

**64th Annual Meeting Resolutions of the
Mighty Sixth District**

**Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center
Durham, North Carolina
April 2-5, 2009**

To our 34th Grand Basileus Bro. C. Tyrone Gilmore, 1st Vice Grand Basileus Bro. Carl Blunt, Grand Keeper of Finance Bro. Antonio Knox, Grand Counselor Bro. Michael Adams, former 1st Vice Grand Basileus Bro. John H. Scott, former Grand Counselor Bro. Calvin Brown, current Sixth District Representative Bro. Octavio Miro, our former Sixth District Representatives, Officers of the Sixth District, Brothers, Quettes, children and friends, good morning.

Whereas, on the 5th day of April 2009, the body assembled at the Sunday Morning Closing Session of the 64th Annual Meeting of the Mighty Sixth District at which occasion these resolutions were presented;

Whereas, the 64th Annual Meeting of the Mighty Sixth District was held in “The Bull City” of Durham, North Carolina;

Whereas, a tour of Durham, North Carolina, also known as the “City of Medicine,” would readily reveal the rich history of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at nearly every turn, including a host of buildings and landmarks named for Brothers of this great Fraternity to include the H. M. Michaux, Jr. School of Education at North Carolina Central University, the Leroy T. Walker Complex at North Carolina Central University, the W. D. Hill Community Center, the Rencher N. Harris Elementary School, the CC Spaulding, Jr. Magnet Elementary School, and the Alphonso Elder Student Union at North Carolina Central University;

Whereas, a study of Omega’s leadership roots must inescapably include Durham, North Carolina and the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter, which boasts among its membership Bro. Lawrence A. Oxley, 14th Grand Basileus (1933-1935), Bro. I. Gregory Newton, 24th Grand Basileus (1958-1961), Bro. George A. Isabell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal (1937-1944), Bro. G. W. Cox, Grand Marshal (1933 Conclave - Durham, NC), and Bro. John H. Scott, 1st Vice Grand Basileus (2000-2002);

Whereas, the total number of registered Brothers for the 64th Annual District Meeting was 362, with Quette registration measured at 146, which makes this the most well-attended Annual District Meeting of the Mighty Sixth District in its recent history, with in excess of 500 total guests in attendance;

Whereas, the 64th Annual Meeting was ably hosted by the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter of Durham, North Carolina under the leadership of our esteemed District Marshal Bro. James Mills and the Basileus of the “Start-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter, Bro. Derrick Vines;

Whereas, the 64th Annual Meeting of the Mighty Sixth District was blessed with a comfortable mix of spring showers on Thursday and abundant sunshine and seasonable temperatures for the remainder of the weekend;

Whereas, Bro. District Representative Miro, Bro. Mills and the Executive Committee of the Sixth District met on Thursday afternoon with the staff of the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center to ensure a seamless and orderly 64th Annual Meeting;

Whereas, the administration and staff of the Sheraton Imperial were extremely hospitable and responsive to the Brothers and their guests throughout the weekend and provided excellent service in all facets to include check-in, accommodations and particularly excellent cuisine;

Whereas, the registration table was set up timely and Brothers' receipt of their registration packets proceeded in an orderly and efficient manner, due in most significant part to the diligence and preparation of Bro. E. D. Hall, Sixth District Keeper of Records and Seal;

Whereas, the vendor's exhibit hall was likewise opened promptly and the licensed vendors displayed Omega paraphernalia and other wares to satisfy the Brothers' thirst for all things royal purple and old gold;

Whereas, on Thursday evening, the Mighty Sixth District provided a platform to showcase the academic prowess of our youth in the form of the African-American History Quiz Bowl, which competition was won by the team from Wake Forest-Rolesville High School in Wake Forest, North Carolina;

Whereas, the District Representative's Reception on Thursday evening was highlighted by a "Casino Night" organized and executed by IJA Special Events under the leadership of Quette Milele Bynum, which included light hors d'oeuvres, plenty of "Omega Oil," and good fellowship;

Whereas, the District Officers, Committee Chairs, and Former DRs arose early on Friday morning to honor their invitations to the District Representative's Breakfast;

Whereas, on Friday morning District Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. E. D. Hall, again conducted a workshop for Chapter officers with the assistance of 1st Vice District Representative, Bro. Victor Bruinton;

Whereas, on Friday the weather cleared nicely and the 64th Annual Meeting Golf Tournament was held at Falls Village Golf Club in Durham, North Carolina, and the winning teams consisted of the following:

Third Place:

1. Michael Hanberry
2. Chris Hargrove
3. Matt Watts
4. Kelly Malott

Second Place

1. Bro. C. Tyrone Gilmore
2. Bro. Wesley King
3. Bro. Derrick Gregory
4. Bro. Stafford Thompson

First Place:

1. Bro. Brian Wilkes
2. Bro. J.C. Curry
3. Bro. James Rogers
4. Bro. Michael Warren

Whereas, the coveted District Cup, the brainchild of Bro. Stafford Thompson, was awarded for the first time at the 64th Annual Meeting Golf Tournament to the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter, home of the winning team;

Whereas, at noon on Friday, the Omega Life Membership Foundation luncheon was held and was enjoyed by 50 registered Life Members;

Whereas, the First Plenary Session was opened in timely fashion and the Brothers were greeted and welcomed by the Honorable William V. “Bill” Bell, Mayor of Durham, North Carolina, the Honorable Bro. Representative Henry M. “Mickey” Michaux, and Bro. Derrick Vines, Basileus of the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter of Durham, North Carolina, the Host Chapter;

Whereas, the First Plenary Session was attended by several Supreme Council members including Bro. Antonio Knox, Grand Keeper of Finance; Bro. Michael Morgan, Grand Marshal; and Bro. James Swinson, Undergraduate Representative to the Supreme Council;

Whereas, for the fifth consecutive year, Committee Chairmen submitted their reports to the Assistant Keeper of Records and Seal in a timely manner, enabling the reports to be neatly bound in an Annual Meeting Reports Booklet, which allowed for the approval of committee reports in swift and efficient fashion;

Whereas, the Brothers of the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter were insightful with respect to anticipating the needs and wants of the Brothers, such that they operated a splendid Hospitality Suite which was well-stocked with food and drink for the Brothers and remained open throughout the weekend;

Whereas, through the diligence of District Marshal Bro. James Mills in securing sponsorship by spirits distributor Diagio, the Brothers were able to enjoy a significant volume of Crown Royal and other top shelf spirits, and a survey of the hospitality suite revealed that the Brothers’ cups truly did in fact runneth over;

Whereas, on Friday night the “Start-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter hosted a fabulous party at the Sheraton, which was organized and expertly executed under the capable leadership of Bro. Allen Little of the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter, replete with a fabulous Crown Royal ice sculpture, a beautiful Omega arch at the party entrance, produced by the diligence of Bro. George Bell, and which featured a rousing performance by the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi hop team and the musical mixings of D.J. Kraze to which the Brothers and their guests danced and partied into the wee hours of the morning;

Whereas, on Saturday morning, the Second Plenary Session was held with District Chaplain Bro. Melvin McDaniels presiding over the Necrology in reverent manner to effect a remembrance of those of our Brothers who have entered Omega Chapter since our last District Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina;

Whereas, elections were conducted during the Second Plenary Session which resulted in the election of the following Brothers to offices in the Mighty Sixth District:

District Representative, Bro. Dr. Octavio Miro
1st Vice District Representative, Bro. Victor Bruinton
2nd Vice District Representative, Bro. Steven Hughes
District Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Ernest (E. D.) Hall
Assistant District Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Ulysses S. G. Sweeney, IV
District Keeper of Finance, Bro. Howard Jackson
Assistant District Keeper of Finance, Bro. Al White
District Director of Public Relations, Bro. Michael Boykin
District Chaplain, Bro. Melvin McDaniels
District Counselor, Bro. Brian Beverly

The aforementioned slate was elected without opposition.

Whereas, 34th Grand Basileus, Bro. C. Tyrone Gilmore presided over the elections with his usual flair with the able assistance of former Grand Counselor Bro. Calvin Brown, with the tandem of Gilmore and Brown working proficiently and providing a degree of humor to the election process that was truly enjoyed by the Brotherhood;

Whereas, during the Second Plenary session the Brotherhood was addressed by Grand Counselor Bro. Michael Adams who reported on efforts to manage the Fraternity’s risk, efforts to capture the Fraternity’s trademarks and brands, updates on the proposed Lampados Program and updates on pending litigation;

Whereas, following the Second Plenary Session, after some indecision regarding the location, the Brothers gathered for the District picture outside on the Sheraton Imperial Hotel property which was expertly orchestrated, as usual, by Bro. Galvin Crisp;

Whereas, 2nd Vice District Representative, Bro. Steven Hughes, presided over the Ronald E. McNair Brotherhood Luncheon on Saturday afternoon;

Whereas, the keynote speaker for the McNair Brotherhood Luncheon was the Mighty Sixth District's own Bro. Edmund Lewis, whose talk was inspired by the Greek Philosopher Sophocles and the theme during his talk was "The Dash that Explains it All" and who encouraged the Brothers to "Polish up your Dash;"

Whereas, during the McNair Brotherhood Luncheon, the following awards were presented:

District Scholar of the Year to Bro. Justin Gorham, Kappa Lambda Chapter, North Carolina State University;
Grand Basileus Award to Bro. Jeremy James, Xi Psi Chapter, South Carolina State University;
Herman Dreer Leadership Award to Bro. Gregory Stonewall, Upsilon Zeta Chapter, East Carolina University;
Sixth District Undergraduate Chapter of the Year to Tau Psi Chapter, North Carolina Central University (for the third consecutive year);
Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year to Bro. Terrance Jones, Tau Psi Chapter, North Carolina Central University; and
A special award presented to Bro. Edmund Lewis;

Whereas, the recent dominance of Tau Psi Chapter at North Carolina Central University with respect to Sixth District awards must necessarily acknowledge the contributions of their chapter advisors, Bro. Donnie Cox and Bro. Jim Harper;

Whereas, the Economic Development Committee chaired by Bro. Melvin Mitchell presented an excellent program which was moderated by Bro. James Mills;

Whereas, the Talent Hunt Committee, chaired by Bro. Galvin Crisp, presented an outstanding Talent Hunt Program which included 19 exceptional contestants and produced the following winners:

3rd place: Mr. Emmanuel Houston, sponsored by Mu Pi Chapter in Greenville, SC
2nd place: Ms. Dayna Neo, sponsored by the "Star-Studded" Beta Phi Chapter in Durham, NC
1st place: Ms. Christa Faison, sponsored by Kappa Rho Chapter in Clinton, NC

Whereas, the District Representative's Presidential Suite was open for the D.R.'s "drop-in" on Saturday evening for the Brothers and their Quettes to gather and fellowship, and was graciously hosted by Bro. Octavio Miro, Sixth District Representative and Sixth District First Lady Quette Gerri Miro;

Whereas, the Quettes enjoyed a phenomenal weekend of activities, the theme for which was "Oh So Fine in 2009, A Happier Healthier You," with the Quette activities being proficiently coordinated under the leadership of Quettes Renetta Mills and LaSaundra Vines;

Whereas, the highlight of the Quette activities was the Quette Luncheon at which the Quettes wore red and pink to bring awareness to the prevalence of heart disease and breast cancer among African-American women, such that the luncheon was permeated with a sea of red and pink, prompting Bro. District Representative Miro to remark that “My eyes witnessed some of the most beautiful ladies in the world” at the luncheon;

Whereas, Saturday’s activities culminated with the Founders’ Banquet where 1st Vice District Representative, Bro. Victor Bruinton, presided, and where the Brothers and their guests enjoyed excellent food and service, and further witnessed the presentation of the following awards:

- High School Essay contest winner Mr. Michael Brickhouse, sponsored by Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter, “Home of the Airborne Ques;”
- Citizen of the Year Mrs. Tanisha Bagley, sponsored by Iota Iota Chapter, Raleigh, NC
- Superior Service Award to Bro. Michael Edwards, Zeta Alpha Chapter, Henderson, NC, marking the second consecutive year that Zeta Alpha has captured this award
- Founder’s Award to Bro. Rufus “Doug” Spears, sponsored by Pi Phi Chapter, Charlotte, NC
- Col. Charles Young Military Leadership Award to Bro. Lt. Col. Gregory Bauldrick, Chi Iota Iota Chapter, Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC, which marks the second consecutive year that Chi Iota Iota has captured this award;
- Chapter of the Year as presented by the Achievement Week Committee to Iota Iota Chapter, Raleigh, NC;
- Social Action Undergraduate Chapter of the Year to Tau Psi Chapter, North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina
- Social Action Graduate Chapter of the Year to Tau Gamma Gamma Chapter, Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, NC;
- Omega Man of the Year to Bro. Jim Harper, Beta Phi Chapter, Durham, NC;
- Reclamation Committee Awards for 2009 to:
 - Lambda Iota Iota Chapter, Bennettsville, SC
 - Delta Rho Chapter, Kingstree, SC and
 - Chi Iota Iota Chapter, Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC

Whereas, during the dinner and following the presentation of awards and the program at the Founders’ Banquet, the Brothers and their guests enjoyed the unique sounds of “Sweet Dreams,” which showcased the band’s versatility by performing a range of covers from Etta James to Jill Scott to Sam Cooke;

Whereas, the Founders’ Banquet adjourned in sufficient time for the attendees to return to their rooms or locales of their choice, to watch the North Carolina Tar Heels defeat the Villanova Wildcats on their way to what will surely be another national championship, thus confirming that the letters UNC actually stand for the University of National Champions;

Whereas, after a sensational Founders’ Banquet, the Brothers and their guests rose on Sunday morning to have breakfast and attend the Closing Session;

Whereas, during the Sunday Morning Breakfast, those in attendance were entertained by the the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter Ensemble whose voices echoed in chorus through the meeting room that “Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, then why not every man;”

Whereas, during the Sunday Morning Breakfast the attendees were also treated to a performance by Ms. Dayna Neo, second place Talent Hunt winner, sponsored by the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter in Durham, North Carolina;

Whereas, the featured speaker for the Sunday Morning Breakfast was Bro. Dr. Elwood Robinson, Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at North Carolina Central University, and a member of the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter, who challenged the body to ask themselves the question posed some 50 years ago by Dr. Howard Thurman, “what will you do to help those in need?;” and further encouraged us to evolve into the “servant leader” embodied by the life of Jesus, and currently demonstrated by the presidency of Barack Obama; cautioned us to not be seduced by the emotion of the election of the first African-American president, for there is still much work to be done to demonstrate one of our Fraternity’s Cardinal Principles, UPLIFT; and reminded us that “weeping may endureth for a night, but joy comes in the morning;”

Whereas, the Sixth District Officers for the 2009-10 Fraternity year were sworn in by 34th Grand Basileus, Bro. C. Tyrone Gilmore;

Whereas, the Bonanza drawing yielded the following winners:

	\$50 – Mickey Sadler
	\$50 – Roscoe Killit
	\$50 – Kay Bright
	\$50 – Bro. McEady
3 rd prize:	\$100 – Joe Rogers
2 nd prize:	\$200 – The “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter
1 st prize:	\$500 – Beves Noll

Whereas, the Bonanza drawing Grand Prize was a Dell Laptop Computer sponsored by the University Best Buy in Charlotte, North Carolina, and was delivered in person by Brandon Byerly, Operations Manager at University Best Buy, and was awarded to Otis Swinton, Durham, North Carolina;

Whereas, 1st Vice Grand Basileus Bro. Carl Blunt addressed those gathered and lauded the work of several Brothers from the Mighty Sixth District, including 1st Vice District Representative Victor Bruinton on the museum project; Bro. C. Tyrone Gilmore on the commemorative jewelry project; the work of Grand Keeper of Finance Bro. Antonio Knox in managing the Fraternity’s finances, Bro. Bill Council with respect to reclamation, and Bro. Michael Boykin for his outstanding work on the Oracle;

Whereas, in acknowledgement of the seemingly limitless hospitality and the magnificent manner in which the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter hosted the 64th Annual Meeting of the Mighty Sixth District, the following recognitions were made to individuals who were instrumental in planning and executing such a superb meeting:

Quette Renetta Mills
Quette LaSaundra Vines
Bro. Sterling Edwards
Bro. Derrick Ellis
Bro. David Fitts
Bro. Allen Little
Bro. Stafford Thompson
Bro. Alik Tillery
Bro. Derrick Vines
Bro. Quan Williams

Bro. District Representative, I make a motion that it be therefore resolved:

That the 64th Annual Meeting of the Mighty Sixth District, hosted by the “Star-Studded” Beta Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Durham, NC and coordinated by District Marshal Bro. James Mills, was the most well-attended District Meeting in recent history, exceeding the outstanding turnout enjoyed by the meeting in the Port City of Charleston, SC in April 2008, and proved to be an outstanding event that was expertly organized and well-executed, and was enjoyed immensely by all in attendance.

Bro. District Representative, I so move.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Brian O. Beverly
District Counselor
Mighty Sixth District