

International Achievement  
Week Committee  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Founders Lifetime Achievement Award  
Application

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## Award Application

**Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award:** The nominee for the Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award should be a Brother who exhibits the highest ideals of Omega's Four Cardinal Principles - *Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift*. The Brother should be recognized for his contributions to the Fraternity at the Chapter, District and International Levels for a minimum of 25 years of Membership. In addition, consideration should be given to his impact on society that has enhanced the welfare of mankind. Nominations should be accompanied by a concise and thorough documentation of the nominee's sustained contribution and achievements to reflect lifelong service to the Fraternity.

## Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award Scoring Criteria

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The General Criteria are:

1. Contributions to Omega on the Chapter, District and International Levels with accompanying Curriculum Vitae and supporting documentation (Letters of support, Testimonials) **60 Points**  
  
Chapter: 20 points  
District: 20 points  
International Level: 20 points
2. Contributions to humanity as a citizen and loyal Brother **20 Points**
3. Fraternity Honors, Awards and Recognitions at the Chapter, State, District and International Levels **20 Points**



1. List Service to the Fraternity, Social Activism, and Contributions that the candidate has made which have **Chapter, District, and International** significance or impact. Contributions / achievements should be specifically stated and have supporting documentation. List specific date(s) for criteria submitted.

*(Documentation: Entries for this section should pertain to events that took place over 25 years or more of service to the Fraternity. For the Founders' Lifetime Achievement Award, this section applies to any Brother (required to be financial, and must not be expelled/suspended or on probation) who has demonstrated long-term distinguished service and leadership to the Fraternity at every level).*

Bro. Maurice Calhoun was initiated into the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. through the Gamma Pi Chapter in Spring 1992. His journey within Omega began with his immediate involvement with a number of Gamma Pi's committees. Soon afterward, Bro. Calhoun began to assume a more advance role by becoming chairman of some of these committees. These committees included Achievement Week, Courtesy, Hospitality, Membership Selection, NAACP/UNCF, Social Action, Fundraising, and Social. His active participation in these many committees gave him an exposure and experience in many of Omega's involvements and endeavors. Additionally, he became a Life Member, #3659, in 1994.

Not being satisfied with this level of involvement, Bro. Calhoun sought to obtain a higher and deeper understanding of Omega on the chapter level. He chose to serve the Chapter through the elected officer route. He initially became Chaplain and was later elected Assistant Keeper of Records and Seal from 2000 to 2002, Keeper of Records and Seal for 3 years from 2002 to 2005, Vice Basileus for 3 years from 2005 to 2008 and Chapter Basileus for 2 years from 2008 to 2010.

Currently, he serves as Chairman of the Social Committee and is an active member of the Fundraising Committee. In August 2019, he played a major role in the re-establishment of Gamma Pi's Summer Retreat/Workshop. He helped to plan the event, presented the proposal, and subsequently organized it.

Bro. Calhoun's commitment to Omega has also been exhibited on the District level. He initially served as Co-Chair of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District IT Committee from 2005 to 2007. He became Chairman in 2007 and continued for 6 years until 2012. Since his initiation in 1992, he has attended all but 3 District Conferences.

Bro. Calhoun's service to Omega was extended to the International level as well. He has served as the Fraternity's International IT Committee Chair for 6 years, from 2010 to 2016. He continues to serve as a member of the IT Committee. In his 27 years as an Omega Man, Bro. Calhoun has missed only 1 Conclave and 3 Leadership Conferences. He has been a delegate on many occasions.

2. List contributions or achievements that the candidate has made which have an impact on humanity and his local community. The nominee should also list academic, professional, civic and religious activities/endeavors that extend beyond the Fraternity. Contributions and or achievements should be specifically stated. List specific date(s) for criteria submitted.

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Bro. Calhoun was born in Phenix City, Alabama. He attended and graduated from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics and Computer Engineering in 1989. He is married, a committed Christian, and a devoted father. Professionally, he has worked for the Defense Cyber Crime Center and is currently employed as a Senior Developer and Director of Development at X-Technologies, Inc. He has been certified in Digital Forensics, Digital Media ACQUISITION, Computer Forensics and as a Digital Media Collector and Cyber Crime Investigator.

He is a member of the Salah Al-Din Temple #234, and he currently serves as its Recorder for the past 4 years.

3. List State, District and International honors, awards and achievements the candidate has received. Achievements should be specifically stated. List specific date(s) for criteria submitted.

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In 1997, Bro. Calhoun received his first Gamma Pi Chapter Superior Service Award. In 2002, he was recognized as Gamma Pi's Omega Man of the Year. Subsequent Superior Service Awards were received in 2003, 2005, and 2010.

While serving as the 2<sup>nd</sup> District's IT Committee Chairman, Bro. Calhoun received the 2<sup>nd</sup> District's Committee Chairman of the Year Award in 2010 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> District's Superior Service Award in 2011. In 2012, he was honored with the 2<sup>nd</sup> District's Founder Stand-In Award, representing Founder Professor Frank Coleman.

As a member of Salah Al-Din Temple, Bro. Calhoun has received the Shriner Noble of the Year Award, the Golden Scinitar Award for Outstanding Performance, the Illustrious Potentae Award, and has twice been named the Desert of Maryland Recorder of the Year.

**Signature Page Must be submitted with each application**

**Note: The signatures of the Basileus and KRS are required below for all awards to confirm that they each read, reviewed and approved the contents of the applications. (Electronic Signatures are Acceptable)**

Prepared by: Bro. Roland L. Byrd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chapter Basileus: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – legibly print or type) (Signature) Date

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