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## Memorandum

TO: REGIONAL OFFICERS, CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND GUESTS

FROM: BRO. RAPHAEL FORBES

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2008

RE: CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Greetings Brothers,

The Western Region is proud to announce the 2009 Western Regional Leadership Conference/Sigma Academy. We have comprised the budget and set the dates.

The 2009 conference will be held in the original sin city Las Vegas, Nevada. This leadership conference is a day long training session along with a pre-conference forum. Set your calendars for March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2009.

<u>Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup></u>, we are asking every brother to arrive before 7pm to participate in an important discussion put together by the International Program Director of Social Action, Brother John White; A Conversation Among Men – A dialogue on AIDS/HIV and it's impact on our community. This forum is free and open to the public. The goal is to get up to 75 men together and discuss preventative measures and other issues surrounding this important topic. Also, immediately following the town hall meeting, the region will host a brother's only candidate's forum. All brothers seeking an international office within the fraternity have been invited to discuss their ideas with us. Afterwards we will hit the town for the night life.

Keep in mind that any chapter failing to register at least one representative will be fined a registration and one hotel room day and placed on close probation until the fine is paid. 1000"

<u>Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup></u>, is the day of the leadership conference. The session will begin promptly at 8 am. Since this is a leadership academy, it is best to have all chapter members attend so that the chapter receives the required training to lead not only your chapter, but also in your community. To review the conference schedule you can visit the regional website (pbs1914-west.org), download the schedule or register online through PayPal or you can mail in your registration from.



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Not only do we have a full day of training and development we also have some exciting competitions scheduled. Our scheduled competitions are:

- 1. Gilbert A. Daily Debate and Oratorical Competition.
- 2. Miss Western Regional Phi Beta Sigma Competition.
- 3. Western Regional Step Show Competition.

The winners will represent the region at Conclave 2009. We also have scheduled a golf outing set for Friday afternoon. The links fees are forthcoming. The other competitions do have an admission price associated with them. For those who would like to attend the pageant and step show the ticket price is \$20. The public will be allowed to purchase tickets at \$20 before 7:30pm; afterwards the price will be increased. There is an exciting collegiate dance scheduled immediately following the step show. For just the dance it will be \$10.

The region mandates we convene a post-conference board meeting. The meeting is set for Sunday morning, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Roll call will commence promptly at 10am. The meeting will end no later than noon. One representative is required to attend or your chapter will be fined \$75. This will be a condensed meeting solely to close out the books and go home. Location of the post-conference board meeting will be announced soon.

Do not forget to place an ad in the conference booklet. Ads are very reasonable and we have a commission program for those who wish to sell additional spaces. For more information contact Brother Cedrick Soso at <a href="mailto:BiggerBetterBusiness@pbs1914-west.org">BiggerBetterBusiness@pbs1914-west.org</a>.

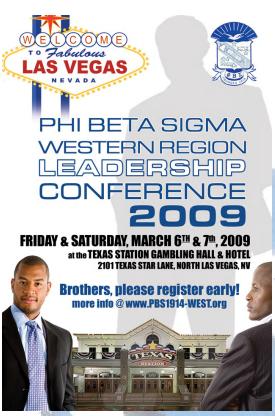
As we get closer to the conference we will send out information reminding you that this is the conference not to miss! I hope to see each of you in Las Vegas. Tell a brother and bring a friend. Don't miss it. Visit the regional website for updates and announcements. All forms, schedules and flyers will be distributed to each chapter, so be on the look out.

**Our vision is** "To strengthen the Western Region by providing supportive resources to each member and chapter; while developing membership growth, proper program implementation and a positive financial position."

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