

Team 1914 BLUE

“Calling all Brothers to the floor . . .

Brothers, we greet you and yours in The Name of Jesus Christ, OUR Lord and Saviour. We hope that this letter reaches you and yours in the best of health, both mentally and physically, but most importantly, spiritually. We are writing to you to request your assistance and participation in a Community Service Endeavor during the week of Conclave 2009 in New Orleans, LA in conjunction with The New Orleans Habitat For Humanity Chapter. Our Mission, Plan, and Goal is simple: “Sigma Build, Aide, and Empower NOLA!!!”

Each Conclave we gather from all across the country in a major US City to “conduct the business” of Phi Beta Sigma. No where and time during these business meetings are the concerns and challenges of that local community discussed. No invitations are extended to the residents to join us, no community forums and/or Town Hall Meetings are offered for them in an attempt to earnestly address the issues and challenges faced by many of them on an ongoing basis. We are looking for a few good men from every region of PBS to begin to effectuate and end this vicious cycle of neglect to those we are charged to serve.

Conclave gatherings often attract financial and inactive brothers from all over, most of whom never register and/or fully participate in the week’s list of activities. We are asking and calling on YOU, those brothers who won’t be in attendance as a delegate, we are asking YOU to participate in real and tangible community service activity.

During this committee’s proposed week of activities, we will conduct a forum/seminar from each of our National Programs: Bigger and Better Business, Social Action, and Education. We are prepared to educate and empower the people of New Orleans, LA. We have already been in dialogue for over a year with various community leaders and organizations who are eager and willing to assist and aide us. Our ardent hope and prayer is that this will take place from here on out at every Conclave where a National Partner of Phi Beta Sigma will be selected and a theme will surround the work to be done.

We encourage brothers to take full advantage of all that Conclave 2009 has to offer. The mission of this committee is to educate and empower the people as well as strengthen and build the bond of brotherhood in Sigma. The Sigma Museum, curated by Bros. Kevin Christian and Mark “Mallet” Pachich will also be on display.

We are looking forward to hearing and working with you on this project, Godspeed!

...We have some here, but we need some more”

Fraternally,

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Tentative Schedule:

Sunday:

Arrive in New Orleans

5:00 PM Evening Committee Meeting

9:00 PM “Meet and Greet” (Social Gathering)*

Monday:

7:00 AM Breakfast / Assemble in Hotel Lobby

9:00 AM Habitat for Humanity (9th Ward Area)

Tuesday:

7:00 AM Breakfast / Assemble in Hotel Lobby

9:00 AM Habitat for Humanity (9th Ward Area)

8:00 PM “Financial Management / Economic Empowerment Workshop” (BBB)*

Wednesday: Sigma Museum Opens (9am-6PM)*

Thursday:

9:00 AM Sigma Museum Open (9am-6PM)*

8:00 PM “Affordable Housing and Gentrification Forum” (E)*

Friday:

9:00 AM Sigma Museum Open (9am-6PM)*

8:00 PM “Combating Willie Lynch in The 21st Century” (SA)*

Saturday:

12:00 PM Blue & White BBQ – Must RSVP

* - Open To The Public