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Brother Basileus Thomas Hill



"Make A Difference"

Brothers of Mu Iota,

Subject: Chapter Committee Chair Appointments - Immediate Action Required

Brothers of Mu Iota,

As we prepare to elevate our impact in the Mighty 4th District and beyond, it is imperative that we, as Men of Omega, demonstrate the leadership, initiative, and commitment expected of us.

All chapter committee chair positions for the 2025-2026 fiscal year are **now open**. Let me be clear—**no positions will be grandfathered in**. If you are interested in leading, now is the time to step forward. The success of this chapter and our ability to represent Mu Iota with excellence depends on Brothers actively engaging in the work.

Unfortunately, too few Brothers have stepped up to take on the mantle of leadership, and that must change immediately. We cannot function at a high level or meet the goals set forth by the District and IHQ if we continue in silence and passivity.

All Brothers are expected to complete the Committee Interest Form linked below. If you have ideas, energy, or the desire to lead or serve, your input is not only welcome—it is necessary.

📄 **Committee Interest Form:** <https://forms.glc/D9mNHToL5BxpXX8W9>

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OMEGA STUDY

DR. ROBERT C. WEAVER

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Brother Dr. Robert C. Weaver (December 29, 1907 - July 17, 1997) was on the cover of the March 4, 1966, TIME magazine. Bro. Weaver served as the first



United States Secretary of Housing and Urban



Development (also known as HUD) from 1966 to 1968. He was the first African American to hold a cabinet-

level position in the United States.

Weaver was born on December

29, 1907, into a middle-class family in Washington, D.C. His parents were Morgan Weaver, a postal worker, and Margaret Freeman, they encouraged the boy in his academic studies. His maternal grandfather was Dr. Freeman, the first black to graduate from Harvard with a degree in dentistry.

The young Weaver attended the M Street School, now known as the Paul Dunbar High School.



The academic high school for blacks at a

time of racial segregation had a national reputation for excellence. Weaver went on to Harvard University, where he earned his B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. in economics, completing his doctorate in 1934

As a young man, Weaver had been one of 45 prominent African Americans appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to his Black Cabinet. He acted as an informal adviser to Roosevelt as well as directing federal programs during the New Deal.

1962, the Spingarn Medal by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

(NAACP)

2000, the HUD headquarters building, which Weaver had dedicated at its completion in 1968, was renamed the Robert



C. Weaver Federal Building in his honor

2006, a street is named after him in NE Washington D.C., "Robert Clifton Weaver Way"

NEWS

CONGRATS TO BRO. COLLINS!

Congratulations to Brother Derek "Cash" Collins for



achieving 50 years of service to Omega. Brother

Collins received his 50-year service award from Grand Basileus #42 Ricky L. Lewis .

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From the desk of the GRAND BASILEUS

Greetings Brothers of the Mighty 4th District.

This is the day the Lord has made, and we will rejoice and be glad in it. I would like to take a moment to discuss the importance of financial literacy and its impact on our lives as members of this esteemed fraternity.

Financial literacy is essential because it enhances our overall financial well-being and builds our confidence in managing money effectively. While everyone experiences financial highs and lows, those who are financially literate tend to be better equipped to navigate these challenges. This capability allows us to:

- Manage our money with a budget
- Save more for the future

Being financially literate empowers us to take control of our financial lives, reducing our dependence on others for financial support. Whether negotiating salaries, managing investments, or planning for significant life events, financial literacy fosters independence and self-reliance.

One of the most critical principles of financial success is the simple rule of spending less than you earn. While it may seem obvious, focusing on this rule can lead to a positive cash flow at the end of each month. If you find yourself struggling with spending, concentrate on this principle until it becomes second nature.

Financial literacy also helps us achieve our goals. By understanding budgeting and saving, we can create plans that clearly define our expectations, hold us accountable, and set a path toward our important financial milestones.

In conclusion, financial literacy presents both advantages and challenges. On the positive side, being financially literate equips us to make informed decisions and avoid unnecessary debt. However, it's essential to be mindful of the downside, as it can sometimes lead to materialism and an unhealthy obsession with money.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these thoughts. Let us continue to strive for financial literacy and empower one another in our journey toward financial independence.

Fraternally,

Ricky L. Lewis

Ricky L. Lewis
42nd Grand Basileus
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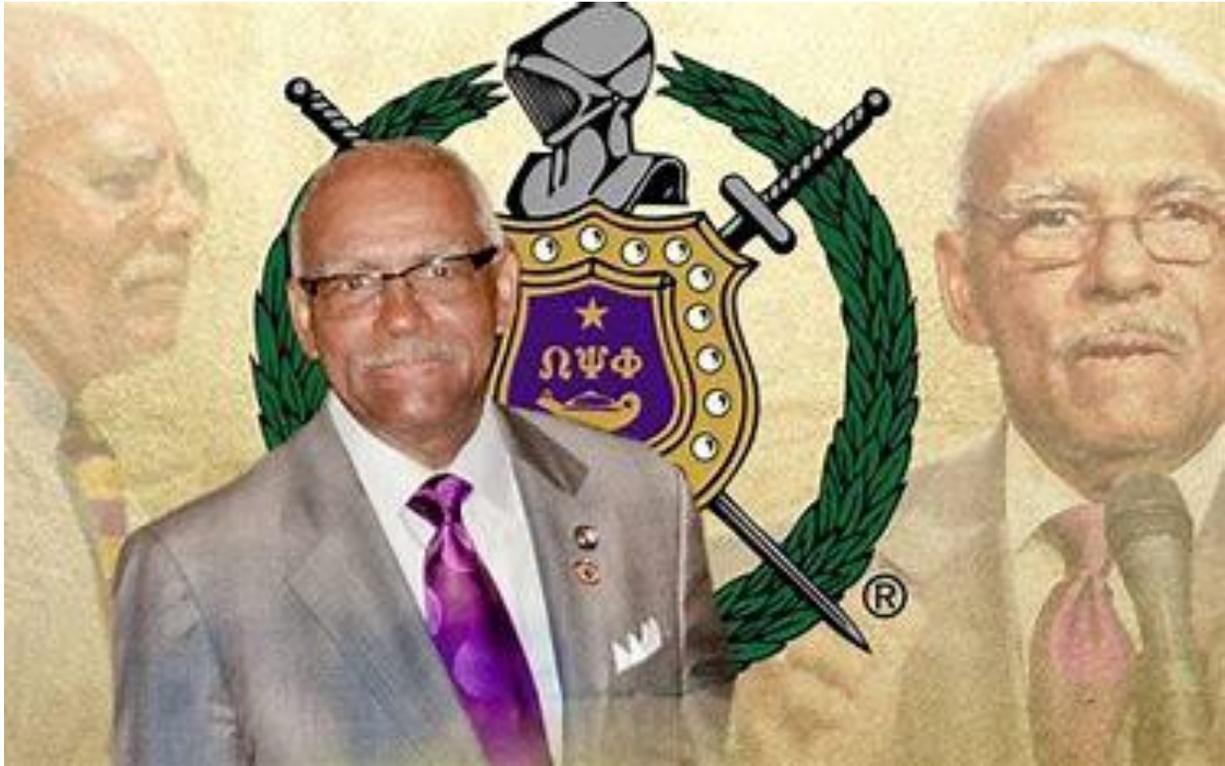


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The Venue

Brothers gathered in Detroit Michigan for the 2025 Dr. Moses C. Norman International Leadership Conference at the Huntington Place Conference Center (formerly known as Cobo Hall



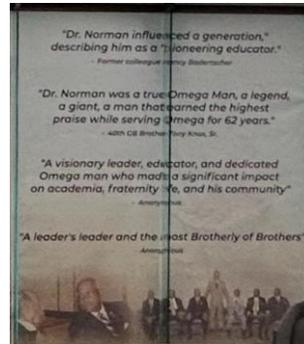
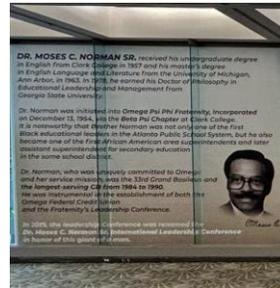
Moses C. Norman International Leadership Conference at the Huntington Place

Conference Center (formerly known as Cobo Hall



in downtown Detroit. The center is owned by the Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority (DRCFA) and operated by ASM Global on the banks of the Detroit River and is named after former Mayor of Detroit Albert Eugene Cobo (1893-1957).

Signage



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Arrival/Registration



Rededication of the Nu Omega House

The brothers Nu Omega Chapter in Detroit Michigan had a Grand Re-Opening Ceremony for their fraternity

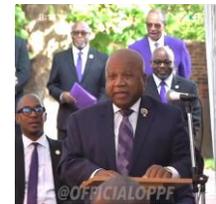
house located at 235 East Ferry Street, near the Cultural District containing Wayne State



GB 42 Ricky L. Lewis

University, the Main Branch of the Detroit Public Library, the Detroit Historical Museum and

the Detroit Museum of Art. The house was closed for renovation for a period of time and its



Grand Chaplain Roi Johnson



reopening ceremony included remarks from Grand Basileus 42 Ricky L. Lewis

and Grand Chaplain Roi Johnson at a ceremony to help mark the occasion. The day included the singing of "Omega Dear" in front of the newly renovated house. The Nu Omega house is listed with the state of Michigan as a certified Michigan Historical Site.



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Dr. Ronald McNair Undergraduate Luncheon

Arrival of the Grand Basileus



Basileus 42
Ricky L. Lewis.

The fraternity mitre preceded the arrival of Grand



Keynote Address

Bishop Brother William Murphy III delivered a powerful keynote address at the



Ronald E. McNair Undergraduate luncheon during the Dr. Moses C. Norman International Leadership Conference.

His message challenged Omega Men to lead with their heads

although others may be losing theirs. He spoke of standing up against the politics of the



majority that imperil gains made by African Americans during the

Civil Rights Era. Bishop Brother Murphy explained the immediate effects of project 2025:

- Erosion of civil rights enforcement through executive order
- Disruption of education and economic mobility
- Changes to the federal government proposed in Project 2025 will eliminate advances that were made during the civil rights era
- Defunding Headstart
- Cutting Pell Grants
- Eliminating the U.S. Department of Education shifting oversight to local communities that may not have resources or willingness to enforce equity

We need men who are truly immersed in the Omega Spirit not only within the



fraternity but also within our communities.

Awards to Undergraduates



Detroit in a Nutshell



Detroit, the largest city in the state of [Michigan](#), was settled in 1701 by French colonists. It is the first European settlement above tidewater in North America.¹³ Founded as a [New France fur trading post](#), it began to expand during the 19th century with [U.S. settlement](#) around the Great Lakes. By 1920, based on the booming auto industry and immigration, it became a world-class industrial powerhouse and the fourth-largest city in the United States. It held that standing through the mid-20th century. Credit: [History of Detroit - Wikipedia](#)

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International Youth Leadership Conference

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

Medically trained brothers conducted a study of the human brain with Detroit area students. The day was characterized by intense focus. Students suited up



in hospital scrubs to get in the right mindset for study. Brothers lectured, used study



manuals, charts depicting the brain's internal architecture, and led an internal exploration of the brain through guided dissection a preserved pig brain.

The Socratic Method came into play as proctors roamed the aisles and quizzed students for their understanding of the parts of the brain.

No one can say these kids did



not want to learn. They eagerly raised hands in

anticipation of answering general questions that were posed by the



group leader.



Through the Omega Psi Phi STEM program students are empowered to

learn

science, technology, engineering, and math through hands-on experiences combined with theoretical study that undergird what students learn during hands-on instruction.



Using Social Media

Brother Jerry Leftwich instructed area high school students on safe



use of social media.

Instruction focused on not posting:

- Offensive jokes or language,
- Inappropriate photos or videos



- Public arguments or trolling
- While emotional or angry

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International Youth Leadership Conference

Job Workshop

The brothers presented an employment workshop to area high school students that addressed developing skills, Networking, Online Communities, and Seeking Recommendations.



Students learned it is important to develop skills (through schooling or training) that are in demand in the prevailing workplace.

In addition to understanding



the market for skills, students were also encouraged to be outgoing, to network with people to uncover opportunities and what that can do to prepare for jobs after high school.

Students learned their study of market conditions would be incomplete if they did not take advantage of online resources.



They were encouraged to join online communities to take advantage of knowledge shared within the group. They were also encouraged to ask for words of support.

Students were encouraged to ask for recommendations or shout-outs on your potential value to employers.

Vendors

Branded paraphernalia drew hundreds of brothers bent on shopping for official Omega items.



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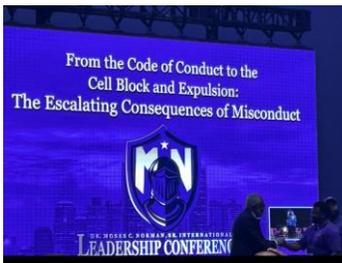


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Code of Conduct Training



The purpose of the training was to clearly state the position of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. regarding the code of behavior and conduct required of all members of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Brothers were encouraged to speak-up and report behavior that is inconsistent with the Omega Code of Conduct.



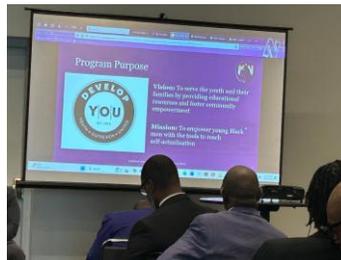
“If you see something, say something.”

Mentorship Seminar

Attendees learned a mentor is someone with valuable



experience and knowledge who offers guidance and support. In mentoring



programs, mentors are not just advisers; they are guides that help promote



professional growth and skill development of youngsters. They share insights and can open doors that might otherwise remain closed to a mentee. A mentor’s role is diverse and often extends

beyond simple advice-giving.



They may perform various mentoring functions, sometimes acting as a coach, a connector, or even a challenger, to help their



mentees reach their full potential. It’s not unusual for a mentee to have more than one mentor, as each can provide unique, invaluable perspectives and expertise.

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On The Water

The source of the humidity that went along with the heat, is also an active area for recreation. A full slate of activities occurred along the waterfront during our stay in Detroit.

There is plenty of space in navigational lanes for sailing, motor, boating, commercial traffic, and skidoos.



Map of Detroit 1796
All of it

under the watchful eyes of Harbor Masters patrolling waters between Detroit Michigan and Windsor Canada.

When You Attend Seminars...

While at the leadership conference, have fun but do it in moderation. International Leadership Conferences. Get a good night's sleep in the run up to attending seminars, because if you don't Bruh in the sky



may spot you if you happen to doze off.



Remember, Bruzh are watching to ensure you receive the content that is

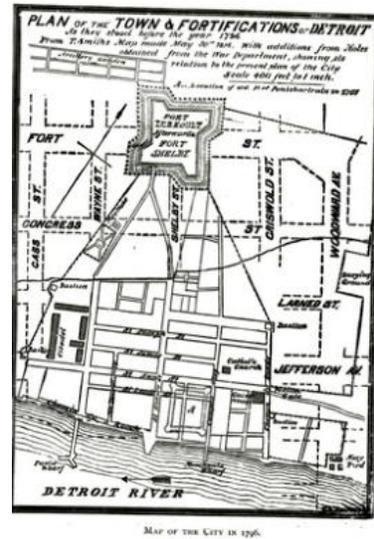
History of the Detroit River

The 2025 Moses C. Norman International Leadership Conference was held at Huntington Place Convention Center along the banks of the Detroit River. The river has been a



staple feature of life in Michigan for centuries, providing water and transport for many communities. From the fur trade to industrialization, the river has been a crucial conduit for commerce.

The river itself flows west and south for 28 miles from Lake St. Clair to Lake Erie. It also acts as an international boundary between



Map of Detroit 1796

Canada. The river provides substantial revenue for both local and national economies. At least half of the recreational boating industry takes place on the Detroit River. With eight crossings, the Detroit River is considered a fluid border between the U.S. and Canada. 150,000 jobs depend on these river crossings. In 2004, trade with Ontario alone reached approximately \$407 billion, 28% of which crossed the Detroit River. In the 21st century, the Detroit River has a variety of economic and recreational uses, and much of the lower section is now part of a wildlife refuge.

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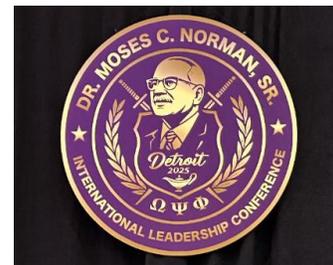


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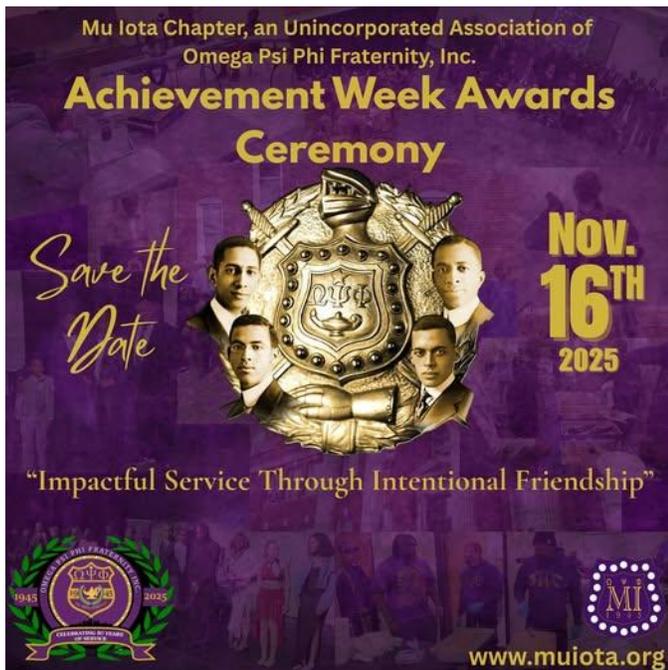
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Achievement Week Awards Ceremony

Save the Date

Nov. 16TH
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“Impactful Service Through Intentional Friendship”

A purple-themed poster for the Achievement Week Awards Ceremony. It features a central gold-colored Omega Psi Phi shield with four portraits of men in suits around it. The background shows a collage of people in various settings. At the bottom left is a circular logo for the 80th anniversary (1945-2025) and at the bottom right is the MI logo. The website www.muiota.org is at the bottom.A purple-themed poster for the 85th Grand Conclave. It features a large Omega Psi Phi shield in the center with the text "85th GRAND CONCLAVE" and "CINCINNATI, OHIO JULY 30 - AUGUST 3 2026". Below the shield is a banner with the text "BROTHERS, SAVE THE DATE AND GET READY!". The background shows a cityscape at night with a bridge and a glowing yellow light trail.