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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO NEW ARCHONS

I personally find great satisfaction in perusing our Sigma Pi Phi Web site, including all the various sections of the online JOURNAL. The upgrades over the last several years and attention to advancing technology are reassuring that our most treasured Fraternity is keeping pace within the field of publishing, as well as paying attention to its constituency's needs and desires. Our Grand Grappter, Khephra Burns, does an excellent job and has a terrific writer's style that is informative, engaging and uplifting. I also like very much having the printed BOULÉ JOURNAL when I am on the go.

Those who are not reading either the online or printed BOULÉ JOURNAL are doing themselves a disservice by missing out on the rich content, substance, legacy and history of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity. We have no equal. While other organizations do good things, no other has so well served African American men who are also men of distinction and achievement. None has the breadth, depth and scope of membership that Sigma Pi Phi has. Sigma Pi Phi has put its stamp on history with such notables as the late John Hope Franklin of Alpha Tau Boulé, whose recent passing on March 25 had special coverage in the summer issue of THE BOULÉ JOURNAL as well as on the Web site.

The Boulé continues to make current critical contributions to the men, women and children of Sigma Pi Phi, as well as provide a guiding influence

to their future enrichment and prosperity. It is very interesting that while the Boulé originated in the United States, its good deeds and influence extend well beyond our shores: Sigma Pi Phi's impact is indeed international. One will note that many significant events and accomplishments involve the positive leadership of Sigma Pi Phi members, even though the surrounding publicity does not mention the Fraternity. Archons are not braggadocios or braggarts; we are doers.

As proud as I am to have Barack Obama as the forty-fourth president of the United States – not only as an African American, but simply as an American – I am equally proud of the Archons and their families who stepped up to aid his surge and rise to the presidency of our country. The Boulé is neither Democrat nor Republican; it transcends party lines. The Boulé is more than a hundred years old and has witnessed many political positions taken on the American landscape. As one of our most famous Archons, Archon Martin Luther King, Jr., said, it is “rooted in the American Dream.” And you will notice that President Obama has a number of Archons working in his administration.

On behalf of our legacy and future, I welcome you to our Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi. Enjoy.

*Archon Jim Johnson*  
*Chair of the Membership Council*  
*Gamma Zeta Boulé* Ω

## REGIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED *for* 2009

**Pacific Region Meeting**

**Phoenix, AZ**

**October 28-November 1, 2009**

**Southeast Region Meeting**

**Columbus, GA**

**October 23-25, 2009**

**Western Region Meeting**

**Kansas City, MO**

**October 16-18, 2009**