Reclamation Award; MLK Noon Day Celebration Award; 2025 Community Votes of Winston-Salem Platinum Award – Best Nonprofit; 2025 Community Votes of Winston-Salem Gold Award – Best Community Organization.
These recognitions are meaningful because they reflect different aspects of who Psi Phi is from reclamation and brotherhood to community service and civic engagement. Being recognized at the International and District levels demonstrates the strength of our membership efforts, while our community awards affirm the impact Psi Phi continues to have in Winston-Salem. Seeing the chapter grow from approximately 85 members to nearly 150 demonstrates that brothers believe in the direction of Psi Phi and want to be part of its continued success. Our student-support initiatives and community service efforts have been equally important. From scholarships, Thanksgiving initiatives, back-to-school giveaway, youth programming, Habitat for Humanity service, Juneteenth participation, working with law enforcement agencies, supporting Black-owned businesses, and other community partnerships, we have continued to put our principles into action.
Ultimately, the awards are a reflection of something much bigger. They represent the collective work of the brothers of Psi Phi. Every award has a story behind it — brothers giving their time, talent, resources, and energy to make a difference. Recognition is gratifying, but impact is the true measure of success. I am proud that Psi Phi has been able to achieve both, and these accomplishments have helped position the chapter for an even greater future. And finally, the brotherhood itself has been a highlight. The relationships, conversations, breakthroughs, and victories we experienced together are what made these two years meaningful.

EDITOR: HOW WOULD DESCRIBE THE STATE OF PSI PHI CHAPTER?
Basileus Watkins: Psi Phi is in a very strong position. Financially, we have worked to create greater stability and increase our ability to support programs, scholarships, community initiatives, and chapter operations. We demonstrated that fundraising can be successful when brothers are willing to work together and support a common objective. From a morale standpoint, there is a renewed sense of pride and possibility within the chapter. Like any organization, we have experienced challenges and difficult conversations, but those experiences helped us grow. A healthy organization is not one without challenges; it is one that has the maturity and leadership to address those challenges and continue moving forward. Our community impact is perhaps where I am most proud. Psi Phi is visible. Psi Phi is active. Psi Phi is serving. We have strengthened relationships throughout Winston-Salem and the surrounding communities and have continued to demonstrate that our fraternity's presence should be felt beyond our meetings and events.

EDITOR: WOULD YOU SAY THE CHAPTER IS IN GOOD HANDS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE?
Basileus Watkins: Absolutely. We have brothers with the talent, experience, passion, and commitment necessary to continue moving this chapter forward. The greatest indicator of a chapter's future is not the success of one administration. It is whether you have developed leaders who can take the baton and run the next leg of the race. Psi Phi has done that. There are brothers who are ready to lead, ready to serve, and ready to bring new ideas to the table. We also have a strong foundation of experienced brothers who understand the history and traditions of Psi Phi. My hope is that the next administration doesn't simply maintain what we've accomplished – but will build upon it, challenge it, improve it, and take Psi Phi to places we haven't yet imagined.

EDITOR: DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION?
Basileus Watkins: Respect the office, respect the brothers, respect the history, and never lose sight of the mission. Leadership is about having the courage to make difficult decisions, the humility to listen, and the vision to see beyond the immediate moment. I would encourage the incoming administration to lead with purpose, communicate consistently, build consensus when possible, and make decisions that are in the best interest of Psi Phi not individual agendas. Learn from the administrations that came before you, appreciate the work that has already been done, and then find ways to make it better. Most importantly, take care of the brothers and take care of the chapter. When brothers feel valued, respected, and connected to the mission, the chapter becomes stronger. As I prepare to exit as Basileus, I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve. I'm proud of what we accomplished together, but I'm more excited about what Psi Phi can accomplish next. The work doesn't end with my administration. The baton is simply being passed. And when I look at the future of Psi Phi Chapter, I believe the best is still ahead. RQQ!

Past Basileus Profile

- **Name:** Galvin C. Crisp Jr.
- **Year Initiated:** Fall 1968
- **Originating Chapter:** Mu Epsilon
- **Alma Mater:** WSSU
- **Year as Basileus:** 2004-2006
- **Occupation:** Computer Systems Management (Ret.)

105-YEAR-OLD BRO. MEEKS BRIGGS HONORED AT CITY HALL

Bro. Ben Meeks Briggs, a 105-year-old member of Psi Phi Chapter, was recognized by the Winston-Salem City Council on August 17 as a "Centenarian Citizen" in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary. This is a tremendous honor and a special moment not only for Bro. Briggs and his family, but also for Psi Phi Chapter and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. As our chapter's oldest living member, Bro. Briggs represents a remarkable legacy of service, commitment, perseverance and brotherhood. He was photographed with Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines and with the brothers of Psi Phi Chapter following the ceremony at Winston-Salem City Hall.

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