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Lambda Epsilon's Operation Health and Hygiene on Display at 83rd Grand Conclave
Submitted by Brother Eien Williams
Written by Brother Evan Hardin

Charlotte, NC, July 25, 2022 – No less than

twenty (20) Lambda Epsilon alumnus and undergraduate members showed up and partnered with Nexus Church in Charlotte to provide meals and hygiene kits for the homeless community around the area.

It was an honor to partner with Nexus Church in this effort to provide essential items that many of us take for granted," said Brother Evan Hardin, Tuskegee University Political Science Major and a Spring 2022 member of Lambda Epsilon.

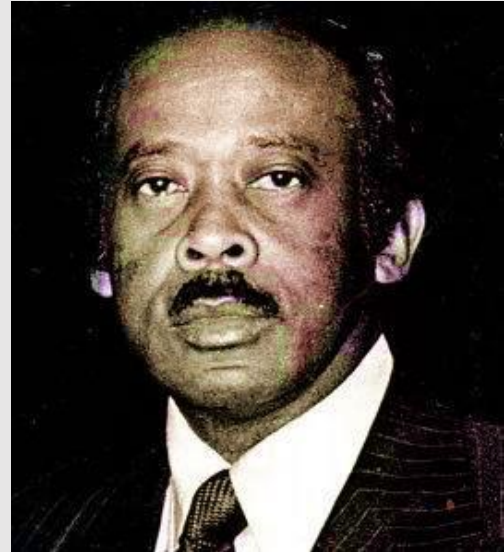
With strong backing of the Alumni of Lambda Epsilon Foundation (ALEF), Nexus Church and Lambda Epsilon chapter members, over 100 meals and hygiene kits were prepared and distributed amongst the homeless who were present. With **health and hygiene** as the foci of this operation, it is important to *assess the impact* initiatives such as this can have on not only the targeted communities, but also the community members and the fraternity at-large.

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OUR 3RD LAMPLIGHT STAR ALUMNUS

Burnel Elton Coulon, Sr., 31st Grand Basileus
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
Omega Chapter
1929 - 2018



An Omega Man's Man - a Lambda Epsilon Omega Man!

On March 17, 1947, the student body voted 321 to 17 to bring fraternities and sororities to Tuskegee Institute.

Because of **Brother Burnel Elton Coulon, Sr.**, the brothers of Lambda Epsilon (ΛΕ) Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., are affectionately known wherever they may land, as "*Booker's boys*" after Tuskegee's founding president, Booker T. Washington. **Brother Grand Basileus Coulon** gave the men of ΛΕ that distinction.

Born in New Orleans; he left home at a very young age; he traveled the dark and sometimes treacherous southern roads to Alabama to Booker T. Washington's school. He was in search of a sense of time, a sense of place and a sense of self. Like many who came before – he found them and he found opportunity. He was a writer for the student newspaper, a leader among undergraduates, a scholar, and became one of Just, Love, Coleman, and Cooper's Boys: an Omega Man.

Yet, he found time for scholarship, to learn a trade that would set him in perpetual motion to be the person he became – a beacon, a star, a leader and for all suitable purposes: *a harbinger of what helped shape the lives of countless young kindreds from*

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"We shall prosper in proportion as we learn to draw the line between the superficial and the substantial, the ornamental gewgaws of life and the useful." Booker T. Washington

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Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Washington DC, Maryland, New York, Alaska, California, Nevada, Indiana, Venezuela. The lives he touched came from everywhere.

Brother Robert Fairchild, a former Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and former chairman of the International Committee on Fatherhood and Mentoring for the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., said, “Brother Coulon is a true Omega man. He is one who has modeled friendship and service.”

Brother James Wilson, a graduate of Alabama A&M University, former Southern California Representative said, “Brother Coulon is one of the greatest Grand Basilei we have ever had; he symbolizes Brotherhood. To him, Omega Psi Phi is a way of life.”

Brother Leander Roberts, of Sacramento, CA, who Brother Coulon made into the Lampados Club, said of him, “The way he carried himself as a student on campus he was sought out and consulted by the deans and the president of Tuskegee Institute on policy matters. He was the BMOC!”

Brother Coulon has been a benefactor to many of Booker’s boys, to thousands of young men the world over. It is fitting that we, current benefactors of his *esprit de corps*, pay homage to him with the distinction of being selected a Lamplight Star Alumnus of Lambda Epsilon.

Many are born of life; a few are born to be larger than life. Brother Grand Coulon was one of the few. We thank you.

We thank your family for loaning you to us. gdt ///

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“**The health segment** of our operation involved handing out over 100 meals to the homeless,” he said. Brother Hardin stressed that maintaining sustenance is essential to our livelihood as humans, yet we overlook the fact that many people constantly do not have access to such a basic need, Brother Hardin taking a stance on behalf of the Lambda Epsilon’s initiative, was emphatic about Lambda Epsilon supporting the value that: *is it important for us to feed ourselves with food, but it is equally important to look out for those important to us to see if they’ve had their daily crust*. We learn, he said, “to never take for granted the privilege it is to know when our next meal will come.”

“**The hygiene portion** of our operation consisted of passing out hand sanitizer, masks, dental care items, such as floss and toothpaste and more essential items.

About the care kits, Hardin said, “These items have proven to be important in today’s world as we continue to face the Covid 19 pandemic and growing monkeypox outbreak.”

Not only did Lambda Epsilon brothers provide personal hygiene care kits that can enhance the recipient’s daily routine. Providing these kits is part of the tradition and mission of Lambda Epsilon. Recipients of these kits can take on the day safely and comfortably. Lambda Epsilon demonstrates through

this part of the initiative the importance of self-maintenance, as we know *cleanliness is next to holiness*.

Lambda Epsilon (ΛΕ) chapter received satisfaction: ΛΕ was able in its historic tradition to complete another act of **service to the community**. The Chapter understands how it is to be in another’s shoes and to always look after those in need. To lend a helping hand will always be a high virtue and an integral experience for Lambda Epsilon Brothers as they continue to serve the brotherhood. ///

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ΛΕ Represents in Numbers in the Queen City for 83rd Grand Conclave

Bro. Eien Q. Williams

Charlotte, NC, July 24-26—The 83rd Grand Conclave took place in Charlotte, NC where thousands of brothers came to dwell together in Unity. Lambda Epsilon had a weekend full of food and fellowship during the Grand Conclave. Alumni of Lambda Epsilon residing in the 6th District convened a committee to host Lambda Epsilon for the historic weekend. The committee spent 18 months planning the reunion weekend as a pre- ΛΕ 75th Anniversary celebration.

With donations from Alumni of Lambda Epsilon Foundation (ALEF) and ΛΕ brothers a house was rented for the Grand Conclave weekend and known as the “ΛΕ Mansion”. The house became the central location for Alumni, brothers, and friends of Lambda Epsilon. It also served as the house for younger Lambda Epsilon brothers (ΛΕ ’19, ΛΕ ’20, ΛΕ ’21, ΛΕ ’22) to stay free of charge for the Grand Conclave weekend.

The ΛΕ Grand Conclave weekend consisted of a fish fry on Friday, community service and BBQ on Saturday, and Church service and post-service fellowship on Sunday. Bro. Horatious Harris (ΛΕ ’90), pastor of Nexus Church in Charlotte, welcomed the brotherhood for Sunday worship. His congregation assisted in the Saturday chapter community service project in Uptown Charlotte. Alumni and Undergrad brothers were noticeably present throughout the weekend, with ΛΕ ’92 being recognized with their 30-year service awards, serving as delegates for various chapters, representing at the 6th District Cookout, as well as Bro Harper Lee (ΛΕ ’21) serving as the International Undergraduate MSP representative.

Members of the ΛΕ 6th District Charlotte Conclave Committee: Brothers Horatious Harris (ΛΕ ’90), Robert “Bart” Marina (LE ’90), Glennell “Tree” Smith (ΛΕ ’93), Charles Mitchell (ΛΕ ’95), Bobby Hardy (ΛΕ ’02), Quincy “QP” Porter (ΛΕ ’04), Tristan Tensley (ΛΕ ’04), Terrance Stringer (ΛΕ ’04) and Eien Williams (ΛΕ ’11). ///

Message #2 from ALEF President, Zebby Miles

Greetings **LEGendary** AE Nation:

I greet you once again in the name of our Lord and Savior! My prayer for you and your family is that your health and strength still exist, you're safe from hurt, harm or danger and you have access to everything you need to live out your purpose in life! Proverbs 17:17 (KJV) reminds us that 'A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.'



Brothers, stay safe and take it one day at a time!

THANK YOU to all Legendary AE Nation members who were able to conduct Omega Business and fellowship during the Conclave in Charlotte, NC! The event was noted as having the highest number of registered brothers ever! Our LEGendary Conclave Committee provided an awesome venue for AE brothers to connect, reminisce and mentor current AE members. Congratulations to AE for conducting a social action event in partnership with Nexus Church (where our own Horatious Harris is the Pastor). We look forward to seeing AE and AE Alumni highlighted in the next Oracle! Numerous AE members received service awards—keep working hard for Omega my friends! We look forward to raising the bar for the Tampa Conclave in 2024! Congrats to the newly elected Supreme Council members!

Nearly 30 AE brothers have entered Omega Chapter since the 70th Anniversary – 5 short years ago. **And that is life!** Psalm 46:1 says, “God is a safe place to hide, ready to help when we need him.” Make every effort to keep in touch with your family, friends and brothers – you can still make a difference; have the guts to try!

In future editions of this Newsletter, we will explore AE members who have excelled in civil service, public service, entrepreneurship and within the ranks of our beloved fraternity. Brothers, let's ALL invest in ourselves, our families, our churches, our fraternity, and our foundation! Together, we can improve Mother Tuskegee and the surrounding areas. Our 501 (c) 3 foundation is the right vehicle to use to make it happen!

AE, all roads lead to Tuskegee for Homecoming and the **75th Anniversary** Celebration for **LEGendary Lambda Epsilon**! Thank you to all who have registered and made plans to attend!

Finally, your donations and leadership are needed...it's YOUR foundation. See **alef.foundation** for details!!

Yours in Friendship,

Bro. Zeb, 90

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Above is part of the crew from AE and Nexus Church of Charlotte who partnered to provide direct outreach service to the community,

Omega Business

THERE WAS A HUGE TURNOUT of brothers from around the world who made their way to Charlotte, July 21 through July 26, 2022 to be present at what was historic and monumental. Historic in that the Grand Conclave elected a Grand Basileus one day ahead of the scheduled vote with “one unanimous vote” on a motion made by **Brother Kwame Dow**, 34th Massive and Progressive 12th District Representative and seconded by **Brother Reginald M. Harris**, 24th Mighty 7th District Representative. The 83rd Grand Conclave was the largest Conclave in the recorded history of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



Thousands of Omega men inside the Charlotte Convention Center taking care of the business of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

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Pictured L to R: Bro. George Taylor (AE '61), 42nd Grand Basileus Bro. Ricky Lewis (TAA '81), Bro. Eien Williams (AE '11) at 83rd Grand Conclave

Lambda Epsilon and Alumnus of Lambda Epsilon members were present and busy while at the 83rd Grand Conclave. While brothers in dark suits white shirts and purple ties were inside voting on elected officers and numerous recommendations, others were outside the convention hall doing good, making Omega work directly for the people and the community. Lambda Epsilon was there doing its part. ///

Lambda Epsilon Accomplishments



AE State of Alabama March Down Champs pose with 1st Place Check

AE Undergraduates attended the 46th Annual State of Alabama Meeting October 15, 2022, in Dothan, AL where they were awarded the Highest-Grade Point Average (GPA) Award. This accomplishment marks the 5th consecutive year that Lambda Epsilon has earned this award for the State of Alabama.

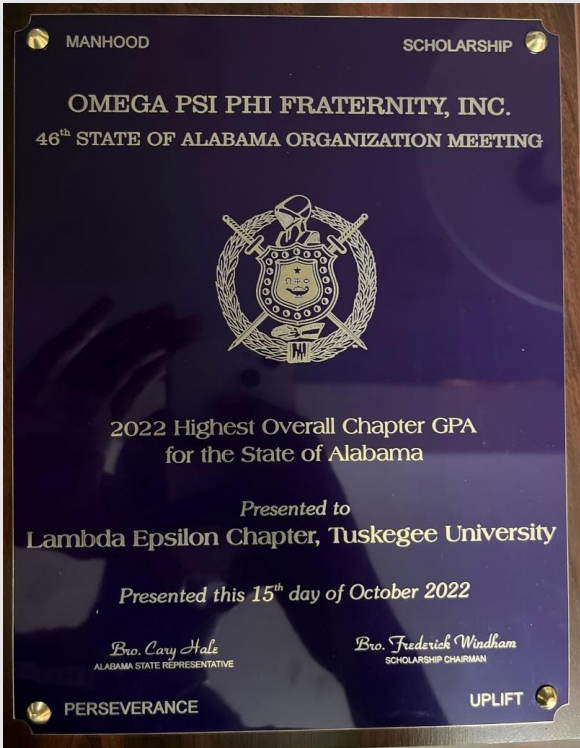
The Undergraduate brothers also won the March Down at the State Meeting and will go on to represent Alabama at the District March Down competition during the 89th 7th District Meeting in Huntsville, AL in 2023.

**Congratulations AE Spr. '92
30 years of Dedicated Service**



Pictured L to R: Brothers Gregory “Tap” Lawson, Shawn Brewer, Kevin Hudson and Jermaine West

Scholarship



Oracle Spotlight

Check out AE in the Fall/Winter 2022 edition of The Oracle:
Pg. 44 - Bro. Dr. Ronald Rochon (AE Spr. '80);
Pg. 75 - IQ & AE Achievement Week;
Pg. 105 - Bro. Burnel E. Coulon Sr. (AE Fall '50)

AE On Stage At Grand Conclave



Bro. Harper Lee (AE '21) giving presentation as the International MSP Undergraduate Representative during Charlotte Grand Conclave.

How Good And How Pleasant....



Fellowship at the "AE Mansion" during Charlotte Grand Conclave; Bro. Tristen Tensley (AE '04) serves as grill master for Charlotte Grand Conclave weekend.

AE Brothers congregating in church service led by Bro. Pastor Horatious Harris (AE '90)



HANGING OWT AT THE CONCLAVE



L -R: AE '95 Brothers Carlos Miller & Ahmad Andrews attend the Founders Banquet at the Charlotte Grand Conclave; L-R: Brothers Terry Hunter (AE Spr. '82) & Tony Bullard (IΩ Spr. '82)

WHY WE MUST REGISTER and, VOTE!

LAMBDA EPSILON WAS THERE IN 1965 working for the Voting Rights Act. **We cannot stop now!** They are depending on us. Let us GOTV in November!

Here is a 1965 Alabama Literacy Test: Alabama Citizens were required to pass in order to exercise their right to vote. Literacy tests became a common practice prior to the passing of the voting rights act. Many black community-based organizations and churches organized study groups to help prepare other black folks to pass the test so that they could vote. Many who are alive today remember seeing their parents and grandparents doing what they had to do the vote. This literacy test from Alabama consists of a series of questions related to American governance.

Click on the URL below and see how many of these questions you can answer today?

https://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/jimcrow/pdfs-docs/origins/al_literacy.pdf

HOMEcoming ANNOUNCEMENT

Lambda Epsilon's 75th Anniversary Celebration
Nov 4 – 6, 2022.

We look forward to our massive celebration the weekend of Nov 4th - 6th at our beloved Tuskegee University. Plans have moved at an exciting pace!

Fraternally, Bro Carlos A Miller,
Chairman, 75th Anniversary Committee.

Jobs, Internships, Opportunities

1. <https://www.jbhe.com/jobs/>
2. Section 8 Director Job, Brunswick, GA:
Contact Brother Keith Forney at:
301-343-9425
kforney@thecaudleconsultinggroup.com

What Some Ques Are Reading This Fall

1. The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America, by Richard Rothstein
2. Echo of the Sprit: A Photographer's Journey, by Chester Higgins, Jr. TU Alumnus Chester Higgins, Jr., spent a lifetime in photography capturing the signature of the spirit of people from an Alabama Sunset in 1968 to a barista in Gondar, Ethiopia in 2002.

How to APPLY for Assistance

Send request to: Alumni of Lambda Epsilon Foundation (ALEF),
An Approved Public Service Charity (#20-3437385)
For information contact: scholarships@alef.foundation

TO DONATE, See instructions below:

1. Go to Tuskegee University Website:

Go to: <https://www.tuskegee.edu/support-tu/give>

Choose gift amount:

Under Designation, select: Other

Other Designation Field:

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Insert: Donor information

Select: Secure payment and follow the prompts

2. Go to ALEF website: <https://www.alef.foundation>

Use the PayPal link

Every little bit helps, so let's give back!

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ALEF MEMORIAM

IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT WE ASK YOU TO keep the following families lifted up in prayer due to bereavement:

Bro. Donald Hicks, 55-AE;
Bro. William R. "Tony" Draper, Fall 62 AE;
Bro. Rev. Eldridge 'Sugar Lee' Lee. ; Fall 68 AE
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Bro. Roger Chalmers (father of 5-84- AE Bro. Craig Chalmers);
LaVerne Miller-Wells (Grandmother of Bro. Lorenzo Wells, 6-11-AE)

2022 ALEF Calendar of Events/Activity

Nov 4-6 – AE 75th Anniversary Celebration
& TU Homecoming

Dec 20 – ALEF Board meeting

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