WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

"None of us are responsible for our birth. Our responsibility is the use we make of life."

Joshua Henry Jones

My Brothers in Rho Chapter - Greetings!

In the last Rho Chapter Newsletter, I asked each of you to commit to seven standards for this fraternal year - Rho Chapter's 80th. After September's meeting, with its high spirit and genuine enthusiasm, I am confident that each of you will use those seven standards as guidelines in your daily Alpha walk.

Rho Chapter maintains the fourth place in overall membership throughout the general organization; but with a little effort from each of you, WE CAN BE NUMBER #1 in membership. If every Brother would just take the time to reclaim one other non-active Brother (and there are many out there just waiting to be invited back into the fold), we could move into that first place position with ease.

In our 80th year of existence, let's focus on that and becoming Chapter of the Year! We have all the ingredients to claim both titles.

I want to encourage every Brother to join at least one committee and to pay your dues as early as possible. Become involved in all which will be going on throughout this 80th year and CELEBRATE what's great about MIGHTY RHO CHAPTER. Don't exclude yourself from anything - for we will pass this way but once.

I look forward to greeting you at our October meetings.

Fraternally,

James G. Slaughter,
President
MEETINGS

The Executive Committee will meet on Friday, September 30, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bro. George J. Hatten, 7922 Mars Place, Philadelphia, PA and his telephone number is 365-6137. The Co-Hosts are Bros. William Hanscom, Donald Jenkins, Robert Taylor and Douglas Tolbert.

The Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 1994 at the Cornucopia, 49th and Parkside beginning at 8:00 p.m. Fraternal Fellowship will begin at 7:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHERS!

The following Brothers are wished a Happy Birthday in October:

1st.....Landis W. Brown; N. Wesley Norton, Douglas Partee
3rd.....Willie R. Barber
4th.....Todd A. Howe; Peter Rogers; James L. Adderley
5th.....James G. Yates
9th.....Roberto Ortiz
11th.....Charles H. Dade, Jr.
12th.....Richard Smith; James F. Smith
13th.....Oscar W. Gibbs
14th.....William A. Hanscom; Jerome Wright; Jerome Mondesire
16th.....Reginald Littlejohn
19th.....Thomas C. Burke
22nd.....Barry A. Myles
26th.....Ernest W. Moody, Jr.
29th.....Douglas Tolbert, Jr.; Edward K. Brown

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Bro. Reuben Mills, Chairman of the Education Committee would like for all members of the committee and those who wish to serve to meet at the home of Bro. Bobby Johnson, 5726 Wynnefield Avenue, Philadelphia, PA on Saturday, October 1, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. Bro. Johnson's telephone number is 878-0614.

RECLAMATION ANNOUNCED!!!!!!

Rho Chapter with 117 Members ranks 4th in Alphadom. We would like to see that number increase during this fraternal year. To that end, every Brother is requested to bring a non-financial Brother to meetings with the hope that we may be able to reclaim him during our 80th Year. The fraternity can only survive by new initiates and reclaimed Brothers. Please do your part to help keep Alpha alive and well. Bro. Joe Stevenson is Chairman of Reclamation and William Hanscom is his Co-Chairman. Both of these Brothers are counting on you to help swell the numbers.
CHAPTER DUES ARE NOW DUE

Chapter Dues are $100.00. If you are not a Life Member, you must also pay the Grand Tax and if not paid, the Housing Assessment. Please see Bro. H. Walter Early regarding your financial status. Brothers are asked to pay their local dues as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

BROTHERS, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE ACTUAL FOUNDING DATE OF RHO CHAPTER:

Thursday, November 3, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. at the Cornucopia.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR MEETING DATES TO THE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

All Committee Chairmen are requested to bring their meeting dates to the Executive Committee Meeting so that a calendar might be prepared. This will prevent conflict of meeting dates.

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If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Education Committee or me directly.
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RHO CHAPTER'S ANNUAL HARVEST MOON BALL

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23, 1994
10:00 PM until 2:00 AM
(Breakfast Served at 1:00 AM)

FIRST DISTRICT PLAZA
3801 Market Street
Philadelphia

Tickets: $32.00 per person;
Table of Ten - $320.00

Tickets are available at Regular Meetings
or Call Brother Charles W. Campbell

Brother Charles K. Manns, Chairman
Brother Charles W. Campbell, Co-Chairman
Bro. Paul S. Terry, Co-Chairman
Bro. James G. Slaughter, President
THE HISTORY OF RHO CHAPTER

November 3, 1914 was Tuesday and Election Day. The headlines in the Philadelphia Ledger, then Philadelphia’s most respected newspaper, read:

- Nation’s Eyes on Election Here Today
- Britain Makes all North Sea a Military Area
- City Park Benches Welcomed as Bed for Many Derelicts
- President Wilson Votes in Princeton

Reporting in depth would have added another headline:

RHO CHAPTER, ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY WAS ORGANIZED

It was in this atmosphere of politics, world war and the suffering of the unhoused poor that Rho Chapter was born. Its chief organizer was Brother Kirksey L. Curd, M.D., who was initiated into Alpha Chapter at Cornell University. He was assisted by Brother Pelham and Brother Taylor of Nu Chapter at Lincoln University. Brother Emile Raven, M.D. and Brother DeHaven Hinkson, M.D. were charter members. Rho Chapter grew out of a felt need and desire of these men, who had completed their college careers, to maintain their ties with Alpha.

Rho’s first president was Brother Kirksey L. Curd. During the years of his administration, 1914 - 1916, the constitution and by-laws were written and the high tone of community responsibility was set.

Rho has been the home of many distinguished Alpha men. Among these were Brother Kirksey Curd, who became General Vice-President of the Fraternity; Brother O. Wilson Winters, a dentist from Norristown, PA who became the Fraternity’s first life member; Brother Walter Jerrick, Rho’s second president, a powerbroker on the national level and Alpha’s second life member; and Brother R. Allan Durrant, Ph.G. Brother Durrant served as president of Rho Chapter from 1957 - 1962, was a fiscal officer for Alpha’s 50th Anniversary Convention in 1956, was assistant chairman of the 1958 General Convention (Philadelphia), co-chairman of the 1970 General Convention (Philadelphia), chairman of the Rules and Credentials Committee, and chairman of the Election Commission. Brother Jerrick, who was president of Rho Chapter from 1916 - 1952, commonly known as the Jerrick Years, was nominated twice for the office of General President, but declined.


Rho Chapter was also served well by such Brothers as Charles A. Broaddus, who was initiated into Rho Chapter in 1925 and served as Eastern Region Vice-President 1957 - 1960; Robert Henry, Sr., M.D., who served as treasurer for thirty-five years; and Herbert Johnson, who was for many years the chapter historian.

The dedication of these Alpha men continues to inspire the Chapter to serve the community, as in 1960 when funds normally used for the annual Harvest Moon Ball were donated to the Legal Fund to help the NAACP. Rho Chapter is proud to be a leader in the national fraternity in scholarship efforts, life memberships, and chapter representation at all conventions. Our Mandate: "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All."
RHO CHAPTER
ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

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Michael H. Jackson...Coordinator of Musical Activities
Reuben F. Mills...Director of Educational Activities

Past Presidents
*Dr. Kirksey L. Curd, 1914-1916
*Dr. Walter F. Jarrick, 1916-1952
*Dr. Larney E. Hardy, 1952-1953
*Dr. J. Otis Smith, Sr., 1953-1957
*Dr. R. Allan Durrant, 1957-1962
Walter L. Gordon, 1962-1964
*Dr. William Ross, Jr., 1964-1976
Dr. Thomas H. Watkins, Sr., 1976-1981
Dr. Harold D. Trawick, 1981-1984
*Russell P. Daniel, Jr., 1984-1992

*Omega Chapter