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Next Chapter Meeting

January 10, 2009

9:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

10 a.m.

Meeting Begins

Message from the Basileus



Soror Erma W. Barron, 27th North Atlantic Regional Director (left) and Soror Angela C. Gibson, Newly Installed Epsilon Omega Chapter Basileus (right).

Greetings, My Sorors!

Welcome to 2009! It's a new day, time and administration. Welcome and pray for our 44th President of the United States Barack Obama.

Pink roses to our Former Regional Director Soror Erma W. Barron for conducting our installation, along with the undergraduate chapters. Congratulations to all of our new officers.

It is with great anticipation that I approach the new year as Basileus of the Epsilon Omega Chapter. I know there are big shoes to fill from all of our former Basilei, and I look forward to being your leader. Many thanks for your words of encouragement, telephone calls, cards and gifts as I begin this journey.

I am excited to be a part of the team moving Epsilon Omega into 101 years with *Exceptional Service Programs* and *Expanded Soror Participation*. Please offer your ideas, suggestions and, most of all, your service. We will hold our Chapter Operations Workshop on February 2, 2009.

My wish for you is a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

With Sisterly Love,
Soror Angela C. Gibson

**Epsilon Omega
Executive Board**

Basileus

Soror Angela C. Gibson

1st Anti-Basileus (Program)

Soror Audrey Moore

2nd Anti-Basileus

(Operations)

Soror Joann Barber

Grammateus

Soror Sheila Tidline

Anti-Grammateus

Soror Francina Spencer

Tamiouchos

Soror Sylvia Burke

Anti-Tamiouchos

Soror Virginia Vauls

Pecunious Grammateus

Soror Jan Carter

Anti-Pecunious Grammateus

Soror Geraldine Curry

Epistoleus

Vacant

Philacter

Soror Emma Hamlin

Anti-Philacter

Vacant

Hodegos

Soror Shirley Briscoe

Ivy Leaf Reporter

Soror Shaletta Espie

Parliamentarian

Soror Francine Stokes-
McElveen

Anti-Parliamentarian

Soror Edmonia Yates

Historian

Soror Erica Waters

Standards

Soror Barbara Burgess

Graduate Advisor

Alpha Delta - Soror
Adrienne Stokes-Orange
Epsilon Kappa - Soror Karen
Foster
Xi Tau - Soror Lois Knight-
Harrison

Members-at-Large

Soror Isabella Branch- Brown
Soror Reather Green
Soror Edna Rich

Foundation President

Soror Evelyn McLeod

Immediate Past Basileus

Soror Cheryl Frazier

Message from Anti-Basileus of Program

Happy New Year, Sorors!

I hope your holidays were safe, and you enjoyed getting all of your hearts desires. As we embark on a new year, we must all remember that we are only successful if we all do our share.

Please consider sharing your skills and talents with all the members of Epsilon Omega by joining a committee. Our mission is to serve, and we can only fulfill our mission with your assistance.

Thank you for all you do for Epsilon Omega, and thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Sisterly,
Soror Audrey Moore

Message from Anti-Basileus of Operations

Wishing You a Blessed & Prosperous New Year!

My sorors, as we embark upon the new year, I greet you with pride and humility as I assume the role of your Anti-Basileus of Operations.

I thank you for your support in the election and hope that it continues throughout my term. I anticipate a very exciting and productive year.

It is my hope that each of you will continue to be involved or become involved in our various committees and sisterly activities. With each soror's participation, we can accomplish our goals. In accordance to an old African proverb:

"When birds fly together, they reach their destination."

So Epsilon Omega, let's begin our journey!!!

I welcome your comments, ideas, etc. Please contact me at 410-744-8213 or jbjodi@verizon.net.

Sisterly,
Soror Joann Barber

Message from Foundation President

Best Wishes for a Happy & Prosperous New Year!

The Board of Directors of the Epsilon Omega Foundation extend their best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year. We look forward to your continued financial support and participation in activities.

See you at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 17, 2009, 9:30 a.m.!

Sisterly,
Soror Evelyn McLeod

Consider Making a Donation to the Epsilon Omega Foundation!

Your tax-deductible donations help us provide scholarships to qualified and deserving students living in the community and promote and sustain educational, cultural and health programs for the community.

December 2009 Chapter Minutes

The Epsilon Omega Chapter meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Soror Cheryl Frazier. An inspirational opening was shared by Soror Geraldine Waters, followed by the pledge and the chapter song directed by Soror Catherine Stansbury.

Correspondence – Soror Sheila Tidline

- A thank you card was received from the family of Soror India Williams.
- Holiday wishes were received from Soror Evelyn Sample-Oates, North Atlantic Regional Director; Soror Juanita Sims Doty, Ed.D., South Eastern Regional Director and Soror Jo Celeste Pettway.
- A letter was received from Soror Natalie Donovan informing the chapter of her recent move to Austin, TX.
- The Y of Central Maryland sent an invitation to participate in its Dr. King Legacy Breakfast on January 15, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.
- Sorors of the Epsilon Iota Chapter in Dover, DE sent an invitation to attend their celebration of 60 years of service in Kent and Sussex counties, 12:08 p.m. at the Dover Downs Hotel and Conference Center on Saturday, January 24, 2009.

Minutes – Soror Sheila Tidline

The minutes were accepted as printed with the exception of correcting the spelling of Soror LaJerne Cornish's name.

Officer's Reports

Basileus – Soror Cheryl Frazier

- A recommendation was presented to the body to incorporate the Chapter Awards Ceremony with our Founders' Day celebration effective in 2010. A motion was made by Soror Virginia Vaults to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. All were in favor with one opposition.
- Sorors were asked to keep the following sorors in prayer: Soror Clara Adams due to the loss of her sister and Soror Marlene Chase, who was hospitalized and is now recuperating at home.
- Sorors were asked to join Soror Virginia Clark at the Rosewood Center for the last Christmas morning breakfast. All were asked to make a monetary donation during the meeting to assist in the celebration activities.
- Soror Frazier introduced Soror Cornish to the body to share a special presentation.

- Soror Cornish informed the body that she has traveled to South Africa for five years with students from Goucher College. The focus of the trip is to teach math and science to South African students, but it has recently changed to teaching English. Next year, she will travel from May 20, 2009 - June 19, 2009. In the past, she worked with students in grades 3-5, but it is changing to grades K-5. She is looking to raise \$12,000 to purchase books to take with her next year. She will address the body in March 2009 regarding this effort.

A question was asked from the floor if the education committee could take on the effort of assisting Soror Cornish. Soror Frazier suggested the question be elevated by the next Basileus.

- Soror Alicia Tibbs-Tolson (Cluster 1 coordinator) presented Soror Frazier with a bouquet of beautiful pink roses for all her years of dedicated service to the chapter.

Did You Know?
The first issue of the Ivy Leaf was published in 1921 and featured short stories and poems written by sorors.

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Scoop Sheet

To ensure the timely distribution of *Along the Byline*, no electronic scoop sheets will be accepted via e-mail later than **Monday, January 12, 2009**. Please e-mail your scoop sheet to Soror Shaletta Espie at shaletta76@hotmail.com.

If you are submitting a written scoop sheet, please give it to Soror Shaletta Espie during the **January 10, 2009**, chapter meeting at the Ivy Family Support Center. Forms will be available near the sign-in sheets. Please print clearly.

Vision & Mission

Epsilon Omega Chapter will be recognized as a viable, dynamic, positive force in Baltimore that impacts the community educationally, politically and culturally. We will have an informed, committed, dedicated and spirited membership.

It is the mission of the Epsilon Omega Chapter to provide consistent and effective services to its members, civic organizations and local, national and international communities to improve the quality of life for all whom we serve.

December 2008 Chapter Minutes

Anti-Basileus of Program – Soror Audrey Moore

- We all were asked to reach out to others during the holiday season. Last month, Project Hope was at the Druid House. On December 20, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., the sorors will return to provide gifts to 23 families, including over 50 children.
- Sorors who have a copy of the November 2008 Ivy Leaf were asked to share a copy with Soror Margaret Jackson.

Anti-Basileus of Operations – Soror Ruth Brown

Soror Brown read her end-of-the-year report. She expressed her sincere appreciation for sorors who provided exemplary service and participation. She acknowledged special projects, operations and committees/chairpersons and gave gifts to all in attendance at the meeting. She closed with a poem by Soror Mona Lake Jones, Ed.D, titled “Trivial Skills.”

Pecunious Grammateus – Soror Esther Bailey

Soror Bailey reported on the receipts for November 2008. The report was accepted for audit.

Tamiouchos – Soror Sylvia Burke

Soror Burke indicated her records were in agreement with Soror Bailey’s. She reported on disbursements and ending balances for November 2008. The report was accepted for audit with no changes.

Epsilon Omega Foundation – Soror Evelyn McLeod

Soror McLeod invited all sorors to the annual meeting being held on Saturday January 17, 2009. Continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting will follow. Election of officers will be held during the meeting. An official mailing regarding the meeting will be sent prior.

• Soror McLeod thanked Soror Frazier for serving on the board of directors.

• There will be a task force working on Stage II of the building. Funds received from the city must be used before 2010.

• Soror Helen Dupree read a letter from Soror Myrtle Dorsey, who now resides in Baton Rouge, LA. She presented the foundation with a \$3,500 donation.

New Salute Committee – Soror Vivian Jackson and Soror Patricia Scott

The Celebrating Young Women Soaring to Greatness committee met with the awardees and their parents on November 16, 2008. There will be a meet-and-greet reception on Sunday, January 18, 2009. Both Soror Jackson and Soror Scott shared the accomplishments of the young women. There will be a gala to present the young women on April 25, 2009.

Committee Reports

Founders’ Day – Soror Bernice Beaird

Founders’ Day will be observed on Saturday, February 21, 2009, at Martin’s Valley Mansion in Cockeysville. Tickets are \$75. All sorors who will be Diamond, Golden or Silver Sorors in 2009 are encouraged to submit their names to Soror Heloise Frazier. Founders’ Day will be an open event this year.

Announcements

• Welcome back to Soror Cecilia Carroll.

• The Howard Cornish Baltimore Chapter of Morgan State University extended an invitation to their annual Dr. Martin L. King Scholarship Breakfast on January 3, 2009, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Tickets are \$45.

• Soror Reona Thomas announced that the flea market would be open today at 3 p.m.

• Soror Lindsay Leslie, Basileus of Xi Tau Chapter, thanked Epsilon Omega for its support during the past year. Special thanks were expressed to Soror Lois Knight-Harrison and Soror Frazier.

New Business

Soror Frazier read her end-of-the-year report, which provided highlights over the past 12 months. She concluded her report with heartfelt thanks to sorors for their support during her years as Basileus. Then, she presented Soror Angela Gibson with the official gavel and read a poem titled “The Basileus Prayer.”

Passing of the Torch – Installation of Officers

Soror Frazier introduced Soror Erma W. Barron, 27th North Atlantic Regional Director, who presided over the installation of officers for Epsilon Omega, Xi Tau and Epsilon Kappa chapters. Installation of officers was conducted, followed by the second stanza of the national hymn.

Hodges – Soror Shirley Briscoe

Soror Briscoe recognized birthdays in December 2008 with a pink and green candleholder and a candy cane.

Anti-Philacter – Soror Emma Hamlin

Soror Hamlin reported that there were 132 Epsilon Omega sorors in attendance and 11 visiting sorors.

50/50 Raffle

The raffle was administrated by Soror Erica Waters. The winner received \$39.00.

When submitting announcements and tidbits, don't forget the 5 Ws: Who, What, When, Where and Why.

Announcements and Tidbits

New Chapter Meeting Time

Beginning on January 10, 2009, chapter meetings will begin at 10 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m.

New Chapter Officers Installed

On Saturday, December 13, 2008, Soror Erma W. Barron, 27th North Atlantic Regional Director, installed the chapter's new leadership:

- Soror Angela C. Gibson, Basileus
- Soror Joann Barber, Anti-Basileus of Operations
- Soror Sheila Tidline, Grammateus
- Soror Francina Spencer, Anti-Grammateus
- Soror Virginia Vauls, Anti-Tamiouchos
- Soror Jan Carter, Pecunious Grammateus
- Soror Emma Hamlin, Philacter
- Soror Shaletta Espie, Ivy Leaf Reporter
- Soror Adrienne Stokes-Orange, Graduate Advisor – Alpha Delta
- Soror Karen Foster, Graduate Advisor – Epsilon Kappa
- Soror Lois Knight-Harrison, Graduate Advisor – Xi Tau
- Soror Reather Green, Member-at-Large
- Soror Edna Rich, Member-at-Large
- Soror Isabella Branch-Brown, Nominating Committee
- Soror Barbara Burgess, Nominating Committee
- Soror Crystal Cotton-Faison, Nominating Committee
- Soror Barbara Harding,

Nominating Committee

- Soror Lillian Jackson, Nominating Committee
- Soror Vivian Jackson, Nominating Committee
- Soror Patricia Sparrow, Nominating Committee

Thank you to Soror Barron for taking part in this special moment for Epsilon Omega, and thank you to all the sorors who are sharing their talents, skills and energy with all of us. Congratulations and many blessings in the new year.

Epsilon Omega Foundation to Hold Annual Meeting

The Epsilon Omega Foundation will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, January 17, 2008, 9:30 a.m., at the Ivy Family Support Center.

All sorors are welcome to attend. A continental breakfast will proceed the business session where elections for the following officers will be conducted: vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, financial secretary and nominating committee (five members).

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact a member of the foundation's nominating committee: Soror Bernice Beard, Soror Angela Gibson, Soror Tiffany McMillan, Soror Margaret Shipley and Soror Maxine Wood.

Epistoleus, Anti-Philacter and Regional Conference Delegates Needed

Two positions on the chapter's executive committee remain unfilled: Epistoleus and Anti-Philacter. The Epistoleus serves as the corresponding secretary of the chapter and is responsible for notifying members about meetings;

conducting general correspondence of the chapter per the direction of the Basileus; and maintaining correspondence files. The Anti-Philacter assists the Philacter in carrying out her duties and assumes the duties of the Philacter in her absence. Elections will be held at the January 10, 2009, chapter meeting.

In addition, elections for North Atlantic Regional Conference delegates will be held at the January 10, 2009, chapter meeting at 10:45 a.m.

If you are interested in serving in these positions, please contact Soror Isabella Branch-Brown or a member of the Nominating Committee.

You're Invited!

The Celebrating Young Women Soaring to Greatness Committee is hosting a reception to officially launch the celebration project. You are invited to meet the awardees and their families on Sunday, January 18, 2009, 3 p.m., at the Ivy Family Support Center. Please RSVP by January 10, 2009. Contact Soror Vivian Jackson at 410-486-0056 or Soror Shirley Johnson at 410-944-7617.

Inclement Weather Notice

Chapter meetings and meeting of the Executive Committee shall be postponed when Baltimore City places Phase II of the Snow Emergency Plan in operation.

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Announcements and Tidbits

Get the Newsletter Delivered Right to Your Inbox

If you are interested in receiving an electronic version of our chapter newsletter, *Along the Byline*, please e-mail Soror Shaletta Espie, Ivy Leaf Reporter, at shaletta76@hotmail.com. In an attempt to reduce the cost of publishing the newsletter, all sorors who elect to receive it via e-mail will not receive a hard copy via postal mail. If you do not have access to e-mail, please do not worry, you will continue to receive the newsletter via postal mail.

Committees are Forming, Sign-Up Now

If you are interested in serving on one of the following committees: AKA Connection, Archives, Audit, Awards, Bylaws, Courtesy, Cultural Arts, Eating Together, Education, Finance, Founder's Day, Health and Family Living, History, Holiday Activities, Inspirational Opening, Membership, Music, Protocol, Public Relations/Publicity, Retreat, Technology and Telephone Contact, please complete a committee sign-up form that will be available at the January 10, 2009, chapter meeting.

Early Registration for NARC Ends February 1, 2009

The 78th North Atlantic Regional Conference will be held on April 1-5, 2009, in New York City, at the New York Hilton. Registration is \$150 for graduate members. Early registration ends on February 1, 2009. You can register online at www.akanorthatlantic.org by clicking on the "NYC Apple" logo. All sorors who register after February 1, 2009, will be assessed a \$75 late fee. There

will be no registration on-site. The Epsilon Omega bus will leave on Thursday, March 31, 2009.

Please Don't Forget to Wear Your Chapter Name Badge

As our chapter membership increases, it is becoming increasingly harder to keep up with the names and faces of our many sorors. All sorors are encouraged to wear your name badge regularly at all chapter meetings. If you need to purchase a name badge, you may order one at the January 10, 2009, chapter meeting for \$5.

Honoring Our Founders

The Founders' Day 2009 Observance will take place on Saturday, February 21, 2009, 12 noon - 4 p.m., at Martin's Valley Mansion (594 Cranbrook Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030). Tickets are \$75 and will be available at the January and February 2009 chapter meetings at the Ivy Family Support Center. Please contact Soror Edna Rich about purchasing tickets at 410-367-9017.

We will continue our observance on Sunday, February 22, 2009, 11:30 a.m., at the New Bethlehem Baptist Church, where the pastor is Soror Lisa Weah.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate with us at both events.

An Afternoon of Jazz Returns in March 2009

The Epsilon Omega Foundation will present, *An Afternoon of Jazz*, on Sunday, March 15, 2009, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., at the Ivy Family Support Center.

The Rollex Band will once again be the afternoon's entertainment.

Tickets are \$40 and will be available at the January, February and March 2009 meetings. Please contact Soror Isabella

Branch-Brown about purchasing tickets at 410-922-1002.

Diamond, Golden and Silver Soror Recognition

All first-time Diamond, Golden and Silver Stars will be recognized at Founders' Day, Saturday, February 21, 2009. To qualify as a Diamond Soror, you must have been initiated in 1934, a Golden Soror in 1959 and a Silver Star in 1984. For more information, please contact Soror Heloise Frazier at 410-367-3957, no later than Friday, January 30, 2009.

Epsilon Omega Chapter Song

(Tune: "Moonlight and Roses,"
by Lemare, Black, Moret)

I

Epsilon Omega,
The chapter that we all love.

Epsilon Omega,
The chapter we're proudest of.

Alpha Kappa Alpha
A sisterhood noble and true.

Alpha Kappa Alpha,
Our hopes are in you.

II

We pledge devotion,
In all that we try to do.

From ocean to ocean,
We seek to honor you.

One thought, one purpose,
United in spirit we stand.

Epsilon Omega,
The best in the land.

Happy Birthday, Sorors!



January 1

- Soror Ruth Brown
- Soror Roselyn Hammond
- Soror Tahira Rooks

January 4

- Soror Shaletta Espie

January 6

- Soror Shirley Stills

January 8

- Soror Phillis Doggett

January 10

- Soror Norma Taylor

January 11

- Soror Tiffany Harris
- Soror Shantris Martin
- Soror Joan Stevenson

January 14

- Soror Ann Barnes-Mobley

January 15

- Soror Gladys Reed

January 20

- Soror Clara Adams
- Soror Corliss Alston

January 25

- Soror LaJerne Cornish
- Soror Carmen Maxwell

January 26

- Soror Yolanda Barber

January 28

- Soror Trebbie Dickerson
- Soror Geraldine Dorsey

January 29

- Soror Lillie Myers

January 30

- Soror Emily Roberts

Along the Vine

Congratulations to Soror Marguerite Quarles who will become one of Coppin State University's alumni honorees at its Vision Awards Celebration on Saturday, February 28, 2009.

Sick and Shut-In Sorors

Soror Etheline Barland
1 Hamill Court, #23
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Soror Hermia Jordan
Future Care Cherrywood
12022 Reisterstown Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21136

Soror Ruth Land
1190 W. Northern Pkwy, #207
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Soror Carolyn Peck
6802 Bonnie Ridge Drive, #101
Baltimore, Maryland 21209

Soror Theresa Sisco
3052 Hunting Ridge Drive
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

Sisterly Yours Group Repast Assignments

Group	Chairperson	Co-Chairperson	Month
1	Soror Jan Carter	Soror Lillian Jackson	Mar. 2009
2	Soror Joanne Bryant	Soror Geraldine Curry	Apr. 2009
3	Soror Venciedora Kane	Soror Courtney Suggs	May 2009
4	Soror Ivy Gates-Smith	Soror Ruby Coleman	Sept. 2009
5	Soror Erica Waters	Soror Pinkie Daniels	Oct. 2009
6	Soror Joan Stevenson		Nov. 2009
7	Soror Mary Ellen Smackum	Soror Adeline Hutchinson	Dec. 2009
8	Soror Edna Rich	Soror Karen Foster	Jan. 2010
9	Soror Virginia Clark	Soror Shirley Johnson	Jan. 2009
10	Soror Margaret Shipley	Soror Gwen Statham	Feb. 2009

We want to hear what's happening in the lives of our sorors! Submit news to be featured in "Along the Vine" to Soror Shaletta Espie at shaletta76@hotmail.com.

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Save-the-Date



- **Saturday, January 10, 2009**
Chapter Meeting, 10 a.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, January 12, 2009**
Along the Byline Scoop Sheets Due, Submit to Soror Shaletta Espie
- **Saturday, January 17, 2009**
Epsilon Omega Foundation Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Sunday, January 18, 2009**
Celebrating Young Women Soaring for Greatness Reception, 3 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center,
RSVP by Saturday, January 10, 2009, Contact Soror Vivian Jackson
- **Monday, February 2, 2009**
Chapter Operations Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, February 21, 2009**
Founders' Day Observance, 12 noon, Martin's Valley Mansion, Tickets \$75, Contact Soror Edna Rich
- **Sunday, February 22, 2009**
Founders' Day Worship Service, 11:30 a.m., New Bethlehem Baptist Church
- **Sunday, March 15, 2009**
Afternoon of Jazz, 4 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center, Tickets \$40, Contact Soror Isabella Branch-Brown
- **Wednesday-Sunday, April 1-5, 2009**
North Atlantic Regional Conference
- **Saturday, April 25, 2009**
Celebrating Young Women Soaring for Greatness Gala