

IN SUPPORT OF THE ALPHA OMEGA SOCIAL ACTION & SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

64th Annual Alpha Omega

MARDIS MIGRAS

2024



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

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Mardi Gras

The celebration of Mardi Gras is a tradition among many of the Chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated. Alpha Omega Chapter presents its 64th Annual Mardi Gras Ball with great pride and appreciation for the entertainment of Omega Brothers and their guest.

Mardi Gras is synonymous with fun, merriment – a last fling before the fasting and penitence of the Lenten Season. Masquerade balls, parades with decorated floats, music and colorful pageants are all a part of the festival of the Carnival Season which ends at midnight on Mardi Gras, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Many of the costumes of Mardi Gras date back to the pagan festivals of Ancient Rome. Masks and costumes were worn at these celebrations. This custom is alive today in Brazil, Italy, Mexico, Spain, Argentina, Germany and Trinidad. In the United States, the largest and most elaborate celebration of the festival of Mardi Gras remains in New Orleans.

It is traditional in New Orleans to begin celebrating the Carnival Season several weeks preceding Mardi Gras with balls and parades which are held almost daily. The parades are most noted for decorated floats, costumes, bands, and favors, “throws” of beads, Doubloons, etc. Random street masking, costumed persons, and dancing help make Mardi Gras in New Orleans a big rollicking party for throngs of happy people.

In recent years the wearing of formal attire to the ball has become common place, but the wearing of a costume is encouraged. This way you really get into the spirit of Mardi Gras and receive the most enjoyment of this festive occasion.

The costume can be fun and does not have to be expensive or elaborate. You may find just the right items from your trips to Africa, Mexico, Hawaii, Spain, Holland or other countries. If you did not wear a costume this year, consider it for next year. Come to Mardi Gras and have fun!!!



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Marc Elrich
County Executive

February 10, 2024



Dear Members of Alpha Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Guests:

I would like to welcome and congratulate the members of the Alpha Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the Alpha Omega Social Action and Scholarship Foundation as you celebrate your 64th Mardi Gras Dinner and Ball. The impact that you have had on people and communities in the Washington Metropolitan Region has made a difference in the lives of countless people. I thank you for your service and your commitment to our region and Montgomery County.

I appreciate that you have chosen our County for this important fundraiser. There are also several members of your chapter who work in my administration, including Barry Hudson, Director, Office of Public Information, Dr. James Bridgers, Director, Department of Health and Human Services and Gregory Boykin, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer, Department of General Services. These men, along with the members of your organization, are committed to service and exemplify your fraternity's cardinal principles of scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.

As one of the largest chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Omega's membership has included many prominent historical figures such as Dr. Charles Drew, surgeon and researcher who organized America's first large-scale blood bank and Carter G. Woodson, the father of Black History Month. In addition, the Alpha Omega Social Action and Scholarship Foundation awards tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships to students, funds efforts to feed the homeless and sponsors workshops that focus on health inequities and financial literacy. For over 100 years, Alpha Omega has built a strong legacy of leadership that has improved the quality of life for so many.

Montgomery County welcomes you and your guests to Maryland's most diverse County, and we hope that you will select us as the location for your event for years to come. Enjoy tonight's event and thank you for all that you do to uplift our communities.

Sincerely,

Marc Elrich
County Executive



Welcome

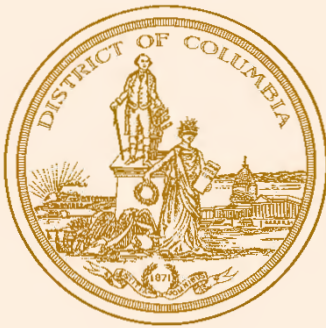
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On behalf of all Washingtonians, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 64th Annual Alpha Omega Mardi Gras Ball, an enduring tradition that has graced our community for decades. This event is not just a celebration—it is a crucial fundraiser dedicated to supporting scholarships for high-achieving and community-minded high school and college students in Washington, DC and our region. I congratulate all involved for planning and carrying out this event, which boasts more than 1,300 patrons each year!

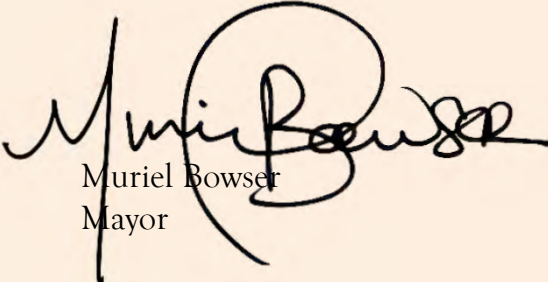


As you gather for this special occasion, it is important to recognize the profound impact your presence has on the educational landscape of our city. The scholarships generated from the Annual Mardi Gras Ball are not merely financial aid, they are opportunities that shape the future of our youth and contribute to the development of the next generation of leaders across all 8 wards of DC and the region. Your commitment to academic excellence resonates beyond this space, leaving a lasting mark on the lives of those who will carry your vital mission forward.



I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your support and dedication to this noble cause and encourage all in attendance to take in the joyous atmosphere of the 64th Annual Alpha Omega Mardi Gras Ball. Your efforts tonight will echo through the years, creating positive change and brightening the future for generations to come.

Enjoy this lovely occasion and thank you for all you do to give back to our scholars in Washington DC!



Muriel Bowser
Mayor

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation
District of Columbia, Incorporated



GLENN N. RUFFIN (29)
Most Worshipful Grand Master

February 10, 2024

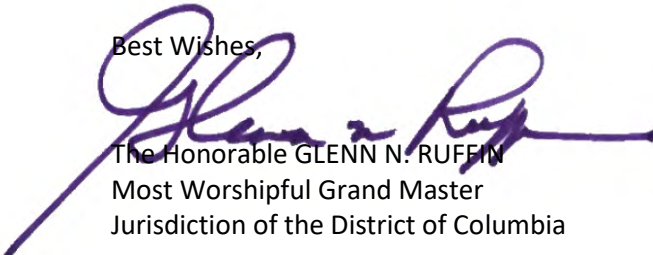
Greetings!

I extend my sincere congratulations to the brothers of Alpha Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on this remarkable milestone of more than six decades of service to fraternity and mankind. Your achievements illustrate the unwavering dedication and commitment of your esteemed brotherhood in promoting education and exemplary service within the Washington DC community. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia is blessed with several strong members of Omega Psi Phi who are a testament to the enduring values and principles of both our fraternities. We have enjoyed long-standing ties to the origins of the Black Greek Letter Fraternities. Arguably, these ties are closest with the origins of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc as our jurisdiction has had two of the four founding members of Omega Psi Phi grace our fraternal rosters.

Brother Frank Coleman was a member of Pythagoras Lodge No. 9, his membership is documented in the Archives of this Lodge. The other Omega Psi Phi founder to have been a member of our jurisdiction was Bishop Edgar Amos Love of Corinthian Lodge No. 18. Brother Love was a charter member of Corinthian Lodge and his ministerial and fraternal career with Omega Psi Phi is well known to many. In 1965, Bishop Love served as the keynote speaker for Corinthian Lodge's 15th Anniversary program, as he was one of only eight charter members still living at the time. The archives of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia show that Brother Love remained a steadfast, dues paying member of Corinthian Lodge from the date of his initiation, until his death on May 1, 1974. We salute them both for their devotion to our masonic principles of Faith, Hope and Charity.

May the brothers of Alpha Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. continue to succeed in all their endeavors for many years to come. And we stand ready to collaborate as fraternal partners.

Best Wishes,


The Honorable GLENN N. RUFFIN
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia





OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INC.
ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Dear Brothers and Guest,

I bring you greetings on behalf of the Brothers of Alpha Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. This year marks the 64th Mardi Gras celebration for our chapter and it is a significant year because it is the first time, we have hosted this event since 2020. Our last Mardi Gras took place just weeks before the COVID-19 global pandemic. I would like to thank you for joining us tonight as we bring back one of the Washington Region's largest Mardi Gras celebrations.

Mardi is the French word for Tuesday, and gras means "fat." In France, the day before Ash Wednesday came to be known as Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday." Our Chapter began hosting the Mardi Gras in the over 60 years later, and it has grown into one of the premier Mardi Gras celebrations in the Washington, D.C. area. Over the years many of Washington's Who's Who have joined us for this event.

While this event is about fellowship and fun, the proceeds of this event go to support the programs and efforts of the Alpha Omega Social Action and Scholarship Foundation (AOSASF). Thanks to your support, the AOSASF will be able to continue to provide thousands of dollars in scholarships to young people to recognize their achievements and further pursuits in the arts and academics. The AOSASF also provides support to the homeless and people who are experiencing food insecurity as well as health and wellness programs. It is my hope that you will consider making us an organization that you give to regularly and make a tax-deductible donation to our Foundation. You can donate online via our Foundation website at www.aosASF.org/home/donate.

I want to thank the members of the Alpha Omega Mardi Gras Committee for their commitment and focus as they planned and executed this great event. Thanks to their efforts, the Alpha Omega Mardi Gras is back! So please enjoy the fellowship with wonderful people. Thank you again for gracing us with your presence tonight, and I wish you all peace and love.

Sincerely,

Frank S. Borris, II
47th Basileus



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Omega Chapter

February 10, 2024

Current Basileus
Frank S. Borris
2022 – present

Former Basili
Dr. Lucius M. Dalton
46th Basileus
2020 – 2022

Gregory T. Boykin
45th Basileus
2018 – 2020

Donald G. Lucas
44th Basileus
2016-2018

Walter B. Hill, Jr.
43rd Basileus
2013-2016

Phillip W. Thomas
42nd Basileus
2011-2013

Nathan L. Hunter, Jr.
41st Basileus
2009-2011

Edward L. Baldwin, Jr.
40th Basileus
2007-2009

Marvin L. Hart
39th Basileus
2005-2007

Mark E. Jackson, Sr.
38th Basileus
2003-2005

Warren A. Crummer
37th Basileus
2001-2003

Gary L. Henderson
36th Basileus
1999-2001

Robert C. Warren, Jr.
35th Basileus
1997-1999

Charles E. Hall, Sr.
33rd Basileus
1992-1994

Amos C. Townsend
32nd Basileus
1990-1992

Alfred O. Taylor, Jr.
30th Basileus
1986-1988

Herbert B. Dixon, Jr.
29th Basileus
1984-1986

Eugene H. Preston II
23rd Basileus
1971-1972



I greet you in the name of the Supreme Basileus of the Universe from which all blessings flow. Let us all give thanks and praise for how much we have all been blessed.

Mardi Gras represents a long history of perseverance, progress, good times for Brothers and their families, and Friendships revisited. It is the Mardi Gras Committee's goal to not only preserve and protect this legacy but to continue in this tradition of fundraising to assist college bound students with scholarship resources.

Mardi Gras is believed to have arrived in North America on March 3, 1699, when the French-Canadian explorer Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville camped about 60 miles downriver from the future site of New Orleans. Knowing it was Fat Tuesday back in France, Iberville named the spot Point du Mardi Gras and held a small gala. A few years later, French soldiers and settlers feasted and wore masks as part of Mardi Gras festivities in the newly founded city of Mobile (present-day Alabama). To this day, Mobile claims to have the oldest annual Mardi Gras celebration in the United States.

Alpha Omega Chapter is one of the oldest and largest chapters in the Fraternity and was chartered on October 1, 1922. The Alpha Omega Social Action & Scholarship Foundation is the giving arm for Alpha Omega Chapter and was incorporated in 1992 as a non-profit 501[c][3] entity. The foundation is a recognized agency of the Combined Federal Campaign and functions as a Brotherhood of Men devoted to making a positive impact through the advancement and uplift of humanity in the areas of scholarship and social action. Over the past ten years, we have awarded more than \$200,000 in college scholarships. Without this vital assistance, many of these students would have no other means of debt-free financial assistance.

Now unwind, let your hair down, and enjoy yourself as never before. Please join us in celebrating Alpha Omega Chapter's Sixty-Fourth Annual Mardi Gras Ball by enjoying the evening's festivities.

Sincerely,

Nathan L. Hunter, Jr.

Nathan L. Hunter, Jr.
Chairman, Mardi Gras Committee
Chairman of the Board of Directors, Alpha Omega Social Action & Scholarship Foundation

2024 Alpha Omega Chapter 64th Annual Mardi Gras Ball Program

7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Cocktail Hour - Ballroom Foyer

Entertainment.....Mardi Gras / Dixie Land Theme Music

7:30 P.M. - Ballroom Doors Open

8:00 P.M. - Dinner is Served

8:30 P.M. – 9:15 P.M.

Program

Welcome.....Bro. Howard Holley
Master of Ceremonies

Greetings.....Bro. Frank S. Borris
Basileus, Alpha Omega Chapter

Greetings.....Bro. Nathan L. Hunter, Jr.
Chairman, Alpha Omega Social Action & Scholarship Foundation
Chairman, Mardi Gras Committee

Parade of Patrons in Costumes and Mardi Gras Combo.....Bro. Reginald Parker

9:15pm – 10:00pm – Special Guest DJ

10:00pm – 11:00pm - Justs' Friends Band

**11:00pm – 11:15pm – Scholarship Raffle
Drawing and Crowning of "King Que"**

**11:15pm – 11:30pm – Singing of the Hymn
"Omega Dear"**

11:30pm – 12:30am – Justs' Friends Band

12:30am – 1:00am – Special Guest DJ

Scholarship Endowment Sponsors

CONGRATULATIONS!

On the 64th Alpha Omega Mardi Gras
Alpha Omega Social Action and Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Please support our efforts to award scholarships to deserving young men.



Brother Amos C. Townsend
8-72 Kappa Delta Chapter, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Executive Director, AOSASF, Inc.
Chairman of the Board Emeritus, AOSASF, Inc.
Vice Chairman, Rules Committee, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Training Coordinator, Third District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
32nd Basileus, Alpha Omega Chapter

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Alpha Omega Social Action and Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

I applaud and support your scholarship fund raising!



Mrs. Holli M. Townsend
Immediate Past Basileus,
Rho Mu Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The Dixons Congratulate Alpha Omega Chapter on the occasion of its 64th ANNUAL MARDI GRAS



Phoebe B. Dixon

Golden Life Member
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Federal City Alumnae Chapter

Alpha Chapter
Howard University



Herbert B. Dixon, Jr.

Life Member # 300
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Alpha Omega Chapter

Alpha Chapter
Howard University

Jason H. Dixon Rhea Brookling-Dixon



Stacey A. Dixon

Diamond Life Member
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Federal City Alumnae Chapter

Omicron Chi Chapter
Stanford University



Little Miss Kira A. Dixon

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

On the 64th Annual Alpha Omega Mardi Gras
Alpha Omega Social Action and Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

DERECHOLOGIC applauds and fully supports your
fund raising efforts to award scholarships to deserving individuals



Brother Mark A. Brown
CEO, Derechologic Incorporated
3-98-Alpha Omega
LM# 6274

GREG & LISA BOYKIN CONGRATULATE ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER & ALPHA OMEGA SOCIAL ACTION & SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AT THE 64TH ANNUAL MARDI GRAS 2-10-2024



Lisa Terry Boykin (24-A-87)
Member, Federal City Alumnae
Chapter
16th President, Federal City
Alumnae Chapter



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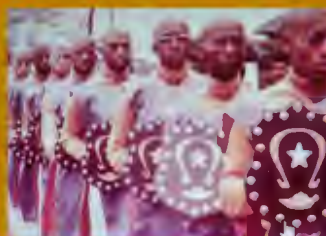
Gregory T. Boykin (13-08-AQ)
45th Basileus, Alpha Omega Chapter
3rd Chairman, AOSASF Foundation
Exec Dir, AOSASF (Currently)
Life Member, 10240

Please Financially support your Foundation
with a recurring donation at
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Thank you

Congratulations
Alpha Omega Chapter
of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.,
on the occasion of your
64th Mardi Gras Ball
From the Little Brothers



Brother Carroll S. Little, Sr. (13-69-Alpha Chapter), Brother Harold T. Little, Jr. (16-70-Alpha Chapter), and Brother Bernard S. Little, Sr. (1-84-Omicron Gamma Chapter, LM#9809)



McQueen's Supreme 24
April 19, 1969, Alpha Chapter



Freeze's Rolling 28
April 18, 1970, Alpha Chapter



Pharaoh's Freak Body Moves
March 31, 1984
Omicron Gamma Chapter



Taste the rainbow

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"God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."- Genesis 1:29



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