



Remarks of  
Walter L. Fields  
Chairman, Brown and Gold PAC  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration  
March on Washington  
August 26, 2023

GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS WALTER FIELDS AND I SERVE AS THE CHAIRMAN OF BROWN AND GOLD PAC, THE NATIONAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF IOTA PHI THETA FRATERNITY, INC. I BRING GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF OUR FRATERNITY'S 23<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL GRAND POLARIS, DR. SEAN D. HOUSEN, WHO IS ON FRATERNITY BUSINESS TODAY IN ATLANTA.

LIKE THIS MARCH COMMEMORATION, IOTA IS CELEBRATING ITS 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. OUR BROTHERHOOD WAS FOUNDED JUST ONE MONTH AFTER THE 1963 MARCH ON WASHINGTON, AND FOUR DAYS AFTER FOUR LITTLE BLACK GIRLS WERE MURDERED IN THE BOMBING OF THE SIXTEENTH BAPTIST CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA. WE ARE THE BLACK FRATERNAL EXPRESSION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

TODAY, WE COME BEFORE YOU NOT TO ENGAGE IN EMOTIONAL SENTIMENTALITY BUT WITH A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND CONVICTION. WHAT WE DO TODAY IS IMPORTANT, BUT SYMBOLIC. THE QUESTION IS – **WHAT WILL WE DO TOMORROW? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU RETURN HOME? WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

60 YEARS AGO THOSE THAT GATHERED IN THIS VERY SPOT WERE CONFRONTING AMERICA’S ORIGINAL SIN – WHITE SUPREMACY. TODAY, WE STAND IN THE SAME SPOT AND BATTLE AMERICA’S PERSISTENT SIN – WHITE SUPREMACY. YET THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELITTLE ANY CLAIM FOR JUSTICE AS ‘WOKE’ WHEN THE TRUTH IS THAT AMERICA HAS BEEN COMATOSE. IT HAS BEEN A LIFELESS, SOULLESS VESSEL MASQUERADING AS A DEMOCRATIC NATION. TODAY, OUR ENEMY IS NOT WHITE, BLACK, BROWN, IMMIGRANT, WOMEN OR LGTBQ. IT IS WHITE SUPREMACY, WHETHER IT COMES IN WHITE FACE, BROWN FACE, OR EVEN BLACK FACE.

IT IS TIME TO STOP PLAYING THE PART, AND TO BE THE PART. IT IS TIME TO STOP ACTING REVOLUTIONARY ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND BEING COMPLICIT AND SUBMISSIVE IN YOUR DAILY WALK. **WHAT WILL YOU DO TOMORROW?**

IOTA PHI THETA FRATERNITY SUPPORTS:

- THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
- FULL VOTING RIGHTS WITHOUT OBSTRUCTION
- PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THE TEACHING OF TRUTH IN THE CLASSROOM

- UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE
- WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
- HUMANE IMMIGRATION POLICY
- THE RIGHT TO CLEAN WATER AND AIR
- THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE, NO MATTER RACE, FAITH, GENDER, OR SEXUAL IDENTITY

IT'S JUSTICE TIME IN AMERICA! **WHAT WILL YOU DO? GET YOUR MARCH ON TODAY BUT GET YOUR WORK ON TOMORROW.** IT'S TIME TO BEND THE ARC OF THE MORAL UNIVERSE TOWARD JUSTICE! ASE AND PEACE BE WITH YOU.