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“Other than Founders Library, the Dial is arguably the most prominent feature of Howard University’s campus”

*- Marvin Joseph, Washington Post article
October 8, 2011*

The Sundial



On February 1, 1929, The Lampados Club of Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held a formal ceremony at Andrew Rankin Chapel and unveiled, on campus, a gift to Howard University: a 3’ fluted pedestal made from Indiana limestone adorned with a bronze sundial affixed to a sculpted chapter. The 1929 Lampados Club named this the Banneker Memorial. We affectionate call it the Dial. This gift was given to the University to honor Benjamin Banneker, the distinguished, self-taught African American intellectual whose contribution to U.S. history is significant.

This iconic figure has become one of the most recognizable edifices on Howard University’s campus among students, alumni, administrators and visitors. It’s been a symbolic cornerstone for the Brothers of

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for over 87 years. This retrospective provides insight behind the Dial and its true meaning to Howard University and Omega Psi Phi.

The Genesis

Unfortunately, the genesis for the idea behind the Dial is unknown. But it can be surmised that its inspiration was drawn from a significant event that occurred in Omega's history at the 9th Grand Conclave held at Meharry Medical College in Nashville from December 27-29, 1920. It was at this Conclave that Alpha Chapter elected member, Bro. Dr. Carter G. Woodson gave a stirring speech during the opening session on Monday evening, December 27, 1920 on "Democracy and the Man far Down."ⁱ As a result of this speech and "the high regard which Alpha Chapter had for a distinguished Brother, Carter G. Woodson, who at the time had already made significant contributions to Negro History"ⁱⁱ a decision was made to designate a week for a campaign for the study of Negro Literature and History.



WM. S. NELSON
Director of Publicity

The responsibility of executing this national campaign was given to Bro. William Stuart Nelson (Alpha 1916) who was elected to the national position of Director of Publicity for the Fraternity at the Nashville Conclave in 1920. The campaign was held from April 24-30, 1921. Mass public meetings were held by Chapters featuring prominent speakers and pamphlets were printed and distributed to attendees, students and the community discussing the accomplishments and history of African Americans.ⁱⁱⁱ Folders were sent to the Black press containing facts on Negro history. Reporting from Atlanta, Grand Basileus Harold H. Thomas noted:

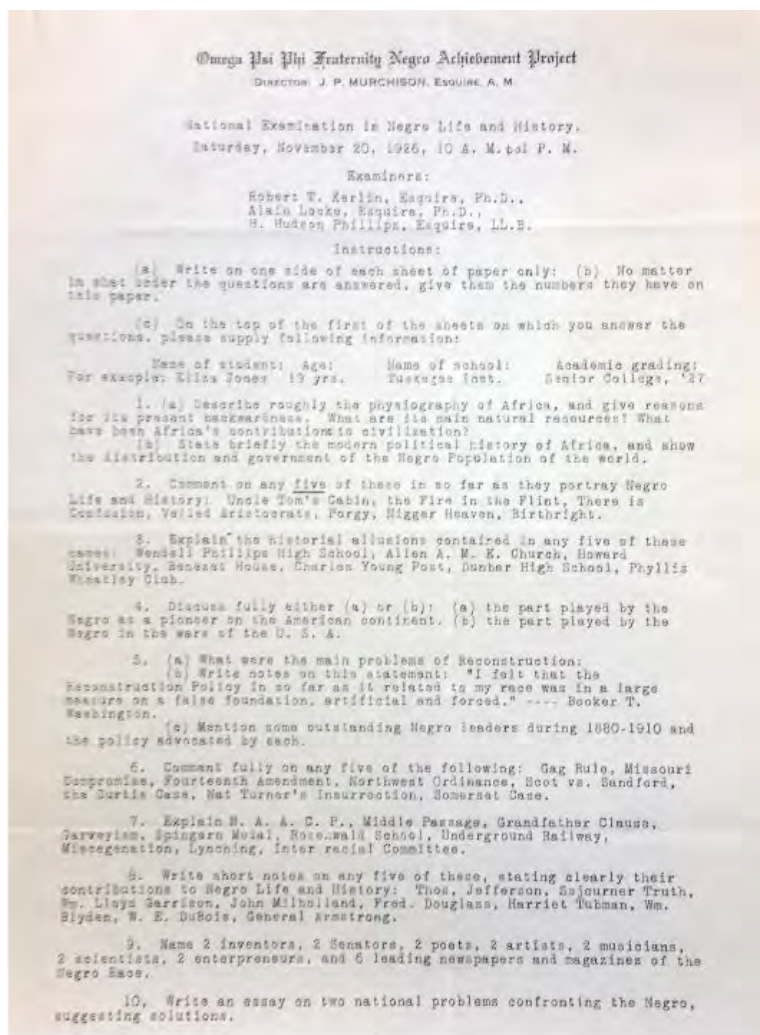
"The campaign has been a howling success all over the country, and more than a success in Atlanta. Eta's big mass meeting was attended by over two thousand people, and Omicron held their open meeting in a large church Friday night. Omega men during the week have spoken in every institution of learning in the city including colleges, grammar schools and private schools."^{iv}

This campaign was renewed for 1922 and was observed from April 2-8, 1922.^v At the 11th Grand Conclave in Philadelphia in 1922, a formal committee of eight Brothers, including Bro. Woodson, was established to develop a plan for the continued success of this initiative. Included on this committee were three Alpha Chapter alumni Brothers William S. Gilbert (Charter Line 1911; Editor-in-Chief to the Oracle and former Grand Keeper of Records), John Henry Purnell (Alpha 1913) and George Edgar Hall (Alpha 1914; 4th Grand Basileus).^{vi} This committee constructed a formal program for all Chapters to implement annually.

In February 1926, Bro. Carter G. Woodson through his organization, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, launched its own Negro History Week, a precursor to Black History Month. Subsequently, in 1926, the Fraternity changed the name of its program to the Negro Achievement Project and charged Bro. John Prescott Murchison (Alpha 1917; Editor-to-the-Oracle) as its first Director of the Negro Achievement Project. Bro. Murchison laid out and communicated a detailed plan in The Oracle for the first Negro Achievement Week which was held from November 15-21, 1926. This included a daily topic schedule, a high school literary contest and national exam in Negro life and history.^{vii}

Clearly steeped in Omega's history, spearheaded by Alpha Chapter Brothers, is the promotion of Black history to advance a deeper understanding of our heritage and pride for our race.

It can be surmised that The Lampados Club of Alpha Chapter in 1928 drew inspiration from the Fraternity's advancement of Black history as the foundation for their gift to Howard University: a Sundial commemorating the achievement of Benjamin Banneker, a renowned mathematician, surveyor and astronomer.

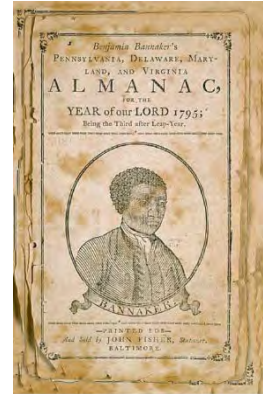


National Examination in Negro Life & History
The 1926 Negro Achievement Project
 (courtesy Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)

The Gift

Details are unknown as to why The Lampados Club chose Benjamin Banneker or who was contracted to construct the Sundial. What is known is that Lampados LeRoy Clay conceived the idea, Bro. Ralph Augustine Vaughn (Alpha 1924) under the direction of Howard's chief architect, Albert Cassell, designed the Sundial and The Lampados Club, which consisted of 20 men at the time, financed the initiative as a gift to Howard University.

Why did The Lampados Club choose a Sundial? The Sundial truly represents the spirit of Benjamin Banneker. In 1753, Banneker borrowed a pocket watch from a wealthy acquaintance, took the watch apart and studied its components. After returning the watch, he created a fully functioning clock entirely out of carved wooden pieces, a first in the U.S. The clock was amazingly precise, and would strike on the hour for 50 years. His accomplishments didn't end there. Borrowing books on astronomy and mathematics from a friend, Banneker engorged himself in the subjects. Putting his newfound knowledge to use, Banneker accurately predicted a 1789 solar eclipse. From 1792-99, Banneker compiled and published his Almanac and Ephemeris of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. Banneker went on to:



Benjamin Banneker's Almanac, 1795

- become the first scientist to study relativity of time and space preceding Einstein by two centuries.
- become a member of the first presidential appointed team charged with the establishment of the nation's capitol. He provided the astronomical calculations for the project, and assisted in the reconstruction of the plans for laying out the streets of Washington, D.C.
- become a staunch abolitionist publicly advocating for the freedom of slaves in a series of letters between he and President Thomas Jefferson.

The Sundial honors Banneker's ingenuity and contribution to a newly established United States and African American history.

The gifting of commemorative items to Howard University did not end with the Sundial in 1929. For the next three years, each Lampados Club from Alpha Chapter gifted the University with a commemorative item.

On May 17, 1930, The Lampados Club awarded a trophy to HU track star Milton Larry in a ceremony at Rankin Chapel. The trophy was named in honor of HU gridiron star, Haywood "Speed" Johnson, who in a football game against North Carolina A&T on October 3, 1924, suffered a broken neck which resulted in his death on October 6, 1924.^{viii}



Congressman Louis Cramton portrait
(courtesy Moorland-Spangarn Research Center, Howard University)

In May 1931, The Lampados Club gifted HU with a framed portrait of Congressman Louis Cramton. Cramton was a major supporter of Howard University as he led the effort in gaining passage of an Act of Congress authorizing federal appropriations to the university in 1924 (he chaired the sub-committee of the House Committee on Appropriations for the Department of Interior in which Howard's federal funding initially came from). The University took that a step further naming the new auditorium after him in 1961. This portrait is currently on display in the Prints & Photograph room in the Moorland-Spangarn Research Center, Founders Library on campus.



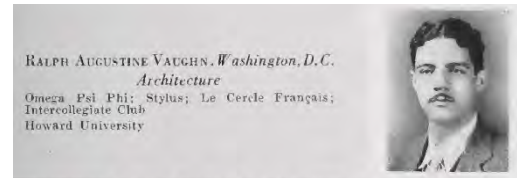
In June 1932, The Lampados Club presented the HU Art Committee with the drawings of a bas relief plaque to be developed in honor of recently deceased Julius Rosenwald, philanthropist and half owner of Sears, Roebuck & Co. Dr.

Ernest Everett Just was a Rosenwald Fellow since 1920. In 1928, the Rosenwald Fund donated \$80,000 to HU as a grant to support Dr. Just's research for four years. According to HU's Art Committee, the concept was rejected because of the drawings submitted showed the workmanship on the plaque would prove to be "too cheap" and because of Rosenwald's capitalistic views and actions.^{ix} No more gifts were donated by The Lampados Club after this rejection.

The Designer

The Lampados Club retained Bro. Ralph Augustine Vaughn (Alpha 1924) to design the Sundial. Vaughn was born in Washington, D.C. in 1907. He attended Armstrong Technical High School where his father was a teacher and architect graduating in 1923.

After completing high school early, Vaughn enrolled at Howard University in the Fall of 1923 however transferred to the University of Illinois to pursue architecture in the Fall of 1926. Vaughn returned to Howard in the Fall of 1928 to take classes and become an apprentice draftsman for renowned architect, Albert Cassell. Cassell joined HU in 1920 as an assistant professor in the



courtesy The Illio Yearbook, University of Illinois, 1931

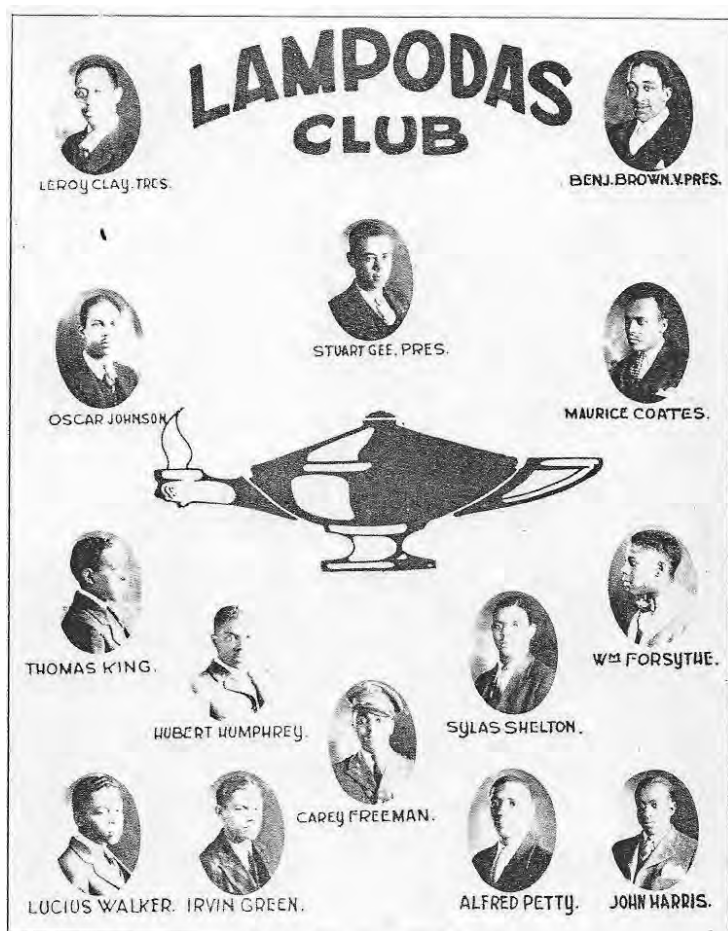
Architecture Department and served as surveyor, planner, master architect and chief planner during his 18 years at Howard. He created the master 20 Year plan for the expansion of Howard's campus and went on to design and oversee the construction of over a dozen structures including Greene Stadium (1926), The Quad (1929-31), Chemistry Building (1936), Douglass Hall (1936) and Founders Library (1938).^x During Vaughn's apprenticeship with Cassell, he aided in the design of three of the four buildings making up Tubman Quadrangle and assisted in the development of the campus expansion plan. It is during this time that Vaughn designed the Sundial under Cassell's oversight. In a March 1929 article covering the presentation of the Sundial to HU, it's noted that "the work was planned by Albert I. Cassell and Ralph Vaughn architects at Howard University."^{xi} Vaughn returned to the University of Illinois in the Fall of 1930, earning his degree in architecture in 1932 and pursued his graduate degree at Illinois in 1932-33.



In 1933, Vaughn returned to D.C. where he worked for Cassell at Howard and was an Instructor of Architecture until 1936. Vaughn moved to Los Angeles where he worked for the trailblazing African American architect, Bro. Paul R. Williams (note: Williams was initiated into Omega through Lambda Chapter around 1924, was Omega's Man of the Year in 1951 and received the Spingarn Medal in 1953 for his achievement and work). During WWII, Vaughn worked for MGM Studios becoming a set designer. After the war, he established his own practice that he maintained for the rest of his career. In 1952 and 1959, he received awards for his work from the Society of American Registered Architects. The pinnacle of his career occurred in 1951 where he designed the Lincoln Place Apartments in Venice, CA. Bro. Vaughn retired in 1998 and passed into Omega Chapter in 2000.

Fraternally, Vaughn was initiated into Omega through Alpha Chapter in November 1924.^{xii} Upon returning to Illinois, he served as the Basileus of the newly formed Pi Psi Chapter in 1932-33. He is also responsible for helping to organize the 12th District.

The Lampados Club



**1929 Lampados Club
Bison Yearbook, 1929**

(courtesy Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)

At the time of dedication of the Sundial, twenty men made up The Lampados Club of Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. They were:

- John Benjamin Boyd, Baltimore, MD
- Benjamin Claiborne Brown, New York, NY
- LeRoy Armond Clay, Baltimore, MD
- Maurice Anthony Coates, Washington, D.C.
- John Day
- William Forsythe Jr., Pittsburgh, PA
- Carey Hatton Freeman, Washington, D.C.
- Stewart William Gee, Gallipolis, OH
- Francis Irvin Green, Lawrenceville, VA
- John Allen Harris, Buffalo, NY
- Edward Llewellyn Hayes, Henderson, NC
- Hubert Grant Humphrey, Westfield, NJ
- Oscar Bernard Johnson, Lynn, MA
- Thomas Jefferson King, Jersey City, NJ
- Julius Alfred Lee, Pittsburgh, PA
- Frank Curle Montero, Brooklyn, NY
- Alfred Virgil Pettie, Washington, D.C.
- William Henry Scott, Washington, D.C.
- Silas Franklin Shelton Jr., Washington, D.C.
- Muzafer Lucius Walker, Tampa, FL

Officers of the Club at the time of the dedication were Stewart Gee, President, William Scott, Secretary, and John "Jack" Boyd, Treasurer. The following is an update published in the June 1929 Oracle on the activities of The Lampados Club, Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity including a recap of the presentation of the Dial to Howard:

LAMPADOS NOTES

ALPHA

FAME has given us a goodly slap. Our hats are the same size, however. And we wear them with the usual ease.

For the past few weeks we have received many commendatory responses concerning the Banneker Memorial we presented to Howard University. Among the letters on file we have communications from the Student Council of the University, Dean Lucy Slowe, The Armstrong Association of Philadelphia, and the Vice Grand Basileus Matthew Bullock.

The presentation programme was well rendered. Pledge-brother LeRoy Clay gave some striking phases of the life of Benjamin Banneker. The musical numbers rendered by Miss Lillian Mitchel showed that she is going to be one of the Race's foremost artists at the piano. At the unveiling on the Campus, Pledge-brother Stewart Gee, President of the Lampados Club, made a brief and forceful speech. Doctor Emmett J. Scott made a response in behalf of the University Officials. Pledge-brother Julius Lee acted ably as Master of Ceremonies. We should also mention the fact that Mr. Lester Dorsey, solo artist of the Howard Glee Club and well known to radio audiences, appeared on our programme.

On George Washington's birthday we gave a matinee dance at the Lincoln Colonnade. Among the throngs of guests were some of Washington's most beautiful debutantes. At this time our new Pledge-brothers had an opportunity to meet many charming people. Pledge-brother Benjamin Brown and his committee are due much credit for the manner in which he arranged for the dance. Pledge-brothers John Harris and Frank Curle Montero assisted Benjamin Brown.

The function of the Publicity Committee has meant much to us. This committee is composed of four energetic men; they are Pledge-brothers Maurice Coates, Chairman, Carey Freeman, John Boyd, and Thomas King. These men are responsible for the various newspaper articles concerning our various activities. Pledge-brother Coates spends much of his time compiling an elaborate scrap-book. The material which he collects is newspaper articles relative to the many activities of the Alpha Chapter Lamps. The cover on the scrap book was designed by Pledge-brother Thomas King. This promising artist executed a Lamp against a very striking background. The pages within the scrap-book are in alternating colors of Purple and Gold. The "scraps" are pasted neatly thereon.

We gave a musical-literary programme at the Vermont Avenue Church on March 18th. In this undertaking we explored a new avenue of contact. We hope that we have changed the opinions of the working class of people who think that the

average college chaps are a racial group apart from them rather than a part of them.

On this occasion Pledge-brother John Harris appeared in several beautiful saxophone solos. Miss Gladys Davis accompanied him. The audience was pleased with the Langston Hughes and Contee Cullen recitations given by Pledge-brothers, William Forsythe, Thomas King, Hubert Humphrey, Frank Curle Montero, and Carey Freeman. Pledge-brother LeRoy Clay gave a beautiful talk on the Negro in American Literature. Our Dean of Pledges, Dutton Ferguson, made the closing remarks.

We are proud to say that the Trustee Board of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church sent a gratifying letter to President Mordecai Johnson of Howard University praising our attempts to bring a new vision to a needy people. Our programme served a dual purpose, as it was given for the benefit of the Junior Choir of the Church.

Big Brother Allison Davis' article, "The Negro Deserts His Race," which appeared in a recent edition of the Plain Talk Magazine, was criticised in written form by each member of the Pledge Club. The Pledge-brothers were given an opportunity in this instance to express their opinions of a situation in which we are definitely interested in disproving. And speaking of Allison Davis, we have favored to have him as a guest at one of our recent social affairs.

We hold our Lampados meetings every Thursday night, President Stewart Gee, assisted by the two Deans of Pledges, Big-brothers Dutton Ferguson and Darnell Johnson, has a systematic conduct of affairs that cannot be eclipsed. The minutes of the last meeting come first. Secretary William Scott is always prepared. Then, all of the committees make full and accurate reports. This, of course, includes our Scholarship Committee, composed of Pledge-brothers Lucius Walker, Irving Green, and Edward Hayes. Pledge-brothers LeRoy Clay and Hubert Humphrey show their ability at putting over new ideas by their weekly reports of the Project Committee. After the business side of our meeting is completed, Dean Ferguson presents the speaker of the evening.

Among the recent speakers we have had the following Big-brothers: Attorney Walter Mazyck, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, Joseph Jenkins, Hamilton College Phi Beta Kappa, Thomas Bowman, Yale graduate and Howard Medical Student, and the Colonial West Hamilton, whom we mentioned before.

Springtime and sports. We look to Pledge-brother Alfred Petty to continue his excellent pole-vault work. He is the best in the East. Then Oscar Johnson is no "short-stopper" at baseball; and while we look for the wanderlusts John Day and Curle Montero to hit the railroad tracks to see their ladies we can always expect LeRoy Clay, Hubert Humphrey and Gee to star on the cinder track. Pledge-brother Silas Shelton, scholar and football man, is always with the gang giving the boys the glad wave of the hand from the sidelines. In Autumn, Shelton is good. He makes Howard football squad "go boom" without "fawing down"

At the outset of these notes we spoke of our hats keeping that proper fit. But, well, well, well, we declare! Initiation is about to hold forth for some of us. The boys are panicky. May we not swell up from the initiation so that that certain garment, one coat and vest down from our hats, will be out of fit,—anyhow, we hope to be in shape at heart and mind to meet the challenge of an undying loyalty to Omega as REAL Omega men.

But pray for us anyway,
LE ROY CLAY,
HUBERT HUMPHREY,
JULIUS LEE,

ORACLE Committee.

The Oracle, June 1929

In the last paragraph of the update, it's noted that "Initiation is about to hold forth for some of us." While these men made up The Lampados Club they were not Line Brothers. In the early days of The Lampados Club, members were regularly added to the Club by the Chapter and selected individually based on performance and vote of the Brothers to probate ("Dogs"). The period of time a member of The Lampados Club remained in

that organization varied based on the Brothers' evaluation. Some may stay a couple of months while others can stay over a year. In other words, all of these men did not cross together into Omega. In fact, two did not cross at all. Hence, the origin of the term "Eternal Lamp." The Alpha Chapter update in the October 1929 Oracle provides insight about the initiation of several members of this Lampados Club:

The sands of that well-known Desert have got a permanent heat fired by the supreme faithfulness of our newly initiated men. They certainly know their grit.

Alpha Chapter has yet to see a more enthused, loyal, and up and doing group of men come among us as brothers in Omega.

In a caravan of twenty-some cars we went way down to Brother Dr. Marshall's farm—yes, we took the dogs down the country. On top of the steep hill at Dr. Marshall's home we packed the cars in a vast semi-circle and led the "dogs" forth into an improvised arena lighted by the car's headlights and then—well, from then on—. But meet the real Omega men: Brothers LeRoy Clay, Maurice Coats, Carey Freeman, Stewart Gee, John Harris, Van Harris, Hubert Humphrey, Thomas King, William Scott and Lucious Walker.

Well, after it was all over they compared rainbow colors and declared their loyalty as a thing everlasting for Omega.

But wait a minute—listen here. It's Omicron Psi's business, but you got to know it, don't you know. William Forsythe has been made after being transferred to that chapter. But it's our business since all good business is Omega's.

In the subsequent December 1929 issue of The Oracle, a correction was made in the Alpha Chapter update for two Lamps who were initiated that were omitted from the previous update (Benjamin Brown and John Boyd):

When you met the real Omega men who were introduced to you in the last issue of our notes there were two loyal Brother's names that did not appear: they are John Boyd and Benjamin Brown. These newly initiated Brothers were taken in last spring. To know them is to be acquainted with an undying faithfulness to Omega. Got it?

The above initiation took place in May 1929. Of the 20 Lamps that were members of The Lampados Club at the time of the Dial presentation, 11 were initiated in May 1929. One, William Forsythe, was initiated through Omicron Psi Chapter (University of Pittsburgh) though he remained a student at Howard. Another, Vantile Corcoran Harris, was not even a part of The Lampados Club when the Dial was presented. Yet, he was one of the initiates of May 1929. Of the remaining eight:

- 2 were initiated on December 20, 1929 (Hayes & Lee) along with four other men
- 1 initiated on May 17, 1930 (Montero) along with eight other men
- 3 initiated on November 21, 1930, almost two years after they participated in the Dial presentation (Green, Pettie & Shelton) along with eight other men
- 2 were not initiated (Day & Johnson; it appears they dropped out of Howard).

This illustrates the fluid nature of The Lampados Club at that time.

These 20 men of The Lampados Club established a legacy through they're appreciation of history and charity at Howard University and for Omega Psi Phi.

Rededication

On May 10, 1980, the Brothers of Alpha Chapter held a rededication ceremony of the Dial following graduation. This was done in celebration of the gifting of the Dial to Howard over 50 years ago, its refurbishment done by the Chapter and underwritten by Bro. Hubert G. Humphrey (Alpha May 1929) and Omicron Chi Chapter. Bro. Ivory Gene Cooper (15-83-A) provided a comprehensive recap in the Summer 1980 Oracle. Included in this article is a bio of Bro. Humphrey who was part of The Lampados Club in 1929 that gifted the Sundial to the University.

Alpha Repeats Omega History Unveiling Refurbished 1929 Banneker Sundial

By Ivory Gene Cooper

On Saturday, May 10, 1980, the Brothers of Alpha Chapter rededicated the sundial which has stood since the Spring of 1929 as a memorial to Benjamin Banneker on Howard University's main campus. Benjamin Banneker, a black astronomer and mathematician who constructed the first clock made entirely with American parts, was commissioned to assist Pierre L'Enfant, a Frenchman, to draw the plans for the layout of Washington, D.C. But L'Enfant left the country with the plans and Banneker reproduced them through the use of his photographic memory.

The stone pillar from which the sundial had been stripped needed repairs after years of vandalism and weathering. This in turn resulted in a weakened foundation and replacement of the historic sundial.

The rededication ceremonies were held at the conclusion of the Spring Commencement Exercises with William Ryans, Alpha's 1st Vice-Basileus and master of ceremonies, inviting the throng on the main campus to gather around the sundial, which was already encircled by program participants and local and visiting brothers as well as the parents of Alpha members who had just received their diplomas.

Brother James A. Carter, Jr., KF of Alpha Chapter, enlightened everyone on the history of the sundial. He stated that the 1929 Lampados Club of Alpha Chapter presented the sundial designed by Brother Ralph A. Vaughn to the University in honor of Benjamin Banneker. Brother Gregory J. Mathews then read "A Lampado Poem" by Langston Hughes. Brother Michael D. See Alpha on page 34

The Year "He Went Over"

1931 Howard U. Alumnus Remembers 1929

In 1929 he was known as Hubert G. Humphrey, "The Magnificent." He was an Alpha Chapter pledgee and a big name on the Howard University campus. He was building a reputation for himself with the track team and, for a Que, not doing too bad with the fair sex.

On May 10, 1980 this Howard



Dr. Hubert G. Humphrey

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University alumnus of 1931 returned to his alma mater and to the "Mother Pearl" Chapter, Alpha, to participate in the rededication of a Sundial Memorial to Benjamin Banneker. He was still the "Magnificent" and with just claim because it was he who had made possible the financial preparations for the occasion.

Never a person to take a back seat in any worthy effort "The Magnificent" pledgee of '29—who had made a straight "A" in physics under Founder Coleman and had practiced medicine since 1937 in Westfield, N.J. winning many honors and recognition for his professional and humanitarian efforts—contributed \$500 to refurbish the Banneker Sundial, then a weather-beaten and vandalized shaft, certainly unrecognizable as a memorial to anyone.

A report on the condition of the Sundial appeared in the Panorama of Omega History Supplement in the Summer ORACLE 1979. A chal-

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Scenes from Dr. Humphrey's Photograph Collection



Sundial in 1929



"Leaning on the Sundial"



View on African Safari

Alpha Chapter Rededicates Banneker Sundial Memorial



Dedicatory Remarks

By Brother H. Albion Ferrell
Former Grand Chaplain
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

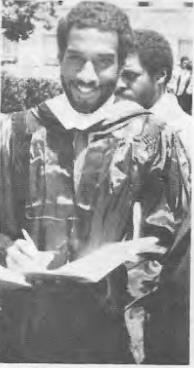
Some fifty (50) years ago the Members of Alpha Chapter in an effort to make what they saw to be a lasting contribution to the life of Howard University and Omega decided that they, through their Pledge Club, would give to the University a sundial.

As the sun from day to day pursued its relentless runs across the Universe and measured time in an unfaltering regular way, so the light of Omega would shine relentlessly and without ceasing in this bastion of higher education in the Nation's Capital.

Through the years that gift of those Brothers has been in the virtual center of campus life reminding the campus community that Omega is. It has been symbolic of the richness of the contribution that the Men of Alpha Chapter have made and are continuing to make both here and across the World.

Unfortunately, for a brief time the physical appearance of the dial went into eclipse. I suppose that all too often in life the familiar, the traditional becomes com-

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Alpha . . .
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Saffold, 2nd Vice-Basileus of Alpha Chapter, then introduced the speaker, Brother H. Albion Ferrell. Brother Ferrell, Alpha Chapter advisor from 1960 to 1963, is now a member of the District of Columbia Parole Board.

Brother Ferrell stated that "the sundial continues its significance in 1980. It symbolizes that the accomplishments of man can be measured in the sun. The sundial gives evidence of the ever-reviving four cardinal principles of our fraternity."

William E. Marshall, Jr., KRS of Alpha Chapter, thanked Brother Duane Keye, Brother William Deane and Omicron Chi Chapter (Plainfield, N.J.) for their efforts and support in getting the sundial repaired. Marshall presented plaques from Alpha Chapter to Brothers Lindbergh Keye and Dr. Hubert G. Humphrey, both of Omicron Chi Chapter.

Brother Humphrey, a member of the 1929 Lampados Club, which presented the first sundial and also volunteered to underwrite all costs for refurbishing the vandalized Memorial to Banneker, was introduced by Brother Ferrell.

Wearing his 50-year pin, he spoke on the historic 1929 dedication, then alluded to his line brothers' accomplishments and current endeavors and whereabouts. He concluded saying that he plans to arrange with the University for the perpetual care of the sundial.

In the closing comments, Brother Allen W. Toles, Basileus of Alpha Chapter, gave us some words of inspiration ending with LONG LIVE OMEGA PSI PHI.

Afterwards the Brothers performed the march "Omega in Retrospect," at the sundial.

Some of the Brothers in attendance were: William H. Deane, Basileus of Alpha Omega Chapter and Alpha Chapter advisor; Samuel R. Shepard, Editor of The ORACLE; Robert P. Reeder, Assistant NES; Dr. B. T. Garnette, past District Representative—3rd District; Earl Shammwell and Dr. Harold H. Whitted, 1929 members of Alpha Chapter; Ron Bennett, a Columbus, Ohio, engineer and Basileus of Alpha Chapter 1969-70; Sam Williams, Alpha Omega Chapter, and William

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"The Magnificent" Humphrey
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challenge was issued to the recently reorganized Alpha Chapter to do something about it. Hubert, "The Magnificent", accepted the challenge.

The following information on Dr. Humphrey updates the accomplishments of this brother, who once dubbed "The Magnificent", has turned this monicker into a distinctive appellation.

He was born in Westfield and attended the public schools, graduating from high school in 1927. In high school he majored in the sciences and foreign languages, including Latin and Spanish. He entered Howard University in 1927 and received the B.S. degree in 1931 and then entered the H.U. College of Medicine, attained the highest academic honors in the subjects of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Psychiatry, and received the M.D. degree in 1935. He interned at Freedman's (now Howard U.) Hospital 1935-36, and passed the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners. He has maintained his medical office in Westfield since 1937.

Dr. Humphrey is a member of the National Medical Association, American Medical Association, and holds membership in the Union County, Westfield, and Plainfield Medical Societies; in 1958 he served as President of the Westfield Medical Society.

From 1951 to 1971 he was an Associate Attendant in the Department of Ob-Gyn at the Muhlenburg Hospital in Plainfield. He has been an associate member of the New Jersey College of Obstetrics & Gynecology. He subsequently continued the study of the specialties of

Ob-Gyn at Martland Medical Center (a part of United Hospitals of Newark), the Jersey City Medical Center, Howard University, Harlem Hospital, and Seton Hall (a part of the N.J. College of Medicine and Dentistry).

From 1940 to 1975, Dr. Humphrey was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. Lukes Methodist Church, in Westfield; from 1960 to 1971, he was a member of the Board of Health for the township of Scotch Plains. In 1972 he was appointed by the Governor of New Jersey as a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners; he was the first and only Black person to serve on that important board. In 1964-1965 he was President of the Howard University Medical Alumni Association, and is an active supporter.

Dr. Humphrey's hobbies include hunting, golf, photography, gardening and travel. For many years he has enjoyed big game hunting. His most memorable hunting experience occurred in 1968 when he went on a safari in East Africa, which was widely reported in Ebony Magazine and M.D. Magazine. His extensive travels have included numerous trips to various countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America.

Dr. Humphrey is a member of the Prince Hall Masons, 32nd degree; the Westfield Rotary Club, and President of the Guardsmen; member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; served as Basileus of the Upsilon Phi Chapter of N.J. He is a life member of the NAACP, member of the 100 Black Men Club of N.J., and member of the Board of Directors of the Westfield area branch of the United Negro College Fund.

Married since 1936, Dr. and Mrs. Humphrey reside in Scotch Plains, N.J.

"Bill" Toles, ITT executive from Rye, N.Y., whose son, Allen, was a graduate.

Thus the "sundial continues its significance" as the Brothers continue to congregate at the sundial on Friday evenings either to "dial" or just fraternize.

"GROW OLD ALONG WITH ME.
THE BEST IS YET TO BE."

CONCLAVE DATES

Sixtieth, 1980—San Francisco, CA
Sixty-first, 1982—Kansas City, MO
Sixty-second, 1983—Miami, FL
Sixty-third, 1984—Louisville, KY
Sixty-fourth, 1986—Washington, DC
(75th Anniversary)

From Chick Coleman In His Wheel Chair

Intentions are very fragile thoughts as evidenced by the intent to type this message June 30th after devoting the forenoon to perusal of your Spring-1980 ORACLE issue. I am, however, releasing the reserved intent to again offer my "BRAVO!!" and congratulations for the very well edited and informative journal.

And it is hoped that our Fraternity Supreme Council members, elected and appointed administrative leaders will recognize and appreciate the task accomplished in assembling and editing the ORACLE contents.

My attention has been directed to the fact that our late Brother, Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, has been succeeded by another Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Brother, Bishop William Milton Smith, to administer the large important 1st Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church. Bishop Smith had presided over the Mobile District.

My information source, Brother Rev. Frank E. Jones of A.M.E. Zion Church, also states that Bishop George J. Mahe, 111, presides over the N. Carolina Cape Fear District.

... An' Ole Chick finds that these wonderful brilliant sunny days and "go places and do things" evenings hard becoming difficult being a confinee but I'm striving to make that long deferred come back so stick with your ole timer!!!

"Chick" Coleman
31 Clark St., Newburgh, NY

Editor Shepard Thanked By Alpha Chapter KRS

I want to thank you for your fraternal support during the rededication ceremonies of the Benjamin Banneker Sundial on May 10. Your help in the planning was truly appreciated.

Bill Marshall, Alpha Chapter
Keeper of Records and Seal

In Appreciation

Thanks for the good article on me in the Winter 1979 ORACLE and on Father John Epps. Both were splendid except that Father Epps baptized my daughter, Lois, who was born in Marshall, Texas. We had to take her sixty miles to Tyler to have Father Epps baptize her, for the white Episcopal Minister in Marshall refused to do so because she was black.

Malcolm L. Corrin, President & Chief Executive Officer, Interracial Council for Business Opportunity, New York City.

Omicron Chi Praised For Sundial Donation

I speak for the Brothers of Alpha chapter in thanking the Brothers of Omicron Chi for the continued support you showed us during the constructing and the planning of the Benjamin Banneker Statue and rededication ceremonies on May 10.

The Sundial will always hold special memories for Brothers initiated at the "Pearl," but more importantly, it will always stand as a shrine to Omega.

Thanks especially to Brother Hubert Humphrey for his financial and spiritual support. His words of inspiration during the ceremonies were appreciated.

Our best wishes to the members of Omicron Chi for unremitting success in your work for Omega and continue to keep the fraternal lines of communication open. Always

William Marshall, Alpha Chapter
Keeper of Records and Seal

cc: bros. Humphrey, Dean, Shepard

Praises 1st Place Essay Contest Winner

Laurie Sutton
Little Rock, AR

Congratulations on your prize winning essay published in the Spring 1980 Edition of the Oracle. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. It is certainly worthy of the highest critical acclaim.

A rare combination of intellectual perception and artistic creativity was reflected in your essay. I am also an exponent of the fact that there are sharp distinctions between education and skills acquisition. Your clear and concise expression of what their purposes are was very impressive. I sincerely hope that you will continue to nurture and cultivate these marvelous talents.

If you are interested in having your works given more national exposure, please contact me. We can then determine subject areas, lengths and other details.

Again, I congratulate you and offer best wishes for your future.

Sincerely,

Herbert Simmons, Jr., Director
District of Columbia
Office of Consumer Protection
1424 K St., N.W., Washington, DC 20005

ENERGY.
We can't afford to waste it.

U.S. Department of Energy

Thanks For Services At AKA Regional

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you for the many "extra" things you did for us before and during our 49th Great Lakes Regional Conference. The article that you published in *The Oracle* did, indeed, set the tone for a very successful conference.

We have received many commendations about the conference and I just wanted you to know that your individual contributions were appreciated. Again thank you for the courtesies shown Alpha Kappa Alpha—Zeta Theta Omega Chapter.

Bella G. Clinkscale, Ph.D.
President—Zeta Theta Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Reminder To Support The Urban League

There are two civil rights organizations—The NAACP and the Urban League. Our beloved fraternity via its' Atlanta conclave pledged to be supportive of both.

It seems to me that the Urban League is deserving of equal "space" (re: the winter issue of the Oracle). May I suggest the following:

"Equal Opportunity

Without it—Freedom loses its Reality"

Join the Urban League Annual

Membership Program

or—a slogan of your choosing.

Brother L. D. Gainey II, President
Urban League of Broward County, Inc.

Editor's Note: Letter referred to Brother Mitchell Gadsden, Chairman of National Social Action Committee.

Oracle Astronaut Story Pleases NASA Official

Dear Mr. Shepard:

I was most pleased to receive a copy of the Fall 1979 issue of The ORACLE, and to see your article on Astronauts McNair, Gregory, and Bluford.

As you can imagine, we at NASA are quite proud of these gentlemen, and I can surmise the intense pleasure that must permeate Omega Psi Phi at having McNair and Gregory as Brothers. It is especially significant to note that they are the first Blacks to achieve astronaut status with NASA.

I congratulate you on having these men as your Brothers and on your very fine magazine. Thanks for sharing the ORACLE with us.

James Wm. Hawkins, Jr.
Affirmative Action Plan
Coordinator, Hqs. NASA

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ⁱ The Ninth Annual Convention, *The Oracle*, August 1921, p. 7.

ⁱⁱ Our Fraternity and its Program: Past, Present and Future, *The Oracle*, June 1935, p. 8.

ⁱⁱⁱ The Campaign for the Study of Negro Literature and History, *The Oracle*, August 1921, p. 31-32.

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^{vi} Omega Psi Phi Holds Conclave, *NY Amsterdam News*, January 10, 1923.

^{vii} Our Negro Achievement Project, *The Oracle*, October 1926, p. 107-109.

^{viii} Howard Track Star Gets Point Trophy, *Afro American*, May 31, 1930, p. 15.

^{ix} HU Art Group Refuses Plaque to Rosenwald, *Afro American*, June 25, 1932, p. 7.

^x <https://www.howard.edu/library/development/cassell/Founders.htm>

^{xi} Benjamin Banneker Memorial Presented to Howard University, *New York Age*, March 2, 1929, p. 3.

^{xii} Membership Index Card, International Headquarters, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Decatur, GA.

Presentation Ceremony

February 1, 1929

At this writing we are about to culminate our plans for presenting a sun dial to the University. The sun dial is given in commemoration of Benjamin Banneker, the eminent Negro mathematician and astronomer. The presentation exercises will take place on February the first, in the chapel. The unveiling exercises will follow immediately on the campus.

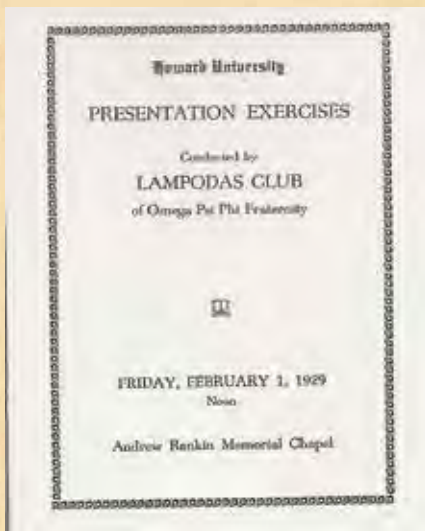
Excerpt from The Lampodas Club update
The Oracle, February 1929



The Invitation

LeRoy A. Clay Scrapbook

(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)

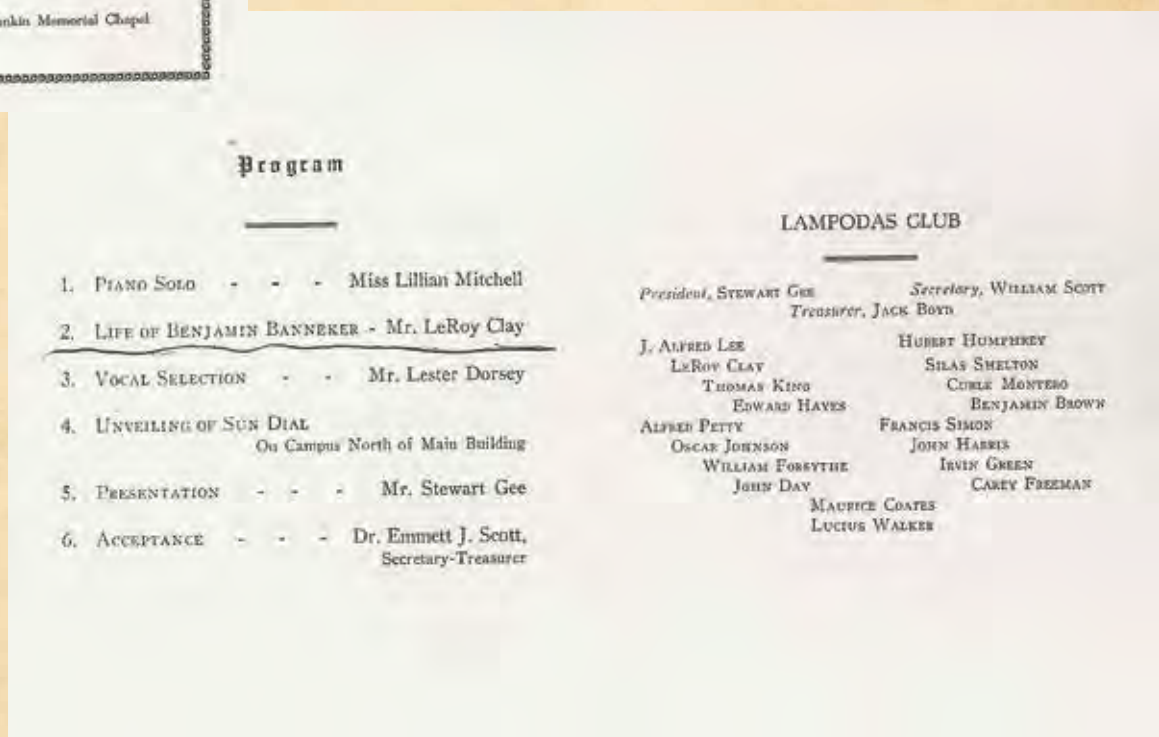


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Presentation Ceremony February 1, 1929



Unveiling of the Sundial , February 1, 1929

The Bison Yearbook, 1929

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*THE BANNEKER MEMORIAL SUNDIAL
Presented by Alpha Chapter Lampados Club to Howard
University. Designed by Brother Ralph Vaughn, architect.*

The Oracle, June 1929

The Unveiling

The Press

HOWARD U GETS MEMORIAL TO BENJAMIN BANNEKER

Washington—A memorial to Benjamin Banneker, famous mathematician and astronomer, recently was presented to Howard university by the Lampodus club, consisting of pledges to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The memorial consisted of a sundial of granite and bronze, the design having been executed by Ralph Vaughn, Omega member and former architect student at the University of Illinois. The pledges donated the entire sum needed to secure the memorial.

Impressive exercises were held in Andrew Rankin Memorial chapel, at which time Leroy Clay spoke on the life of Banneker. In his address he pointed out the fact that the scientist was a freedman who lived during the 18th century in the state of Maryland, near Baltimore; that he was appointed by President George Washington to aid Major L'Enfant, famed French architect, to plan the layout of the District of Columbia. L'Enfant died before the work was completed, which required Banneker to carry on in his stead.

It was also noted that Banneker made the first clock used in America which was constructed of all American materials, and published an almanac which set forth his brilliant abilities as astronomer and mathematician. Dr. Scott accepted the memorial as one of the most princely gifts which the university has ever received, from Stewart Lee, president of the club. "May we and posterity benefit by the creative heritage of our forefathers," Mr. Gee stated in his presentation speech.

Chicago Defender, p. A1
February 16, 1929

DESIGNS GIFT



—Defender Photo.

RALPH VAUGHN

Executes granite and bronze sundial presented to Howard university in memory of Benjamin Banneker, famous mathematician and astronomer, by the pledges of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. Mr. Vaughn, a former student of the University of Illinois, is attached to the university architectural staff.

Chicago Defender, p. A1
February 16, 1929

We are proud of our pledges. They have presented a beautiful Sun Dial to the University in honor of Benjamin Banneker. When you visit our campus look up the en-columned wrist-watch and catch the "tick" of the superior efforts of our little brothers.

Excerpt from the Alpha Chapter update
The Oracle, February 1929

Benjamin Banneker Memorial Presented To Howard University

Washington, D. C.—A sundial of granite and bronze was presented by the Lampodus Club of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to Howard University on Friday, February 1, 1929. Simple but impressive noon exercises in the Rankin Memorial Chapel preceding the unveiling of the university campus.

J. Alfred Lee acted as master of ceremonies for this occasion. The program featured a piano solo by Miss Lillian Mitchell; "The Life of Benjamin Banneker" by Mr. by Lester Dorsey.

Benjamin Banneker was born a free Negro during the early Eighteenth Century; he was appointed by President George Washington to aid Major L'Enfant in planning the District of Columbia and the streets of Washington; he made the first clock in America with all American materials, and he published an almanac which set forth his abilities as an astronomer and mathematician.

Students, teachers and friends of Howard University who were at the exercises in Chapel formed a circle about the covered sundial. Stewart Lee, president of the Lampodus Club, made the address and unveiled the sundial. Dr. Emmett J. Scott replied in behalf of the university officials.

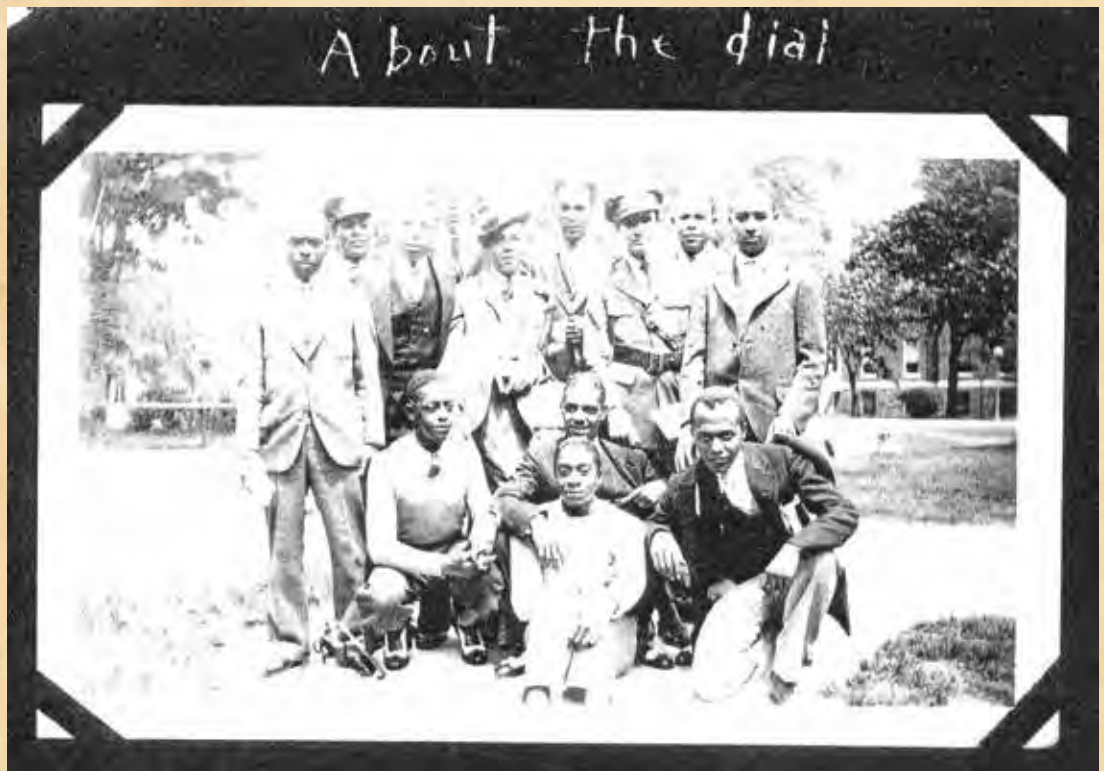
The work was planned by Albert I. Cassell and Ralph Vaughn, architects at Howard University. Leroy Clay of Baltimore, sophomore, conceived the idea of this memorial for Benjamin Banneker. The Lampodus Club, which is composed of young men pledged to the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, brought this idea to a realization. The donations came only from these pledges.

New York Age, p. 3
March 2, 1929



Bros. LeRoy Clay, Stewart Gee & Maurice Coates
LeRoy A. Clay Scrapbook
(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)

The Bros-1929



Brothers from Alpha Chapter
LeRoy A. Clay Scrapbook
(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)

Alpha Chapter

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The BISON of 1929



ALPHA CHAPTER

OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY

Howard University
Washington, D. C.

Atkins, Philip	Green, Lawrence	Petite, Frederick
Beaubien, Edward A.	Hainsworth, Robert	Powers, Conrad
Berry, Archie	Hall, John	Ross, Edgar
Billingslia, George	Hawthorne, Harold	Russell, William
Brown, Daniel	Hill, Leonard	Sallie, Carrol
Browne, Garey M.	Hill, Oliver	Shamwell, Earl
Burke, Clinton	Hopkins, Byron	Shorter, Charles
Butcher, James W.	Inge, H. F.	Smith, Vernon
Calloway, Milton Curtis	Johnson, Darnell	Spellman, Lester
Campbell, Louis	Johnson, Hayden	Starnes, Walter
Coates, Louis	Jones, James	Taylor, Edward
Coles, John	Landers, Harry	Thorne, Frank
Coy, Mervyn	Mack, Glascoe	Travis, William
Dandridge, Robert	Martin, George W.	Trotman, James
Drew, Joseph	Miles, Charles E.	Vaughn, Ralph
Elliott, Charles	Moss, Rufus	Waites, Alexander
Ferguson, Dutton	Muse, Edward	Walker, James L.
Fisher, Edward	Nash, William	Webb, Harry
George, Collins	Parker, James	Welch, Franz
George, John S.	Paul, William C.	Whitted, George
George, William	Payne, Harry	Whitted, Harold
Goodwin, James F.		



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The Bison Yearbook, 1929

(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)

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The 1930 Lampados Club
The Oracle, June 1930

The names are from left to right, sitting: Joseph Whiting; Secretary and Treasurer; Irving Green; Frank C. Montero, President; second row: Earl Anderson, Scarborough; third row: Otto Ramsey, Robert Lee, Francis Simon, Jones; back row: Jones, Marsutus Smith and Frank Harrison.



Alpha Chapter, 1930-31
The Bison Yearbook, 1931

(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spangarn Research Center, Howard University)



Alpha Chapter Officers, 1940-41
The Hilltop, 12/18/40

(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spangarn Research Center, Howard University)

1940s

1940s

1943 Alpha Chapter Achievement Week Committee

The Hilltop, 12/15/43

(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)



Members of Achievement Week Committee pose around the Omega sundial. Left to right, Robert Bell, John Dennis, Edmund Gordon, E. Coleman Alden and Seth Grant.



The 1943 Lampados Club



The Lampados Club of Alpha Chapter

The 1947 Lampados Club

The Oracle, March 1947



The Bros around the Dial

Winter 1942

1950s



Probates of Alpha Chapter, Spring 1951

1960s



Hymning it Up
The Bison Yearbook, 1964

(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)



Alpha Chapter, 1968-69

The Bison Yearbook, 1969

(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center,
Howard University)

Omega Psi Phi—Kneeling: M. Bucknell, S. Colbert, V. Holmes, D. Webb, J. Turner, R. Loy, C. Dial, R. Perkins, W. Sherman, T. Leigh, L. Harris. Standing: D. Wheeler, G. Reva, J. Robinson, F. Galiber, R. Bradford, K. Perry, R. Bennett, G. Berkeley, P. Lassater, L. Slayton, O. Morgan, W. Rowland, F. McQueen, J. Collins, L. Wigglesworth, M. Trisby, J. St. Clair, G. Peck, B. Campbell, G. Davis, C. Griffin.

1960s



Around the Dial

The Bison Yearbook, 1966

(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)



Bro. William "Hard Hittin'" Hall
1967

(Courtesy of Bro. Harold Cook)



The Bros - 1968

(Courtesy of Bro. Harold Cook)



Noon on Friday - 1967
(Courtesy of Bro. Harold Cook)



**A Shrouded Dial in memory of the passing of
Founder Frank Coleman - 1967**
(Courtesy of Bro. Harold Cook)



Lamps Harold Cook & Frank Early-1966
(Courtesy of Bro. Harold Cook)

Noon on Friday - 1968
(Courtesy of Bro. Harold Cook)



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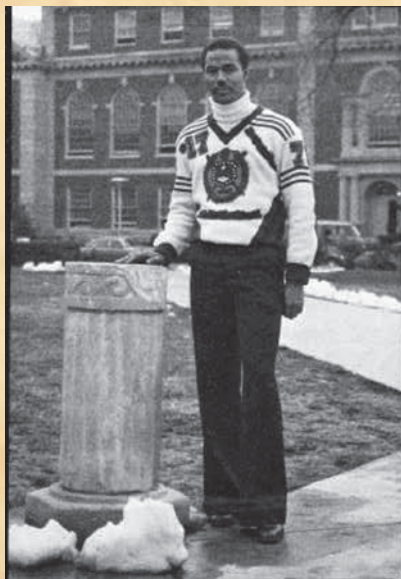


Bro. Ro Quander & Omega Queen Toni Ganges
(Courtesy of Bro. Harold Cook)



Noon on Friday - 1968
(Courtesy of Bro. Harold Cook)

1970s



Bro. Alan Warwick
The Bison Yearbook, 1975
(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn
Research Center, Howard University)



Alpha Chapter, 1974-75
The Bison Yearbook, 1975
(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)

Historic Vignette

The Day When Alpha Lamps Honored Benjamin Banneker

(From June 1929 ORACLE)

"Fame has given us a goodly slap. Our hats are the same size, however. And we wear them with the usual ease.

"For the past few weeks we have received many commendatory responses concerning the Banneker Memorial we presented to Howard University. Among the letters on file we have communications from the Student Council of the University, Dean Lucy Slowe, The Armstrong Association of Philadelphia, and the Vice Brand Basileus Matthew Bullock.

"The presentation programme was well rendered. Pledge-brother LeRoy Clay gave some striking phases of the life of Benjamin Banneker. The musical numbers by Miss Lillian Mitchell showed that she is going to be one of the Race's foremost artists on the piano. At the unveiling on the Campus, Pledge-brother Stewart Gee, President of the Lampados Club, made a brief and forceful speech. Doctor Emmett J. Scott made a response in behalf of the University Officials. Pledge-brother Julius Lee acted ably as Master of Ceremonies."

"We gave a musical-literary programme at the Vermont Avenue Church on March 18th. In this undertaking we explored a new avenue of contact. We hope that we have changed the opinions of the working class of people who think that the average chaps are a racial group apart from them rather than a part of them.

"On this occasion Pledge-brother John Harris appeared in several beautiful saxophone solos. Miss Gladys Davis accompanied him. The audience was pleased with the Langston Hughes and Contee Cullen recitations given by Pledge-brothers William Forsythe, Thomas King, Hubert Humphrey, Frank Curle Montero, and Carey Freeman. Pledge-brother LeRoy



ALPHA BROTHER POSES AT SUN-DIAL—LeRoy Clay, member of the ORACLE Committee, which conducted the memorial program, poses by the Banneker Sundial.

Clay gave a beautiful talk on the "Negro in American Literature." Our Dean of Pledges, Dutton Ferguson, made the closing remarks.

"We are proud to say that the Trustee Board of the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church sent a gratifying letter to President Mordecai Johnson of Howard University praising our attempts to bring a new vision to a needy people. Our programme served a dual purpose, as it was given for the benefit of the Junior Choir of the Church."

"Among the recent speakers (at our Lampados meetings) we have had the following Big-brothers: Attorney Walter Mazyck, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; Joseph Jenking, a Hamilton College Phi Beta Kappa; Thomas Bowman, a Yale graduate and Howard University Medical Student; and the Colonel West Hamilton."

By LeRoy Clay, Hubert Humphrey, and Julius Lee, ORACLE Committee.

Project for Alpha Lamps

Let History Repeat Itself!

Editor's Note:—There is today no significant monument or statue to memorialize the contribution of Benjamin Banneker, the self-educated Maryland free black, who because of his knowledge of science, mathematics, astronomy, and his friendship with Thomas Jefferson was appointed by President Washington to the three-member commission selected to draw plans for the new Federal City, Washington, D.C.

The sundial on Howard University is prob-

ably the only marker or statuary in the District honoring Banneker for reproducing from memory the plan, which the French designer Major Pierre L'Enfant, in anger, took back to France with him.

The statue, now badly in need of rehabilitation, is hardly recognizable, even as a sundial, as it stands there with its top stripped of its metal ornamentation and its shaft chipped and striated by weather and the markings of vandals. Few, if any of the present generation of Omegas on Howard University campus, know the story behind this statue.

As the Lampados Club of the recently reactivated Alpha Chapter comes to life again, history could be repeated. The present Lamps, as a project, might consider refurbishing the sundial and with careful planning and programming merit the same publicity and praise recorded by the Lampados Club of 58 years ago.

Memorial to Banneker



HONORING A PIONEER CITY PLANNER
—The Sundial on the campus at Howard University, a shrine to Omega, is a memorial to Benjamin Banneker presented to the University by the Lampados Club of Alpha Chapter in 1929.

The sundial was designed by Brother Ralph A. Vaughn, a graduate of the University of Illinois School of Architecture, who had returned to Washington to begin his career. Later he went to California where he worked on the staff of Brother Paul R. Williams, an internationally known architect.



Spring 1983



Spring 1995



Spring 2010

The Long Walk



Omega Dear
Centennial Celebration, July 2011



Charter Day - 2012

21 Titians
50th Anniversary
2014





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(Courtesy of The Washington Post)



The Sundial - 1929

LeRoy A. Clay Scrapbook
(Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University)