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Xi Lambda Congratulates
General President – Elect Brother
Dr. Willis L. Lonzer III



ON HUMANITY

"We must never lose sight of the fact that we must take part in the development, not only of ourselves but of all humanity."

-Jewel Charles Henry Chapman, 1931

A Message From The Editor

Brothers! Brothers! Brothers!

I offer my deepest gratitude and most sincere appreciation for being designated as Xi Lambda's Neophyte of the Year! However, it is important to note that this journey was not undertaken alone. Instead, it was a collaboration. It began foundationally with God's grace and mercy, which was supplemented by your brotherly love and support.



Brother Jeff Gougis

This humbling recognition is truly an honor and privilege, as it has been my pleasure doing the work of Alpha alongside the men of Xi Lambda! After all, brotherhood makes everything better!

Undoubtedly, my line, the *Twenty-seven Navigators of Turbulence* have benefited from your shining examples of leadership, wisdom, and brotherhood. So, in the truest sense, the accolade goes to you – the Brothers of Xi Lambda! Thank you all for lighting the way! As we continue to move *onward and upward*, the calling to serve remains resolute! The words of our Chapter leaders are especially relevant:

We are building!

Bro. Past President Steve Wolfe

Let's go to work!

Bro. Immediate Past President Steve Minter

Make an impact!

Bro. President Barris Sims

There's only one thing that remains unsaid...

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A Message From Our President

Greetings Brothers!,

I pray that you and your family are doing well, remaining safe, and out of harms way. These are some trying times, so please continue to take care of yourselves and your families. **As I have said before, your continued health and well-being should be your number one priority. Your family needs you now more than ever!**

Let me first give my heartfelt condolences to the following brothers who have lost loved ones:

- **Bro. James W. Palmer Sr.** (Xi Lambda'68 Treasurer Emeritus), lost his son the Honorable **Bro. James W. Palmer Jr.** (Alpha Rho'75).
- **Bro. Abu Muhammad** (Xi Lambda'04), lost his mother **Jauhar Muhammad Abdul-Haqq**
- **Rev. Bro. Timothy Dotson** (Xi Lambda'04) lost his mother **Ida Grace Dotson**.



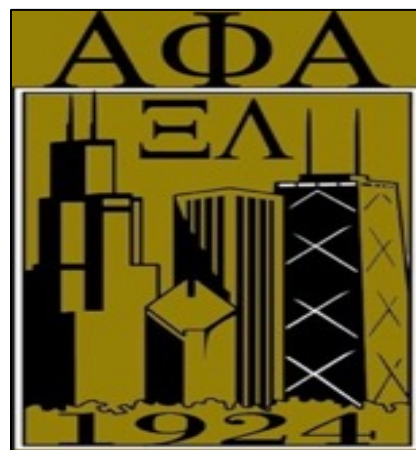
Brother President Barris Sims

Please keep these brothers in your prayers.

I also ask that you congratulate and welcome our newly initiated brothers on joining our great fraternity and chapter October 3, 2020.

The Eleven Pursuers of Chosen Hierarchy (S.S.E.P.O.C.H)

1. **Joe Ignatius** (Captain - "Inquisitor")
2. **David Griggs** ("Contagion")
3. **Emmanuel Neal** ("Top Phlight")
4. **Wayman Freelon** ("Phrozone")
5. **Kirby Jones** (Charleston Blue - "Shaft")
6. **Charlie Dates** (Quas - "PhiLos")
7. **Otis Moss III** (Jewel - "EdiPhiEd")
8. **Maceo Thompson** ("Mufasa")
9. **Michael Edwards** ("Quiet Storm")
10. **Joel Taylor** ("Vicar")
11. **Adrian Durry** (Anchor - "Phinal Destination")



Welcome Brothers!

I want to congratulate **Chapter Dean Montgomery, Asst. Dean Davis, Chief Dean McMillan and the IMDP committee** for putting together a program and process that kept everyone involved and safe. Hopefully, it was memorable for our new brothers. Kudos to the Zoom masters (Bro. Carroll and Bro. Smith) for providing the necessary support to keep things together!

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On September 26th we had an outstanding and inspirational Prayer Breakfast that did not disappoint. Given that we are in a pandemic and everything was done virtually, the Spirit was there and touched all of the brothers in the room. Let me thank Bro. Chaplin Payton, Bro. Holloway, all committee members and presenters on a job well done. I can't wait for the next one. Thank you for getting our spirit in a place to serve!

Our General President Ward has issued another call to action:

*"The immediate first step to fight racial hatred and injustice as we approach Election Day is to **participate actively in the electoral process**. I am asking each of you to **strategize and engage in voter mobilization and voter protection efforts**. The resurgence of white supremacy and divisive politics must end. Our future depends on it. As men of Alpha we **must utilize our vast collective power to ensure issues** related to education, the economy, healthcare, international diplomacy, social equity, police reform, and economic development **are addressed by candidates from the federal level to the local level.**"*

XI Lambda - Let's answer the call and show what it means to be the chapter of the world! I reached out to Bro. Joel Johnson who had some outstanding ideas around "things we can do" to **make an impact**. Please bring your thought leadership and mobilize the brotherhood to **make the impact** we know we can.

I want to continue to express the importance of Xi Lambda being a part of the election process. Please find a way to do your part.

If you have questions or are willing to offer your time to serve, contact Bro. Johnson **or** Bro. Nelson and join the committee. I am looking forward to working as a brotherhood to **make an impact!**

We are looking for chairmen or members for the following committees. If interested, please reach out to Bro. Cummings or me:

- Investment
- Public Relations
- Marketing and Advertising
- Publicity

September 1st marks the start of the new fraternal year. Don't forget to pay your grand tax and chapter dues for 2021 if you have not done so already.

Make an Impact!

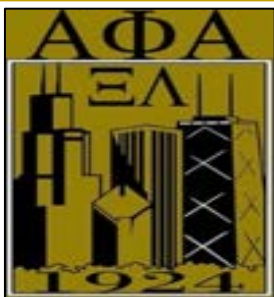
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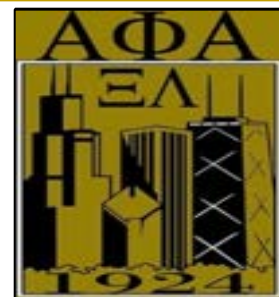


Alpha History Fact

In 1915, Paul Robeson, an African-American singer, actor, and activist, became the third African-American student ever enrolled at Rutgers University. Robeson went to NYU's School of Law in the fall of 1919 and became an assistant coach at Lincoln, where he joined Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



Xi Lambda 2019-2020 Chapter Awards



Certificates of Recognition

Curtis Bolden, Fred Coffey, Richard Jones, Rodney Jones,
Ronald Kimble, Andre Smith, Jimmie Smith

Neophyte of the Year

Jeffrey Gougis

Malcolm H. Lee Special Service Award

Eric Carter

Sidney P. Brown Chapter Award

Vincent Richardson

Reverend A. Wayman Ward Chapter Award

Robert Cook

Jewel Henry A. Callis Chapter Award

DaRon Montgomery

Brother's Keeper Award

Joel K. Johnson

Senior Alpha Award

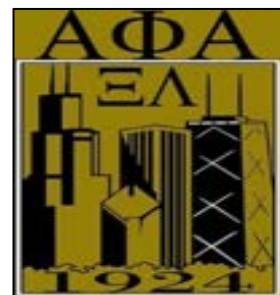
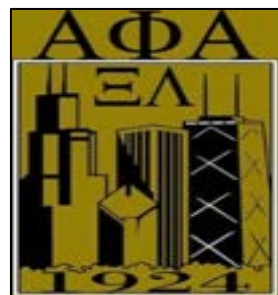
Donald Woods

Presidential Service Award

Steven Minter

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Brothers R. Austin, V. Bonner,
C. Harper, J. Johnson,
J. Lane, S. Minter, A. Ricks (chair),
B. Scavella, B. Sims (ex-officio),
W. Taylor, and S. Wolfe.



All Roads Lead to Baltimore... By Way of Chicago!



Joel Johnson
Contributing Writer

On December 1, 2018, Brother Dr. Willis L. Lonzer, III was announced as one of six Brothers vying for the position of General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Always among Ebony Magazine's 100 Most Influential, General Presidents of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. have the honor of leading the world's best and brightest college educated men.

As the sitting Midwestern Regional Vice President, with a track record of positive brotherhood engagement and progressive advancement of the Region; and with the support of his own chapter, Xi Lambda, Bro. Lonzer felt he was best positioned to lead Alpha Phi Alpha in current times. His platform: Elevating the Alpha Spirit. A simple phrase, with dynamic intent. Bro. Lonzer's vision is to: strengthen the Brotherhood, improve operational excellence of the fraternity, and increase servant leadership.

After nearly two years of campaigning, traveling, engaging Brothers (both in person and virtually), and time away from his family, Bro. Lonzer was called to Baltimore, Maryland to be present when the ballots

were counted. While in Baltimore, he would learn if he had in fact connected with the Brothers well enough to have won their hearts and votes.

On July 24, 2020, the results came in, and Bro. Lonzer was confirmed as the winner and General President-Elect! On January 1, 2021, Bro. Dr. Willis Lonzer, III, a native of Richmond, VA, but a current resident of the South Side of Chicago, will become the 36th General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Brother Lonzer will be the 3rd General President to have had membership in Xi Lambda Chapter, but the first to be a member while holding the position. The next best thing to having the General Headquarters in Chicago, is to have the General President. He could not have won without the support of all Chicagoland Alphas, but specifically, the Brothers of Xi Lambda!



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We've Been Here Before

Chuck Smoot

Contributing Writer

With the myriad issues we have seen in 2020, "we are in unprecedented times" has become a popular refrain. While that statement speaks to the fact that our fraternity, our country, and our entire world was unprepared for this "new reality," historically speaking, it is neither new nor unique.

Between 1917 and 1919, Alpha Phi Alpha dealt with issues very similar to those with which we are dealing now, in addition to a war.

In 1917, the United States entered "the war to end all wars," which we now refer as World War I. Brothers enlisted in the Army, where Alpha men were the largest representation of any black fraternity at the Fort Des Moines training camp in Iowa. Brothers from Illinois, whether initiated here or who lived here, would join the medical corps, serving as physicians and dentists, treating the casualties of war.

In May 1917, between 1,000 to 3,000 white men attacked African Americans in East St. Louis, Illinois. This stemmed, in part, due to a strike at the Aluminum Ore Company, where blacks were hired to replace the striking workers and there was unrest regarding the mere presence of blacks in East St. Louis. As many as 250 blacks were killed in the riots that lasted almost 2 months.

In 1918, the H1N1 influenza A virus, became a worldwide pandemic. Estimates suggest as many as 50 million people died from the virus between 1918 and 1921. Then, as now, citizens were encouraged to wear protective masks, practice social distancing, and improve sanitary conditions



Brother Chuck Smoot

- which compared to today's standards, were significantly less stringent. Editions of *The Sphinx* from 1919 and 1920 all make mention of our brothers who were felled by the virus, both during and after the war.

Then in the summer of 1919, often referred to as "The Red Summer," Chicago, like several other cities around the country, erupted in a race riot. This riot was caused by the death of a young black teenager who was swimming on the wrong side of 31st Street by Lake Michigan in Chicago. The riot lasted over a week, resulting in the deaths of over 30 African Americans, with hundreds more injured. Alpha men during that time played a key role in uniting the community to provide protection and security for the residents in and around what is now known as the Bronzeville neighborhood.

War, racial violence, pandemic. Over 100 years ago, our fraternity, less than 20 years after its founding, faced several significant hurdles that would have (and did) decimated other organizations. Add to the fact that within 10 years, it would face another significant issue with the Great

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Depression of 1929, but Alpha held steadfast to its aims and goals.

Alpha Phi Alpha not only continued but grew and thrived despite the obstacles that the fraternity faced.

The fraternity still initiated members and chartered chapters. Alpha developed and promoted “Go to High School, Go to College” and “A Voteless People is a Hopeless People,” among other community-based programs, that continue to make an impact in cities around the country. Alpha men started and grew businesses while beginning to shatter racial barriers imposed by the medical, legal, and business industries.

Brothers organized themselves and the communities all without television, regular telephone usage, and most certainly without the internet and social media. Yet, only shortly after the end of the war, Alpha chapters in Illinois and throughout the country would create and promote educational and social programs designed to uplift our communities and provide an example of how Black men were indeed capable, willing, and able to move the race forward.

More than 100 years later, Alpha is still a pivotal force in our communities. The chapters in Illinois continue to move onward and upward, participating in and leading marches for social justice, providing materials to combat COVID-19, sponsoring voter education, mentorship, and any number of other social and community programs. Because even a century later, Alpha Phi Alpha is still the light of the world.

Brothers, we did it before, and we can do it again! Over a century ago, our Brothers accomplished so much with so

little. With all the resources we have available to us today, there is no reason we cannot replicate and improve upon what was done before.

History teaches us that Alpha has met every hurdle encountered and grew stronger. Now is the time to uphold the ideals of the Jewels and our early members, remembering what they accomplished and use that as an inspiration as we move forward.

We are First of All, Alpha Men!!

We are Servants of All and will continue to serve our communities as Alpha Men should.

We Shall Transcend All because we are ALPHA PHI ALPHA! We have done it before, and we will do it again.

**Bro. Charles Smoot, Theta 1987
Xi Lambda Chapter
Illinois District Historian**

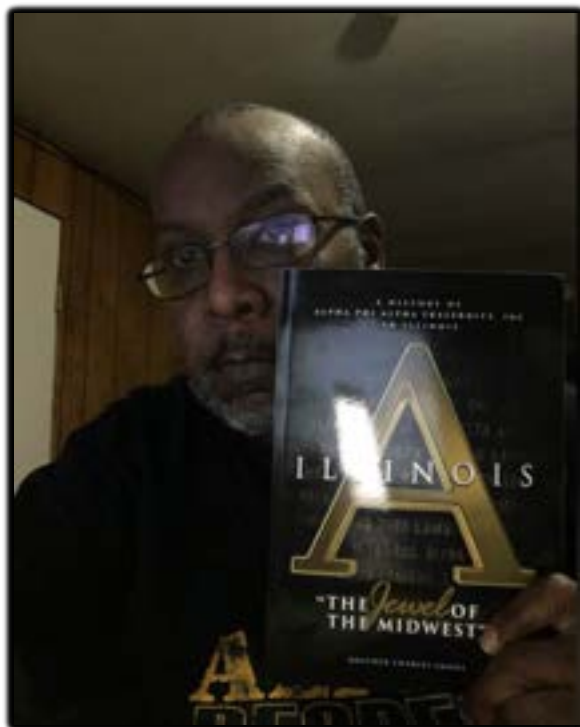


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Lambda Cup Golf Outing Preview



Clyde Thompson
Contributing Writer

proposed inter-Chapter golf competition consisting of two-man teams playing in a best-ball format and shooting for bragging rights along with possession of a traveling trophy named the Lambda Cup.

The committee is looking for the first Lambda Cup to be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Yes, this would put our outing on Juneteenth and plans are being formed to have the all-important 19th hole for the event to be a cookout and "Brotherhood Smoke" at a nearby park or forest preserve.

Brothers, please save the date and get to work on your swing!!! The Committee offers thanks to all who supported this year's preview outing at Cardinal Creek!

On Saturday, September 5, 2020, Chicago area Brothers representing Iota Delta Lambda, Theta Mu Lambda, Mu MU Lambda, and Xi Lambda Chapters came out and were introduced to the Lambda Cup! The Lambda Cup is a newly










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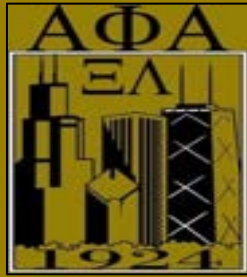


7 **IMPACT Days of Service** **SAVE THE DATES**



1		MURRAY	10/31/2020	Halloween	Trunk or Treat @ eXcel. Center Parking Lot (1 -3pm)
2		JONES	11/3/2020	Election Day	Polling Help Caravan and Snack Bag Giveaway
3		TANDY	11/11/2020	Veteran's Day	Salute Our Veterans
4		CALLIS	11/26-27/2020	Thanksgiving	Food and Clothing Drive Support Black Businesses
5		KELLEY	12/4/2020	Founders Day	Sr. Brother Virtual Check-Ins Blood Drive
6		CHAPMAN	12/26/2020	Beginning of Kwanza	Support Black Businesses
7		OGLE	1/18/2021	MLK Day	Know Your Rights Workshop

Xi Lambda Welcomes New Brothers!!!



Jeffrey Gougis
Editor

Instead of simply sheltering in place, Alpha men did what we do best! We found a way to forge ahead. After all, *GOODWILL is the monarch of this house and the **Eleven Pursuers of Chosen Hierarchy (S.S.E.P.O.C.H)**, were unacquainted when they entered, shook hands, exchanged greetings, and departed friends!*

Their path across the burning sands during a global pandemic stimulated a different thought process for Chief Dean Jordan "Jody Mac" McMillian. "This virtual environment has taught me so much more about how to appreciate the individual man and look deeper in their character." That deeper inspection facilitated a greater appreciation, and in turn, created great expectations for this line.

On the heels of our annual fall prayer breakfast, "the beginning of a distinctive period" is certainly underway. Besides, what could be more distinctive than joining the greatest fraternity in the world? Xi Lambda, already a stronghold for men of faith, just buttressed our standing as *Chapter of the World* with the entrance of men who have resoundingly answered the call of God!

A hallmark of this band of Brothers is their ability to stay the course. Chapter Dean DaRon Montgomery remarked, "I consider this line to be consistent, tenacious, and inquisitive. Overall... impressive!" Asst. Dean Steve Davis added, "This line showed tenacity and resilience! Right before their process was about to start, things were placed on hold due to COVID-19. In spite of this, they waited with patience until the bell rang to begin the journey." Upon hearing the bell, these eleven men answered!

Xi Lambda did not merely get larger... We got stronger... We got better! Let's welcome this group of *erudite, profound, observant, charismatic, and honorable* new Brothers into the House of Alpha!



1. Joe Ignatius, 2. David Griggs, 3. Emmanuel Neal, 4. Wayman Freelon, 5. Kirby Jones, 6. Charlie Dates, 7. Otis Moss III, 8. Maceo Thompson, 9. Michael Edwards, 10. Joel Taylor, 11. Adrian Durry

Brother John “Apple” Lane Spotlight



Chuck Smoot
Contributing Writer

Bro. Lane currently is the “Alpha Spirit” Chairman for the District of Illinois and the Midwest Region and continues to be an active member of Xi Lambda Chapter where he was named “Dean Emeritus.”

We celebrate Bro. Lane on his 50 years of service to our Fraternity!

Excerpt taken from “The Jewel of the Midwest: A History of Alpha Phi Alpha in Illinois,” by Brother Charles Smoot.

Brother John “Apple” Lane



Photos Courtesy of Bro. Royce Strahan (Facebook)

Bro. John “Apple” Lane is what some would call “A Brother’s Brother.” He is also affectionally known as “The Alpha Spirit in Illinois.”

Bro. Lane was initiated into Alpha Mu Chapter on October 31, 1970. His early involvement with the fraternity includes being a charter member of Eta Tau Chapter at Illinois State University, where he received his undergraduate degree.

Bro. Lane has been an important and inspirational member of the District of Illinois since his initiation. He has also served as a mentor to a number of brothers, ranging from Chapter presidents to General presidents. Bro. Lane has been known to lead spirit sessions at District conferences, Regional Conventions, and General Conventions.

His love for the brotherhood and the fraternity is well known. Since his initiation into the fraternity, he has been identified as the type of brother that would give the shirt off his back for another brother without ever asking for it back.

Bro. Lane has served as a graduate (alumni) advisor, Area 2 Director, and was the Dean of Pledges for Xi Lambda Chapter for more than 30 years. In 2012, Xi Lambda named him Dean Emeritus for his role in being the dean of over 300 brothers in Xi Lambda Chapter.

Xi Lambda Helps at NAACP Event



Fred Johnson
Contributing Writer

While there, adults were able to sign up for the U.S. Census, Register to Vote, and/or request a mail in ballot. Brother Frederick D. Johnson, VPHP Co-Chair, was joined by Xi Lambda Vice-President Brother Nicholas Cummings and Brother Richard Jones. The event was led by Mrs. Vera Davis, an NAACP Member and wife of Rep. Brother Danny Davis.

After Brother Johnson passed out gloves, the Brothers worked diligently to help make this event a success! Brother Johnson aided two NAACP members by putting together bookbags with face masks inside for families to use. Also, Brother Jones worked both locations for this event.

On Saturday August 15th, 2020, Brothers from Xi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. worked alongside the West Side Branch of the NAACP to help the youth receive free bookbags!



Photos Courtesy of Bro. Fred Johnson



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