

Spotlight on
Brother Bill Nolan
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Brother Nolan is the quintessential Omega man with the attributes of friendship, benevolence, encouragement, unselfishness, and love. Brother Nolan readily speaks the courage of his convictions regardless of the meeting, situation, or circumstance. His obligation and duty to others are ingrained where support and resources are provided by him unconditionally with minimum examination or intrusion. Brother Nolan life's example and experiences are beacons of light for other men seeking a way forward as a father, husband, leader, community servant, and church member.

Brother Nolan and I met 26 years ago and I have benefited greatly from our time together. His friendly demeanor and professionalism were a draw for me initially and his assistance at different stages of my life helped me immensely with family matters, fraternity endeavors, work issues, community projects, home maintenance, and just being a man. Brother Nolan modestly shared his background which is consistent with the Omega man I have become to know over the many years.

Manhood. Brother Nolan is married to Norma Nolan and as part of their union of 39 years are three children (one boy and two girls) and two grandchildren (a boy and girl). Brother Nolan was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 1948 and has two sisters.

Brother Nolan was initiated through the Psi Omicron Chapter at Youngstown State Uni-

versity (YSU) on April 21, 1973. He has held various fraternity offices and committee positions to include Basileus, Vice Basileus, Keeper of Peace, Dean of the Selection and Education Program and Chairman, Paint-a-Thon Committee.

Scholarship. Brother Nolan is a graduate of YSU with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education, 1978. He completed his Masters of Arts Degree at Phoenix University, 2005.

Perseverance. Brother Nolan is a Vocational Rehab Specialist with the Veterans Administration. Nolan is also a retired Biology Teacher and Football Coach, having worked in the Denver Public Schools. He is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army, 1968 – 1971, and endured the war and hardship of the Vietnam campaign.

Uplift. Brother Nolan is a 30 year member of Berean Bible Church, Denver as well as an active member of the Aurora Chapter of the NAACP. He served on the Central Grievance Board for 25 years which is geared toward assisting teachers. Nolan was voted the 'Most Memorable Teacher' from 1995-2000 at George Washington High School, Denver, and has influenced and impacted undoubtedly hundreds of young people during his tenure at George and other school assignments.

Fraternally, Brother Nolan is a 40 year member of Dear Omega; he received the 25 year pin, an item he helped establish and create. Nolan record of service in Chi Phi Chapter is noteworthy. He has received numerous chapter service awards and scrolls of honor from 1989 through 2008 for his active participation, leadership, mentorship, and endeavor. Nolan is mostly proud of the recognition he received in 2013 when Chi Phi presented him with the chapter's Founders Award.

In conclusion, Brother Nolan informed me of his aspiration and hope for the chapter which is to secure fraternity housing in Denver. Nolan has been a chief advocate for obtaining a chapter house in the city and sponsored a motion to contribute dues to the effort for future use in purchasing a building.

Friendship is essential to the soul and it describes accurately the Omega man in Brother William 'Bill' Nolan. You will gain a firm appreciation of Nolan's several tal-

ents and abilities after a casual conversation with him; he is well read on many subjects and shares his knowledge freely including his fondness for R&B music. Brother Nolan and the other Omega men made in the 1970's are the 'big brothers' to succeeding generations of men inducted and initiated in Omega. Nolan's model, manner, and purpose will continue to build bridges for this great fraternity in the years to come. I pray for God's blessing on him, his family and friends.

