

**Spotlight on**  
**Brother Jerome Fennell**  
**By. Brother Jeffrey T. Smith**



Brother Jerome Fennell is an Omega man who has experienced life to the fullest with his priorities appropriately placed throughout his extensive and distinguished career. He is supported by a strong family foundation which consists of his wife, Elizabeth (Liz), and their two grown children, Roderick and Kristal, along with an extended family of Floridians. The couple, with a union of 44 years, share freely their talents and personalities with friends and strangers including qualities of graciousness, gregariousness, and generosity. Brother Fennell is soft spoken yet his words are deep, meaningful, and filled with life's lessons whether personally, professionally, or fraternally. Similar to other Omega men of his time, Fennell's record of service is squared by the four cardinal principles.

**Manhood.** Brother Fennell was born July 27, 1948 in Daytona Beach, Florida to the parents of Evet Fennell and Charlie Mae Clemons Fennell. Fennell, the first born of four, love and value his three siblings - Everett (Brother – '72 Rho Psi Chapter), Deryl (Brother), and Janette (Sister). Growing up just a few blocks from Bethune-Cookman University (BCU) provided Fennell an early insight into black college fraternal organizations. It was clear to him at an early age that he would become a "Que" if the opportunity to attend college was realized. Omega men were leaders in his community and bountiful, such as, Dr. William McMillan (staff member at BCU). During Fennell's tenure in the Boy Scouts, Dr. McMillan was his Scout Master. Dr.

McMillian later became President of Rust College, Holly Springs, MS from 1967 to 1993.

Brother Fennell crossed the burning sands into Omega Psi Phi through Chi Tau Chapter, Orlando, FL in the spring of 1976. His line started with eleven undergraduates and two graduates in the Lampados Club; only six undergraduates completed the process as the charter line at University of Central Florida (UCF). Fennell was initiated as the only senior with three months before graduation. His enthusiasm for Omega would continue to be high and his light bright while enjoying a wide-ranging Omega journey. Fennell served as Basileus of Omicron Omicron Chapter (1981 – 1982), Daytona Beach, FL and Vice Basileus Gamma Nu Chapter aka the Space Coast Chapter (1990 – 1991). The latter includes Titusville, Merritt Island, Cocoa, & Melbourne, all of Brevard County, FL. He supported the Membership Selection and Education Programs at Omicron Omicron and Gamma Nu, 1982 and 1990, respectively.

**Scholarship.** Brother Fennell graduated from UCF in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology. He attained an Associate of Science in Building and Construction Technology in 1968 from Daytona Beach Community College.

**Perseverance.** Brother Fennell is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Air Force with service from 1969 to 1973. He received the US Air Force Certificate of Merit as a first term 'Airman of the Month' in August 1970 while stationed at Utopia AFB, Thailand.

Brother Fennell's professional body of work includes challenging and rewarding assignments with top aerospace firms: Project Engineer, Planning Research Corporation, Kennedy Space Center (1976 – 1977); Product Support Engineer, General Electric Co, Aerospace Division, Daytona Beach, FL (1977 – 1983); Systems Engineer, Harris Corporation, Palm Bay, FL (1983 – 1984 & 1987 – 2001); Systems Engineer, Allied/Signal/Bendix, Aerospace Division, Teterboro, NJ (1984 – 1987); Systems Engineer, Boeing Company, Aerospace Division, Denver, CO (2001 – 2013).

Brother Fennell's adeptness at leadership and community service is evident through his several endeavors. Here are just a few of his efforts: Outstanding Young Men of America, 1982; Board of Directors, Daytona Beach Little League Baseball Association, 1977 – 1979; Board Member and Coach, Daytona Beach Little League (Basketball and Baseball); Member, Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, FL.

**Uplift.** Brother Fennell received recognition as a Certified Professional Logistician, May 1989. He has received a plethora of employment awards and special recognition for individual performance, teamwork, and leadership for work in the communications, aerospace, and

simulation electronic industries.

In closing, Brother Fennell offered his aspirations and hopes for Omega and Chi Phi Chapter; he encourages members to safeguard the visions and principles of the Fraternity as intended by the four founders.

Brother Fennell espouses the cardinal principles, friendship, brotherly love, and selfless service as well as a commitment to family. He is a fashionable brother all the while relishing the activities of golf, billiards, Bid Whist among a number of other fun activities. May God continue to bless and prosper Brother Fennell, his family and friends.

