

Happy 105th Anniversary to the Men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Omega Psi Phi was founded on November 17, 1911, at Howard University in Washington, D.C. The founders were three Howard University undergraduates, -- Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Dr. Ernest Everett Just. **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.** is the first international fraternal organization to be founded on the campus of a historically black college.

From the initials of the Greek phrase meaning, "**friendship is essential to the soul**," the name **Omega Psi Phi** was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto.

Omega Psi Phi continues to flourish, largely because founders -- **Cooper, Coleman, Love** and **Just** -- were men of the very highest ideals and intellect. The Founders selected and attracted men of similar ideals and characteristics. It is not by accident that many of America's great black men are or were Omega Men.

Each of the founders graduated and went on to have distinguished careers in their chosen fields: **Edgar Love** became a Methodist bishop; **Oscar Cooper** practiced medicine in Philadelphia for over 50 years; **Frank Coleman** became the chairman of the Department of Physics at Howard University and **Dr. Ernest E. Just** became a world-renowned biologist and a recipient of the prestige NAACP Spingarn Medal.

Today, **Omega Psi Phi** now has over 700 chapters throughout the United States, Bermuda, Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Korea, Japan, Liberia, Germany, and Kuwait.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council celebrates with the men of **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.** on your **105th Anniversary** as you promote your cardinal principles: **Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift.**