



# THE EPISTLE

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## EDITORS NOTES

**S**easons Greetings everyone! I hope all is well with you and your families. This is the season of reflection. It is a time where we all look back at what God has done for us throughout the year. I'm reminded of Luke 1:46-55, where Mary, full of gratitude, erupts in a mighty praise unto the Lord because she reflects on what the Lord has done. It is my prayer that our response is like Mary's. God has been so good! We, AOT, have enough to be overwhelmed and thankful unto God for. In this month's issue, I will highlight and expand on the vision known as the Kingdom Order. This issue will also include December upcoming events, as well as special occasions, and chapter achievements.

Your fellow Bondservant,

*Jeffrey Carr*

National Path Protector

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
ALPHA OMEGA THETA WILL ESTABLISH AN ORGANIZATION FOR ALL CHRISTIAN AUDIENCES THROUGH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. WE WILL PROMOTE HOLY LIVING THROUGH LIFE APPLICATIONS AS WELL AS ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY.

**PURPOSE STATEMENT**  
OUR PURPOSE IS TO BRING MEN CLOSER TO CHRIST THROUGH BROTHERHOOD AND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. WHILE ESTABLISHING UNITY, LEADERSHIP AND INTEGRITY AS ITS MAIN PILLARS OF BELIEF, ALPHA OMEGA THETA WILL ALSO BUILD MINDS GEARED FOR GROWTH AND SUCCESS SPIRITUALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND IN EVERYDAY life.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PATH SETTER

Seasons Greetings Brothers,

I am so please that the Lord has provided his grace and mercy on our lives and that we all are seeing another Holiday Season. This is truly the time of year for us to be exceeding thankful and grateful for small things that are taken for granted daily. Life, health, strength, family, new additions and even the "Calendar Celebration" of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that we all are using our gifts, time and talents to fulfill the will of God in your life as well as for the purpose of this anointed Brotherhood. I am please to inform you that our thanksgiving holiday outreach @ Hopeville Homeless Community was an EYE OPENING success. We truly have so much to be thankful for that we should just take the time to worship the almighty God for not just what he does but who he's been in our lives. The bible says we should not rejoice in the sorrows of others but it was still an opportunity to do a self evaluation and inventory into our own relationships with Christ. So, I would like to take the time to SPOTLIGHT the efforts of a few of our brothers that step up and met the challenge or this new National Initiative of ALPHA OMEGA THETA. These gentlemen donated their finances as well as their time to this cause to make it success:

### Monetary Donations:

Brother Steve Cole: \$20

Brother De'Montrey Hamilton: \$5

Brother Kevin Webb: \$3

Brother Jauquin Holmes: \$3

Total Donated: \$31

### Time Donations:

Brother Adam Pearson: Correspondence and Event Organization/ Present @ Outreach

Brother Steve Cole: Present @ Outreach

Brother Daronn Williams: Present @ Outreach

Brother Kevin Webb: Present @ Outreach

Brother Marlyn Hunter: Present @ Outreach

### Special Appreciations:

Brother Jaron Simon: Came from out of town to attempt to serve @ outreach

Brother Rashaun Henry: Attempted Donation

Brother Jason Alan Reeves: Attempted to serve @ outreach (Experienced death in family)

- Let us lift up his family in this time of Bereavement

Asata Cole: Outside support and present at outreach

Megan Williams: Outside support an present at outreach

I want to again personally say God Bless those who came and I appreciate your efforts from the bottom of my heart. We will continue in spite of obstacles, numbers or lack of care for the ministry. We have been given a gift here brothers and we need to do a better job of ALL taking an active role in its future. If you were able and just chose not to support in anyway, may the Lord have mercy on you. We are Pressing towards the mark of the high calling and God has as us to be faithful over a few to make us ruler over many so brothers I urge you to assess you heart for YOUR future with this ministry and I pray we fulfill the vision and mission that Christ has laid before us. God bless you all! Have a MERRY CHRISTmas and Blessed New Year.

Yours in the Covenant,

Brother Theophilus Murphy Jr.

National Path Setter

# KINGDOM ORDER

There are 3 Committees that will be functioning as apart of this Kingdom Order. Each committee will be headed by a Chairman, and a Co-chairman. These men will have the opportunity to lead their particular committee into the direction that fulfills the vision of the Kingdom Order. We are currently in the process of positioning Chairmen. If the Lord puts it on your heart to lead a committee, and you want to remain actively involved, then please speak with Brother Marlyn Hunter. As our National Path Keeper, he will be the overseer of all committees in the Kingdom Order.

The Committees are as follows:

## KINGDOM SUSTAINING COMMITTEE (Maintain Positive & effective established frat business items)

- Maintenance of all records and history of Alpha Omega Theta Christian Fraternity, Inc. (w/ Nat'l P.P.)
- Serve as planning committee for all nationally sponsored events
  - (i.e. National Meetings, Corporate Crossings, Founder's Day)
- Keep clear records of financial budget allocation (work w/ Nat'l P.S. and P.S.)
  - Come up with working annual budget and funds dispersal for all activity
  - Final Investing
- Maintaining up-to-date & necessary documents of fraternity operation
  - (i.e. Incorporation status paper work, Current Orientation files)
  - Annual National Calendar including all chapters proposed activity/event schedules

## KINGDOM BUILDING COMMITTEE (New developments and fraternity improvements)

- Finding more efficient, better alternatives to what we already have in place.
- Establish Outreach and Missions
  - Disaster Relief Efforts, Evangelism, Community Economy Involvement
- Establish partnerships with local churches and outreach ministries
- Grant Committee
- Headquarters establishment, office space rental, reliable storage space
- Website development
- Other Misc. fraternity accruals for COMMUNITY VISIBILITY
  - MEDIA PACKET, Paraphernalia licensing, banners, signs, media equipment, etc.

## KINGDOM ADVANCING COMMITTEE (Establish Initiatives, Partnerships & Evangelistic Endeavors)

- Structure continual outreach programs (i.e. evangelisms, conferences, training seminars, etc.)
- Establish partnerships with already established businesses, ministries or organizations to do ministry
  - The Hervey Foundation (St. Louis), YMCA (Kansas City), Churches, investment groups, etc.
- Develop initiatives to address specific areas of need that we deem necessary
  - Surrounding community needs, Economic Hardship assistance, Men/Marriage/Addiction Counseling
  - School system involvement
  - Church INTER-DENOMINATIONAL Unity
  - Internal Brother-to-Brother Strengthening
    - Reclaiming members at-large
    - Keeping new and old members engaged
    - Fortification of orientation process
    - Preparing new chapter expansion practices

- Gain access to local university campuses

We encourage all the brethren to remain actively involved. For the Grad/Alum brothers- this is the opportunity to use those gifts, talents, and education that you all worked so hard to acquire throughout your undergraduate years. Get plugged-in, and let's make AOT better than ever.

# ACTS & FRATERNITY BUSINESS

## ORIENTATION DEADLINES

Please pay close attention to the orientation deadlines. All chapters have received an orientation schedule. Each chapter must adhere to the scheduling deadlines in order to have an orientation process this coming semester. Failure to do so will result in an orientation process hold from the National Board, and/or dropped lines.

## DUES

Your National Dues are still due, if you have not paid your first installment. The second installment is readily approaching later this month. Please govern yourselves accordingly.

## ACTS

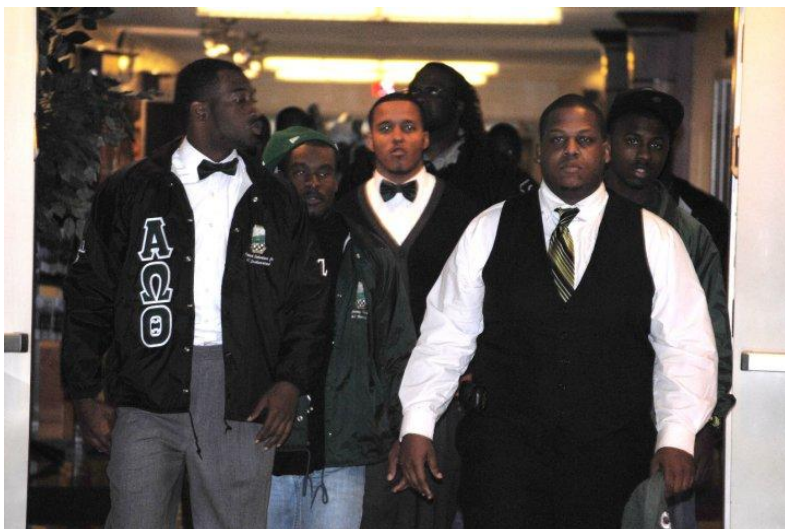
- Gamma Chapter Toy Drive- We would also like to be a blessing to some special children at Children's Hospital. If you can purchase at least one (1) new toy that can be donated to Children's Hospital to brighten a child's Christmas on or before December 11th, we would greatly appreciate your contribution to our toy drive. If you are not able to make the breakfast fellowship at Golden Corral, please make arrangements to make your donation by December 11th. We would like all frat to make a sacrifice and support this toy drive. We hope next year to make a greater impact through our toy drive and other community service events. If you have questions, please contact Kevin Webb at 314-323-4531 or Jason Reeves at 314-497-9781.
- Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day National Outreaching Event. More details to come.





## EXALTATIONS

- Congrats to the Delta Chapter for becoming recognized as an official student organization at the University of Missouri– Kansas City.
- Congrats to our very own brother Devon aka Chev Dev aka Stasis from the Delta Chapter. He just launched the first KC wide Christian Magazine entitled 'The Concrete Truth'.
- Congrats to all the newly engaged brothers too! Theo Murphy, Daronn Williams, Miguel Warren, and Wesley Forte. May God bless your union!



## BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Thomas– Dec 13