# 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave

Hosted by the Rho Sigma Chapter Dec. 27-29<sup>th,</sup> 1956



rictured above are members of the steering committee of Rho Sigma chapter, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. These "men of Sigma" are planning and laying the foundation for the 42nd annual conclave of the fraternity, scheduled for Dec. 27 thru 29, when several hundred delegates are expected to trek to the sunshine state for the confab.

Seated, left to right: Hartman Gib-

son, director of social actions; Otis J. Hayward, business manager; Earl A. Wells, president; Percy Sweeting, secretary; Theodore Robinson, housing director; Standing; James Cherry, Albert Dean, chairman souvenir committee; David Ivey, program; Dr. William Chapman, treasurer; John Smith, and Dandy Smith. Not shown is Dr. H. H. Green, chairman of the finance committee.

## Theme: "Meeting the Demands of Democracy"

"In connection with this theme Dr. George D. Flemmings, national board member, will address the fraternity's Public meeting at Mt. Zion church on the Subject 'Civil Rights America's Challenge'."

-Direct Quote From the Miami Times, see sources-

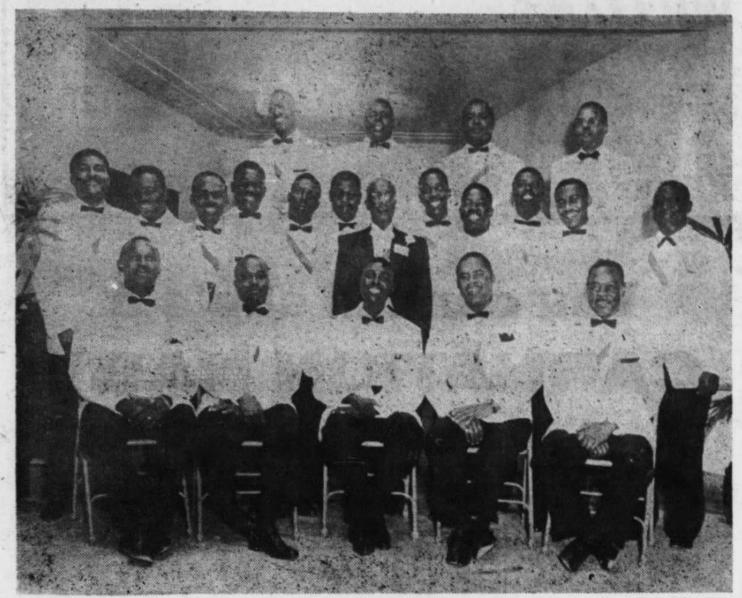
### Events held:

Caribbean Cruise
Sigma's Bait-A-Date
Sigma's Grand Orchid Ball
Orange Bowl Football Game
The Phi Beta Sigma and Phi Delta kappa Joint Dance

## Events held by the Miami Sigma Wives:

Sight Seeing
Vizcaya tour
Seaquarium
Indian Village tour
"Chit-Chat Session"
Shopping tour along Lincoln Road





members of the Sigma chapter were all smiles Saturday, Dec. 29 at the formal dance at Bayfront Park Auditorium because the event climaxed a very successful national meeting of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity here in Miami.

First row: Raphu Williams, James Cherry, Earl Wells, David Simmons, Albert Dean, second row: Lee Brown, Hartman Gibson, Ellis Adderley, Nathaniel Thompson, Percy Sweeting, Theodore Robinson, Dr. H. H. Green, J. Otis Haywood Jr., Sidney Cox, Percy Brown, Thompson Payne. Back row: Thomas Papino, Dandy Smith, David Ivey, Dr. William Chapman Jr.—Adamsfoto.

## Hosting Hotels



The Sir John Hotel- shown above and the Mary Elizabeth Hotel-shown below, were two of the hotels that hosted delegates and visitors in town for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave for Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc..



<sup>\*</sup>Other hosting Hotels included : The Carver Hotel, and the Booker Terrace

#### WELCOME SIGMAS

This week the 42nd Annual Conclave of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is being held in Miami with the Rho Sigma Chapter as host.

On Thursday evening the opening program was given

at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The principal speaker was Dr. George D. Flemmings, national president. His subject was "Civil Rights, America's Challenge."

Awards were made to State Rep. John B. Orr, Jr., J. R. E Lee, business manager of the Florida A and M

University and Neal Adams, local business man

Meeting of the conclave in Miami, carries our mind back to the year 1925 when the Rho Sigma chapter, first Greek letter fraternity to be organized among us in Miami came into existence. We are pleased to know that this chapter of which we then became a member, is active again.

There are still some of the charter members around.

Dr. H. H. Green, Dr. Kelsey Pharr and J R. Taylor

The Miami Times extends a cordial welcome to our Greek visitors. We hope their deliberations will prove beneficial and that they will carry away many pleasant recollections not only of Miami, but of Dade County as a whole.

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