



Kappa Iota News

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Greetings Brothers of Kappa Iota Chapter family, and friends:

This is a new publication that I plan to send out on a regular basis to our brothers. Today is April 6, 2020 and this is a long overdue newsletter.

If you are living today you will realize that our city, state, country, and the world are experiencing something now that we never dreamed of. We are living in a time where we have to practice and do things that we have seen in sci-fi movies. Who could have predicted six months or year ago that we would be staying at home in order to stay safe? By doing this, it has given me more time to communicate and catch up on some of the things that I should have done months and years ago; that is to update this newsletter.



This past week has been filled with both joy and sadness. On April 2, 2020 I received a phone call informing me that Brother Sullivan R. Ruff Junior had entered Omega Chapter. For those of you who don't know, Brother Ruff Jr. was the oldest living member of the Kappa Iota Chapter.



Take a moment to reflect on what I just wrote. He was an Omega man 10 years before I was born. I will not try to reflect in this newsletter all of the accomplishments he received over the years. I will say that when I was a young brother new to Kappa Iota, his voice in the chapter like many others, was like EF Hutton: when he spoke everyone listened. His no-nonsense nature and direct comments were something I learned to love and respect. He will be truly missed by all.

On that same day, I received notification that Brother Mark Bishop, the 14th Fifth District Representative entered Omega Chapter. Keep these brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Diamonds In the Rough

According to Merriam-Webster's dictionary, the term "diamond in the rough" is a phrase used first in 1785. That same year several other words and phrases were coined. Words such as bowwow, dumbbell, grandpa, snitch, rye whiskey, splatter, state university, steamboat, sundrops, tiger shark, T-square, unlearnable, unsanctioned, and yoga just to name a few.



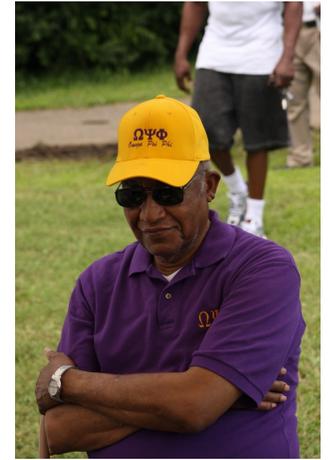
Bro. Rev. Paul A. McDaniel

The Diamond (n) is the traditional gift when celebrating the 60th anniversary. In 2018, our own Brother Sullivan Ruff, Jr. was honored at our Conclave in New Orleans, Louisiana for his 75 years of service to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Here in the Kappa Iota Chapter, we take great pride in saluting our other "Diamonds with the Ruff".



Bro. Floyd Eaves





In October 2019, brothers of Kappa Iota gathered to celebrate three diamonds of our chapter. Brother Sullivan Ruff Jr., with 76 years of service to Omega, was initiated at South Carolina State, May 28, 1943. Brother Rev. Paul A. McDaniel, 71 years of service: Morehouse College - Psi Chapter, December 7, 1948. Floyd E. Eaves, 69 years of service: Morehouse College - Psi Chapter May, 15, 1950. These three Omega men have touched many lives through their years of service to the community and the fraternity. Collectively, they have won numerous awards, and received accolades from our city and our fraternity.

We need to be our brother's keeper now and in the future. Please take time to contact the brothers by phone, email, or just a card letting them know we appreciate them.

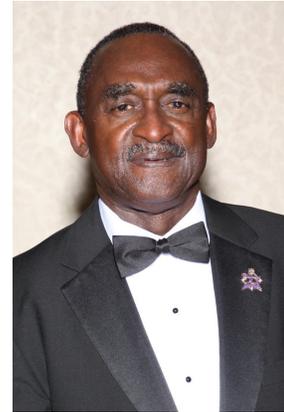
In researching this information, the traditional gift for an anniversary of 55 years is the Emerald, and Gold for 50 years .



Bro. Llewelyn Barrow



Bro. Fred Maston



Bro. Richard Smith

While checking the contents of Kappa Iota's vault, there are other jewels and precious metals inside. I found three Emeralds: Llewelyn Barrow, a Life Member with 56 years of service; Fred Maston Sr., a Life Member with 56 years of service; and Richard Smith, a Life Member with 56 years of service. Brother Luther Shockley is also an Omega man with 56 years.

There are some gold nuggets in the Omega safe that you need to know about. Brother Gene Settles, also a Life Member, has 52 years of service. Brothers Curtis Collier and William "Bill" Ulmer both have 50 years of service. Before I close the door on the Kappa Iota vault, I need to remind everyone that there are other treasures locked inside.





It takes years to make it and get to the status the brothers mentioned above have reached. Today, I would like to congratulate the following men on their first steps of this journey: Brothers Gerald Ware, J. Anthony Taylor, Glenn Scruggs, Chris Jones, Tim Williams, Brian Locke, Thomas Haven Nelson, Toney Cross, and Garvin Evans. Please make time to welcome these new members into the brotherhood in the Kappa Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. We cannot congregate at this time to meet and show our brotherly love to these new members as we have done in the past. There will come a time for this, and in the meantime, stay safe and continue social distancing and other recommended safe practices.

The contents of this newsletter are my thoughts, and I take full responsibility for the contents. If you would like to make suggestions or additional contents, please contact me directly by submitting an article.

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