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BASILEUS CORNER

Brother Basileus Thomas Hill



It takes more than well-meaning words to do the things that provide comfort and uplift within the community. “You gotta do the work”. If you are serious about uplifting the community, then volunteer to help produce such programs as:

- Talent Hunt,
- Scholarships
- Community Clean-up
- Feeding the Community
- Mardi Gras
- Essay Contest
- Hat and Glove Giveaway
- And Others

So, what’s the first step? A good starting point to volunteer your service to the chapter is for you to contact one of the committee chairs listed above.



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OMEGA STUDY History of the 4TH District

The history of the 4th District represents the evolution of two organizational concepts now embodied in the present-day functions of the District Representative and District Meeting.

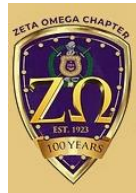
The first District Representatives were appointed by the Grand Basileus who was authorized by a constitutional amendment in 1922. The District Representatives were delegated the function of assisting the Grand Chapter in the supervision of chapters within a geographical area known as a District.

Ohio and West Virginia's journey over the past 90 years to what is now known as the Fourth District has not been a straight path. In 1920, Grand Basileus Raymond G. Robinson added Kappa Chapter at West Virginia Institute (now West Virginia State University). Then during the first year of Grand Basileus Alston Atkins' administration in 1922 the name Kappa, which had been the designation of the Chapter at West Virginia Institute, became the name of a Chapter organized at Syracuse University. The Chapter at West Virginia State was then given a new charter as Theta Psi.

The history of the Fourth District in Ohio dates back to

1919, the year the Grand Chapter took steps to establish a chapter in Cleveland. Grand Basileus Raymond G. Robinson, spent some time in the Forest City hopelessly seeking men possessing the desired Omega ideals. The story of this unsuccessful venture, however, offered a challenge to a young newcomer to Cleveland, Nathaniel B. Bowen, then a brother and student at Morehouse College. College. Between school semesters Bowen renewed the search and in collaboration with Ted Hendricks, a brother, and several other migrant brothers, a qualified group was ready for a charter in 1923, the first in Ohio.

The new chapter was designated Zeta Omega. Charter members were: P. H. White, Estes Gunn, John McMorries, Fred Roseboro, Julius Thomas, J. E. Edwards, Nathaniel Bowen, Elmer Whiting, William T. White, A. J. Thomas, and Henry Moon. Later that year, Upsilon was chartered at Wilberforce University.



In 1923 under the leadership of Brother Nathaniel Bowen the two states were joined together with Western Pennsylvania and known as the Ninth District.

Over the next 23 years, the two states separated and aligned with other states in various

Districts. Over the years, the two states have traveled through the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 10th, and 11th Districts.

Changes occurred in the mid 30's when Brother Adolf. P. Hamblin was elected District Representative of the 11th



Bro. Drew

District in 1937, which consisted of both Ohio and West Virginia. "Omega Dear"

was adopted as the official hymn by the fraternity in 1931. Brother Charles R. Drew, professor of surgery, and Brother Mercer Cook, professor of languages at Howard University faculty were the composers of the hymn.



Brother Louia Vaughn Jones who was a world-renowned



concert violinist and a professor within the music department at Howard

arranged the musical score for the hymn. He was initiated into Omega in Zeta Omega Chapter.

The first 4th District Meeting under the constitutional mandate was held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1941 on the campus of The Ohio State University. Nine Chapters were eligible to participate in this first District



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Meeting. This development represents an inspiring story in Omega history.

Additionally, it was while an undergraduate at The Ohio State University that Elder Brother Larry Price (IΨ 73) was a



LR Bros. Larry Price, Isaac Wilson

founding member of the OSU chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Where the chapter works to ensure the

political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination".

Under the leadership of District Representative Chester Gray in 1941 Ohio and West Virginia officially became known as the 4th District. The leadership of District Representative Gray was instrumental in expanding the number of Chapters that are now a part of the 4th District and leading the district's adoption of the Social Action Program.

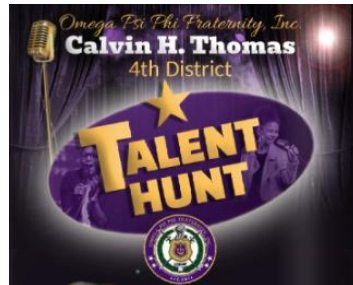
Grand Conclaves: 25th in Cleveland, Ohio 1937; 34th in Columbus, Ohio in 1948 (the first time the 4th District, as we are known today hosted); 39th in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1953; 44th in Cleveland, Ohio in 1958; 68th in Cleveland, Ohio in 1994. Lastly, Cincinnati was

the host of the 2017 Leadership Conference.

The first Talent Hunt at a Grand Conclave was presented in Cincinnati in 1953.

In the mid '90s, the 4th District March Down was officially renamed the "Kevin Cherry" 4th District March Down after his untimely death on November 1, 1991. This designation was in honor of the late Bro Cherry's contribution as an Undergraduate/Intermediate Representative to the Supreme Council.

On February 26, 2000, the 4th District Talent Hunt has officially renamed the "Calvin H. Thomas" 4th District Talent



Hunt in honor of the late long-time 4th District Talent Hunt Chair, the late Bro Calvin Thomas.

In 2011, the 4th District renamed its DR Breakfast the "Hank Glaspie" DR Breakfast in



honor of the founder of the DR Breakfast the late Bro Henry "Hank" Glaspie (Beta Iota

46), 21st Fourth District Representative. The first official "Hank Glaspie" DR Breakfast was held in 2012 at the 71st Fourth District Meeting in Canton, Ohio.

In 2013, the 4th District established a District Motto "To unite a Brotherhood of college-educated men with like ideals and commitment to service in Ohio and West Virginia communities."

In 2014, the 4th District established the 4th District Honor Society to recognize Undergraduates with 3.0 cumulative GPAs and above. Brother Keith B. Key became the youngest donor in The Ohio State University's history when he contributed \$1 million to support the Office of Student Life's Center for Student Leadership and Service. The office has been appropriately renamed the Keith B. Key Center for Student Leadership and Service. In 2020, the 4th became the first



District of Omega to sponsor a borehole in Ghana, Africa to provide fresh water to residents.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 79th Fourth



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District Meeting which held in Youngstown, OH was canceled. The 4th District held its first virtual Awards ceremony on May 28, 2020.

In 2021, the 4th District saw many highlights. The 4th District Life Membership Program was established. The 80th Fourth District Meeting featured the first-ever 4th District Undergraduate Debate Competition. The 4th District Delegation unanimously approved the renaming of the Budget & Finance Committee to the "Bobby J. McDowell" Budget & Finance Committee. The 4th District ascended to 1,000 financial members for the first time in 4th District history. Pi Zeta Chapter was moved from Baldwin Wallace University to Stark County to serve as a citywide Undergraduate Chapter to service Malone University, University of Mt Union and Walsh University.

NEWS

STEM... Mu Iota Investment in the Future

12/20/2024 The brothers of Mu Iota believe early exposure of youth to STEM (Science, Technology,



Engineering, Mathematics) related topics is a prudent measure in opening their eyes the skills, training, and experience requirements for various occupations that require a working knowledge of STEM. Students studied a variety of aviation careers that required proficiency in STEM topics.

Students examined general courses of study to become an Aeronautical Engineer, Aeronautical Engineer, Marshaller, Aircraft Mechanic, Air Traffic Controller, Drone Operator, and Airport Managener. Early exposure of youth to STEM plays a key role in their intellectual development.



The brothers believe that exposing children to STEM early in their academic careers

supports their overall academic growth and develops early thinking and reasoning skills.

UPCOMING HELP ASPIRING ARTISTS ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS!



Mu Iota Chapter is proud to support the next

generation of talent through our Talent Hunt Program! We're looking for performers in the arts to showcase their skills and reach for their dreams. 🙌 Scan the QR code or visit [MuIota.org](https://www.muiota.org) to sign up for this incredible opportunity today!

Want to make a difference? Become a community sponsor by donating to our Social Action Programs and help us continue uplifting the community. Together, we can make dreams come true! #MuIotaTalentHunt #SupportTheArts #CommunityAction #HelpingDreamsComeTrue

4th DISTRICT MEETING



5/1/2024 - 5/4/2024 Hilton Garden Inn Toledo, Ohio

REGISTRATION

Regular Registration -
1/01/2025- 4/14/2025
Graduate: \$300.00

Undergraduate: \$172.00

Late Regular Registration -
4/15/2025 - 5/04/2025

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Graduate: \$375.00
Undergraduate: \$175.00

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RESERVE ROOM
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\$165.00

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Huntington Place Convention
Center
July 23-27, 2025
Detroit Michigan



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MARDI GRAS WEEKEND

3/7/25 Purple Fridays. 5-11pm,
Josephine's, 40 E. Long St.,
Columbus OH 3/8/25
Masquerade Ball, 6-11pm,
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