



# OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY OMEGA GAMMA GAMMA CHAPTER CHARTERED 1988

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BASILEUS



Greetings Brothers! Welcome to a New Year for Omega Gamma Gamma and a New Era for America. It is indeed a new day. Our country has been blessed with its first African American President. This is going to place extra emphasis on the role of the Black Man. We as Omega men need to be ready to meet this challenge. There is no better time than now to uphold the four Cardinal Principles that our founding fathers passed down to us.

Omega Gamma Gamma is a growing chapter with a unique group of Brothers. We have a short history but a long love for Omega. We should all be very excited about the future of QGG. I would like to challenge all the non-affiliated Brothers in the area to come out and join us and help extend the reach on Omega.

As many of you know I am a native of Warner Robins. It is indeed a pleasure to be a part of the chapter that will make this community shine. My goal is to make Omega Psi Phi a household name in this community. Let's get down to business.

Fraternally Yours,

Eddie L. Sanders, Jr.

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## WORD FROM THE CHAPLAIN

### Just Like Me

Dear Lord, forgive our yielding to temptation;  
Forgive our pride, our love of worldly things.  
Have mercy on our love of sensual pleasure,  
Compassion on the sins that self love brings.  
It must be hard to understand us sometimes;  
So very different is your heart and mind.  
But wait, I just remembered that you do know  
What it's like to be a part of humankind.  
You suffered just like we do, and you were tempted.  
You lived with us so you could comprehend  
The things that we go through each trying day,  
So you could give us mercy, and be our friend.  
Thank you for compassion and forgiveness;  
Thank you for your love and empathy.  
Thank you, Lord, for coming down from heaven  
To experience life's trials, just like me.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



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## OLD SCHOOL JAM 2008

The chapter held its annual Old School Jam party on 17 Oct 08. The fundraiser as usual was well attended by the ladies who came dressed to impress. A departure from our normal entertainment, this year the crowd was entertained by the famous “A.J.” The D.J., who kept the dance floor packed. The walls were vibrating and the floor was jumping as the people danced into the early hours of the morning. Again, the chapter held this fundraiser in partnership with the Warner Robin’s, Fort Valley State University Alumni Chapter. Through this partnership, both groups are able to fund the many community activities each engages in throughout the year. This as always was a party with a purpose.



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## HIGHWAY CLEANUP

The brothers performed their quarterly highway cleanup during the month of October as part of the city’s “Keep Warner Robins Beautiful” program. Accustomed to hard work, the brothers picked up all assortments of discarded items from an approximate one-mile stretch of Russell Parkway in effort to keep the roads as safe and clean as possible.



## DONATION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES

In its effort to keep children focused on education, the chapter again donated needed school supplies to Pearl Stephens Elementary School. The brothers adopted this school as part of its “Assault on Illiteracy” program many years ago. The donation of school supplies enables the school to provide necessary items to those students whose parents are unable to get them otherwise.



## ACHIEVEMENT WEEK 2008

QGG is about the business of community and this year’s Achievement Week was a testament to that. On 16 Nov 08, the brothers attended Worship Service together. On 18 Nov, the chapter continued their goal of trying to educate our young people who are interested in going to college by holding their Educational Forum. The 19<sup>th</sup> of Nov saw the brothers mentoring the young men at Pearl Stephens Elementary School by holding their “Young Sons Forum.” Saturday, 22 Nov, the chapter delivered 20 overflowing Thanksgiving baskets to local families in the area who were in need.

On Sunday, 23 Nov 08, the week’s activities was crowned with the brothers attending Worship Service and conducting the Awards Ceremony. This year’s keynote speaker was Fort Valley Alum and Army Lieutenant Colonel Bro. Terrence Love. The message he delivered was poignant and on point. This year’s award winners were Bro. Ricardo Williams – Omega Man of the Year, Bro. Clyde Jackson – Founders Award, Bro. Eddie Sanders, Jr. (current Basileus) – Superior Service Award and Warner Robins Mayor Pro Tem, Mr. Clifford Holmes, Jr., - Citizen of the Year.



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## **CHRISTMAS TOY DONATION**

Once again this year, the chapter along with other members of the Pan Hellenic Council donated Christmas toys to one lucky student at Pearl Stephens Elementary School. While it is not possible for the council to ensure every child has a good Christmas, all efforts are made to fulfill the dreams of one who may not have been able to celebrate Christmas at all. It was the chapter's responsibility to provide a bicycle. In addition, the chapter was able to donate some additional toys for some other students whose Christmas stockings may have been less than full.



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## **CHRISTMAS WITH THE SANDERS 3**

The brothers gathered once again for what has become a yuletide tradition, the annual Christmas at the Sanders. Bro. Eddie Sanders, current Basileus of the Chapter and his lovely wife Deborah once again opened their doors and invited the brothers over for some pre-Christmas fun. As with previous years, there was plenty of food to eat, plenty of libations to partake and plenty of fun to go around. The brothers and their wives enjoyed the festive atmosphere and took the opportunity to catch up on each other's hectic lives. It was also a time to reflect on the many blessings each of us have been granted. We again would like to give them a big “THANK YOU” for opening their home to us!

## ***Undergraduate Pinning***

The brothers of QGG had the honor of pinning the Spring 08 line of The Mighty Upsilon Sigma, Fort Valley State University at their November formal meeting. During the ceremony the brothers were reminded of the responsibility they bore being Men of Omega.



## OMEGA GAMMA GAMMA “OMEGA PROFILE”



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In every chapter I am sure there is one brother who is the political guru, well the brother being highlighted in this Omega Profile is that brother in Omega Gamma Gamma (QGG). One of the brothers on the Charter Line of QGG in 1989, Bro. Samuel Henderson has been married to the lovely Eva (Hoskins) for 22 years. From that union, he has three wonderful children, two sons, Keenan and Daniel as well as one daughter, Nia. Bro. Henderson’s career path has been both varied and interesting. From 1988 to 1994, Bro. Henderson served as the Middle Georgia emissary for United States Senator, Wyche Fowler, Jr. Afterwards, he relocated to Atlanta and served for six years in various political and governmental capacities. In 1999, Former U.S. Senator Zell Miller appointed Bro. Henderson Special Assistant where he was responsible for all aspects of community and governmental affairs. Around 2003, he and his family moved back to Middle Georgia where he was appointed by then Mayor C. Jack Ellis as his Special Assistant and Legislative liaison. Recently, Bro. Henderson was pivotal in the campaign efforts to elect Macon’s current Mayor, Robert Reichert. He currently serves as Senior Executive Assistant to the Mayor, advising him on various legislative, political and community issues as they relate to the City of Macon. The brother holds a BA degree from Fort Valley State University and Masters of Public Administration from Georgia College and State University.

Getting down to the nuts and bolts of the interview, Bro. Henderson when asked if he could change one thing in the fraternity what would it be, stated “The idea that 20% of the brotherhood does all the work of the fraternity is a huge problem. In order to keep Omega growing and viable, we must do a better job of living our creed. The one thing I would change is to increase that 20% to 80% and have Omega’s star shine even brighter. Bro. Henderson felt that the biggest change in the fraternity since his initiation 20 years ago has been the relationship between undergraduate and graduate brothers. He feels that the younger brothers are now more willing to listen and be shaped by those brothers who have come before them. In an effort to better serve the community, the brother essentially felt that more brothers needed to get involved and live up to the oath each took. One of Bro. Henderson’s favorite quotes when speaking with other brothers is “It’s harder to be an Omega Man than to become one!” Finally, when asked to sum up his life in Omega in 20 words, Bro. Henderson stated, “My life has been guided by Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift. I have lived my creed because I have served.



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