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Many new undergraduate chapters were chartered, because of the increased enrollment of black students at previously all-white colleges and universities. Beta Chapter at Lincoln University was chartered in February, 1914. He was later appointed Governor of the Virgin Islands by President Truman. THE SIXTIES The struggle for social justice shifted into high gear. Between 1955 and 1959, chapters contributed nearly \$40,000 to the NAACP. It was at this Conclave that Carter G. The next meeting was conducted on November 23, 1911. The Grand Keeper of Records became the Grand Keeper of the Records and Seal. Mr. John Jacobs, Executive Director of the Urban League, participated in Grand Conclaves on a regular basis. Jesse Jackson, former president of Operation PUSH and founder of the Rainbow Coalition, attended Grand Conclaves on a regular basis and received support for these organizations as well as for his 1984 and 1988 campaigns for the presidency of the United States. In 1984, John S. Johnson was the Editor. Raymond G. Cooper entered Omega Chapter in 1972. Cooper and Coleman were selected Grandkeeper of the Records (National Secretary) and Grandkeeper of Seals (National Treasurer), respectively. The Seventies brought more unpleasant news. Robinson left office in 1920 with a total of ten chapters in operation. Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi, was the recipient. Cooper and Frank Coleman. An entire book could be written about this phase of Omega activities. The fraternity completed its 250,000 dollars contribution to the United Negro College Fund, an organization under the direction of Christopher Edley, and approved a plan to continue the annual gift of 50,000 dollars to that organization in perpetuity. Pullen, was adopted as the official sweetheart song by the 1940 Nashville Grand Conclave. Thomas, the eighth Grand Basileus, was elected at the 1920 Nashville Grand Conclave. Epps was selected as only the fifth Omega Man to wear the title of Executive Secretary. The dates selected were July 25-August 1, 1986 in Washington, D.C., the city of Omega's birth. In the fifties, Omega Psi Phi took an official position against hazing as a fraternity activity. During the administration of the sixth Grand Basileus, Clarence F. Just, the faculty adviser, in the Science Hall (now known as Thirkfield Hall). The 1976 Atlanta Grand Conclave was the largest in the history of the fraternity up to that point in time. The 1968 Charlotte Grand Conclave mandated a Constitutional Convention for the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws as well as the Ritual. The phrase was selected as the motto. Alpha Chapter was organized with fourteen charter members on December 15, 1911, THE FORTIES The Omega "Sweetheart Song", with words and music by Don Q. Founder Ernest E. The 1979 Denver Grand Conclave made a commitment to contribute a minimum of 250,000 dollars to the United Negro College Fund over the next five years. McNair, noted Astronaut, entered Omega Chapter. H. Cooper authorized the investigation of a proposed second chapter at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. It is not by accident that many of America's great black men are/were Omega Men. Carl Moultrie, I was selected to serve as the first National Executive Secretary. Love, the only surviving founder, entered Omega Chapter. Carl Moultrie I, Omega's only National Executive Secretary to this point, was appointed as a judge to the Superior Court of Washington, D.C., in 1972. THE FIFTIES During this era, the thrust was social change. Lawrence (in 1966) was selected as the first Black to serve in the Astronaut Program. Many Omegas were active participants. In 1990, the title was changed to Executive Director. It was the largest Conclave ever. On Friday evening, November 17, 1911, three Howard University undergraduate students, with the assistance of their faculty adviser, gave birth to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Hall, the fourth Grand Basileus, had been initiated at Alpha Chapter in 1914. Carl Moultrie, I, Executive Secretary Emeritus and Ronald E. The fraternity accelerated its financial support to the National Urban League. Omega conferred upon Moultrie the title of National Executive Secretary Emeritus which was later changed to Executive Secretary Emeritus. President W.A. McMillan stated that the Chair would be used to promote the humanities. Grand Basileus Hall authorized the establishment of Gamma Chapter in Boston, Massachusetts. Moultrie's resignation was accepted with regrets. The name was later changed to the International Headquarters. Pledging was abolished and the new Membership Selection and Education Program came into being on August 1, 1985. Omega has a rich heritage to be protected, celebrated and enhanced! Founders Love, Cooper, and Coleman were present. Harold K. Grand Basileus Moses C. THE EIGHTIES AND NINETIES In 1981, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity endowed its first Omega Faculty Chair. In April, 1991, the new Membership Intake Program was implemented. On November 16, 1975, an impressive granite monument was dedicated to the memory of the four founders. Young brothers had the once-in-a-life-time opportunity to mingle with some of the greatest black men that America had produced. This event occurred in the office of biology Professor Ernest E. Omega continued to flourish, largely because Founders Love, Cooper, Coleman and Just were men of the very highest ideals and intellect. Love, Cooper and Coleman were elected the chapter's first Basileus, Keeper of Records, and Keeper of Seals, respectively. Founders Love, Cooper and Coleman participated in the ceremonies. The 1921 Atlanta Grand Conclave brought to an end the first decade of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Don Q. The Golden Anniversary Conclave authorized \$140,000-\$150,000 for the construction of a new National Headquarters Building in Washington, D.C. In 1964, the new National Headquarters Building was dedicated. To this date, there are very few Americans whose lives have not been touched by a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Love, Oscar J. Eleven Howard University undergraduate men were selected as charter members. Drew Memorial Scholarship Fund. This anti-hazing position remains in effect today, and the policy banning hazing has been strengthened. The monument is just a few feet away from Thirkfield Hall, the site of Omega's birth place on the Howard University Campus. Campbell C. Lawrence had earned a Ph.D. Degree in chemistry at Ohio State University. Robert H. Founder Frank Coleman entered Omega Chapter in 1967. Edgar Love was elected as the third Grand Basileus in 1912 and served until 1915. William Hastie resigned as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War in protest against discrimination in the Armed Forces. The Faculty Council proposed to accept the fraternity as a local but not a national organization. THE SEVENTIES The newly revised Constitution and By-Laws and the Ritual became effective at the close of the 1970 Pittsburgh Grand Conclave. Today, there are eleven such officers who are elected annually by the district conferences/meetings. Mercer Cook also entered Omega Chapter. The first Omega Bulletin was published in 1928. Oscar Cooper became the fraternity's second Grand Basileus in 1912. The building was a dream come true and was the first building of its type to be built by a black fraternity. Drew, Professor of Surgery, and Mercer Cook, Professor of Languages, were the composers. Thirteen of twenty-three former Grand Basilei were in attendance. Alston Atkins appointed the first District Representatives. Two revised methods of bringing members into the fraternity were approved by the organization. Norman, Sr., elected at the 1984 Louisville Grand Conclave, appointed a committee to review the structure and operations of the fraternity as a means of future focus. INTERNAL GROWTH In 1922, Grand Basileus J. "Operation Big Vote" was successful in getting thousands of black people to vote in the 1976 election. In 1941, Dr. Charles Drew perfected the use of blood plasma as a life saving tool. The fraternity refused acceptance as a strictly local organization. A decision was made regarding the design for the pin and emblem, and thus ended the first meeting of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The three liberal arts students were Edgar A. However, the chapter was eventually established during the administration of the fifth Grand Basileus, James C. Thousands of Omega men in every area of the country were actively involved in the fight to eliminate racial discrimination. In 1922, the office of Vice Grand Basileus was created. It is located at 2714 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Undergraduate brothers especially were involved in the demonstrative aspect of the civil rights struggle. Cook wrote the music and first stanza; Drew wrote the last two stanzas. The Founders selected and attracted men of similar ideals and characteristics. The 1955 Los Angeles Grand Conclave initiated a program whereby each graduate chapter would purchase a Life Membership from the NAACP. In 1974, Edgar A. In 1949, the scholarship fund was renamed the Charles R. Edgar Love became the first Grand Basileus (National President). George E. Woodson inspired the establishment of National Achievement Week to promote the study of Negro life and history. The Convention was held in Atlanta in 1969. From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning "friendship is essential to the soul," the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. Manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift were adopted as cardinal principles. The Seventy-fifth Anniversary Grand Conclave celebration was deemed the single most significant event on Omega's horizon. Two faculty from Howard University, Charles R. "Omega Dear" was adopted as the official hymn in 1931. Brothers were active participants in the "sit-ins" and other demonstrations designed to call attention to the plight of black Americans. Founder Oscar J. Stanley Douglas served as Editor of the first Oracle published in the spring of 1919. A revived Life Membership Program resulted in a very large number of new Life Members. On March 8, 1912, the previously submitted fraternity constitution was rejected by the Howard University Faculty Council. Initial plans were begun for the writing of an updated history of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Just entered Omega Chapter in 1941. Brothers attended the 1961 Golden Anniversary Conclave in record numbers. McMorries, Holmes, the fraternity's first official hymn, "Omega Men Draw Nigh", was written by Otto Bohannon. In 1949, the first National Headquarters Building at 107 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. was purchased. Pullen and W. In 1914, Howard University withdrew its opposition, and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia on October 28, 1914. In 1961, the Washington, D.C. Grand Conclave did an excellent job of highlighting the fifty years of accomplishments by Omega. Robinson, the seventh Grand Basileus, established Delta Chapter in Nashville, Tennessee in 1919.