



LAMBDA CHAPTER TAU KAPPA EPSILON FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME from Gavin Bowman '20



Hello Fraters,

What a year we have had so far, it is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the semester, but the Lambda chapter has been hard at work with midterms, socials, brotherhood events, and so much more. So, let's take a look at what the fraters of 216 Langdon street have been up to.

Top TKE 3-Peat!

As I alluded to in my last newsletter, we were on track for another Top TKE award, and I'm happy to announce that we officially have won 3 consecutive Top TKE awards! With outstanding Key Result Area reports, a stellar rush, and dedicated fraters, it is no surprise that we won this award once again. I could not be happier and more proud of this chapter, and I look forward to more success in the future.

TKE Week

During the first week of October, we had our first week of philanthropy events. We began the process of opening portals and reaching out to family and friends. Along with these beginning processes, we also held our annual Paws-for-a-Cause event. Our Philanthropy chair Colin Fessenden spearheaded this event and we were able to raise over \$6,000 for St. Judes. With one week completed, we are already sitting at over \$20,000 raised for St. Judes, and we hope to once again smash our fundraising goal of \$50,000.

Fall 2022 Rush

In September, we completed our Fall Rush and currently have 26 new members who are in the process of joining this chapter. We could not be more excited about this new PC, and I hope they will be as dedicated to this chapter as the current members.

Fall Outlook

As we progress through the Fall semester, we have numerous events planned. With Dad's weekend coming in November and our always exciting Dollar Beer Night with the Madison Capitols, this semester is looking to be a great time for the Lambda Chapter. Leading this chapter has been nothing short of a privilege, I have been able to help lead this chapter as it grows and establishes itself as a well-known and great chapter. I could not be more excited about the future of this chapter, and I believe wholeheartedly that the future of Lambda is one of greatness. While my time as Prytanis may be coming to an end following this semester, I could not be more grateful for the opportunity to lead this chapter.

YITB
Gavin James Bowman
Lambda - 1381



ALUMNI UPDATES

VOLUNTEER OFFICER/CHAIRS

Undergraduate Officers:

Prytanis - Gavin Bowman '20
Grammateus - Diego Galdamez '20
Epiprytanis - Jackson Zhao '21
Crysochylos - Nicholas Byrnes '21
Histor - Jacob Breiling '21
Hypophetes - Tanner Ware '21
Pylortes - Andrew Parey '21

Board of Advisors:

BCA for Prytanis & Social Chair - James Easter '07
BCA for Crysochylos - Michael Goeldi '08
BCA for Hegemon - Kevin Wolf '08
BCA for Grammateus - Patrick Gehl '11
BCA for Epiprytanis & Pylortes - Sebastian Atwood '16
BCA for Hypophetes - Bobby O'neil '17
BCA for Rush Officer - Joe Burich '18
BCA for Histor - Ken Chwatek '18

Housing Corporation:

Board Member - William Vande Castle '75
Vice President - Bob Yeoman '76
Secretary - Donald Bielski '77
Treasurer - Robert Holtz '81
President & Chairman - Eric Lanning '92
Board Member - Charles Radtke '99
Board Member - Jon Yaffe '99

Educational Foundation:

Director - Fritz Jacobi '72
Director - Bob Yeoman '76
President - Nathan Johnson '90
Secretary & Treasurer - Eric Schmidling '93
Director - Michael Brink '98
Vice President - Jeffrey Hertz '00

Brian Fishbach '04

Brian Fishbach is living in the Sherman Oak neighborhood of Los Angeles where he is a freelance journalist. Don't worry, he is a Wisconsinite at heart despite living in Southern California. In addition to an undergraduate degree from UW, Brian completed a journalism certificate at UCLA.

Recently he hosted a Con Air reunion in Los Angeles that included a movie screening and a Q & A session with numerous cast members. Brian's goal is to host more like events in the near future, specifically The Wolf of Wall Street. When he is not hosting these events, Brian writes for the Jewish Journal as a freelance journalist. Fishbach gets to choose who he interviews, and he recently interviewed Jason Alexander and sports journalist Jeff Pearlman. Moreover, Brian is working on a project that highlights the 1972 Munich Olympics Massacre.

When Brian isn't filling in as a bassist for The Offspring, he is giving the band New Glarus Spotted Cow from the motherland. In addition, Brian has become acquainted with Green Bay Packer LeRoy Butler over the last several years. He recently traveled to Canton, Ohio to see the inventor of the Lambeau Leap be inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

In regards to Lambda Chapter, Brian stated the most memorable times in TKE were not football games, yet were the times between studying, events and the library. TKE was a group of people with different backgrounds yet had like interests and values. Brian always enjoyed recruitment as it kept up his enthusiasm for the fraternity.

Brian is a huge professional wrestling fan and is to this day. As an undergrad, he and Jeff Levinson attended a WWE event at the Alliant Energy Center. To save potential embarrassment, they told fellow chapter members they were attending a Sunday night Torah reading at Hillel. No one knew the truth until this article.

Mark Balinski '74

Mark, his wife and dogs have called Hilton Head Island, South Carolina home for several years after moving from their native New Jersey. Mark and his wife went to Hilton Head for vacation for many years, and they always thought it would be a dream to live there.

Each April, Mark volunteers at The RBC Heritage, which is a PGA Tour event played annually at Harbour Town Golf Links, which is less than 10 minutes from his house. Inside the ropes he focuses on safe haven. In the event the tournament is called for weather, Mark gets players, caddies and family members off the course in golf carts and directs them to the clubhouse. After that, he ensures all volunteers go directly to a safe haven house. Additionally, Mark calls in emergency situations that occur in his vicinity.

In 1974, Mark transferred to Wisconsin from Villanova University. Before moving to Madison, he had never been to the State of Wisconsin. Shortly after he arrived on campus, Mark joined Lambda Chapter and graduated in 1977. He keeps in touch with many of his fellow fraters from the chapter yet does not speak with anyone from his Villanova days. Certainly fraternity means friends for life, and a chapter house at 216 Langdon that will always be home. Hope to see in you Madison very soon, Mark!



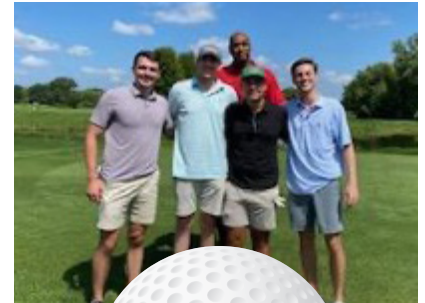
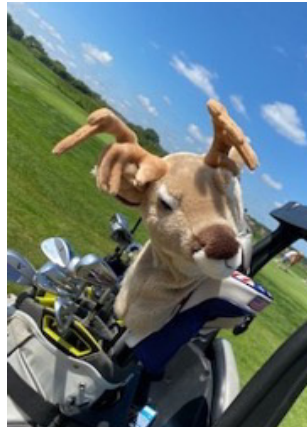
TOURNAMENT RECAP

After a decade-long hiatus, the annual Lambda Chapter Golf Outing was officially back on August 26th. Sixty golfers ranging from undergraduates, alumni, family and friends hit the links for a day of fun at The Bridges Golf Course in Madison. Fraters in attendance spanned the 1960s to current undergraduates, with many traveling long distances.

Former UW Men's Basketball stand out and friend of TKE, Rashard Griffith, who does not golf, joined in the fun by hitting a few drives and cruised around the course in a golf cart to say hello to golfers. The winning team was made up of Gavin Bowman, Nick Byrnes, Charlie Keller and Drew Parey. Following the golf outing, the good times continued at 216 Langdon with a catered BBQ from Smokey Johns.

Thanks to generous donations and our attendees, over \$2,500 was raised for the foundation to fund undergraduate scholarships. A special thank you goes out to Kristin Johnson, Nate Johnson's wife, and Chapter Advisor James Easter for being our day of event coordinators. We also truly appreciate Yeoman Machinery and Bob Yeoman for donating golf balls and flasks for our attendees.

The 2023 golf outing is already being planned with a targeted event date of either August 25th or 26th. More details to follow. A survey is being developed to gather feedback to make next year's event bigger and better. If you are interested in serving on the 2023 golf outing committee, please contact Michael Brink (612.310.5271 or mkbrink@uwalumni.com). Thanks again to all of those who attended the golf outing. Gather your foursomes now. See you in Madison in late August 2023!



2022 HALL OF FAME

FROM TOM HILLE



The Memorial Union was the site for the 4th Annual TKE Lambda Chapter Alumni Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony held on September 30th. Five, incredibly deserving, TKE alumni, were inducted into the Lambda Hall of Fame.

The 2022 Class includes:

- Jon Jenson '70**
- Robert Weigend '72**
- William Vande Castle '75**
- Nate Johnson '90**
- Jonathan Yaffe '99**

In addition to hearing from the inductees and their nominators, Gavin Bowman, Lambda Chapter Prytanis, presented the current state of the chapter, a Housing Corporation update was presented by current board president, Eric Lanning, and Nate Johnson, current Lambda Chapter Foundation president, provided a foundation update.

Two new honors were introduced at this year's event. Chapter Champions, recognition of those young men

who have gone over and above in their dedication to Lambda Chapter were presented to Colin Fessenden, Ryan Ellis and Lucas Meyer. 2022 also marked the Inaugural Fritz Jacobi Lambda Chapter Man of the Year award presentation. Highlighted by a discussion of the chapter's return to the UW campus by the two responsible, Fritz Jacobi and Rob Weigend, the inaugural award was presented to James Easter.

2023 will see one major change to our Hall of Fame Ceremony. We will be moving the event to the spring semester. This will enable the chapter to better identify undergrads who have had an impact during the school year, and also lessen the cost and congestion of competing with a football weekend. We are currently working on a date, so stay tuned. Given, the event will be held in 6-7 months, please go to <https://wistke.org/hall-of-fame-nomination> and begin to nominate those you feel should be Lambda Chapter Hall of Fame members.

**FROM
NATE
JOHNSON**



Dear Fraters,

2022 is proving to be a great year for Lambda Chapter! A third consecutive Top Teke, 45 new members in 2022 (18 spring + 27 fall), strong philanthropy results (second in all Tekedom) and a strong house GPA. These are a group of young men we all can, and should, be proud of!

The TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation is very proud to have awarded two merit-based scholarships for the 3rd consecutive year. We also continue to support chapter leader attendance for Regional Leadership Conferences, Conclaves and other development opportunities such as the Career and Mentoring program (which is available to current members AND alumni) to aid in development and ongoing career networking.

From a fundraising perspective, the foundation hosted for a first time the Lambda Chapter Golf Outing and BBQ. Through this event we raised over \$2500 that will go toward scholarships and other development programs. Our goal for next year is to exceed these numbers so watch your email and texts for that announcement but plan for it to be late August. If you did not participate, talk to your fraters who did to learn what you missed. Note that you do not need to be a golfer to participate; we need volunteers, and you can, at least, attend the BBQ. This event is not exclusive to Lambda Tekes and alumni. This year, beyond Lambda Tekes, we have participation from several friends and family of Lambda. Contact

Michael Brink if you would like to volunteer. We need an overall project chair, committee members and a day of project lead to make it a success for 2023!

Finally, I wanted to announce an exciting new project. Briefly mentioned at this year's Hall of Fame induction banquet, the foundation and the Lambda Chapter Building Corporation are partnering to bring the chapter house The Lambda Library! Targeted for a grand opening of fall 2024, this physical improvement to the house comes on the tails of the successful kitchen remodel. This is a great opportunity to improve the house in a way that is just not happening on the UW campus. To be located primarily in the footprint of the RA Suite, the library will be a focal point upon entering TKE and demonstrate our commitment to the academic success of our members.

While we are in the design and ideation phases of the project, we are looking to partner with dedicated alumni shoulder to shoulder. Current projections for construction are around \$125,000. Even though we are in the early stages of the library project, I am confident we can make this dream a reality with your help. Any funds raised beyond the costs of construction will serve to seed a legacy scholarship fund that will be managed in a way where we can award in perpetuity. Donations for this project and the legacy fund directed through the foundation may be tax deductible. If you have any questions about the library project or legacy scholarship fund, I encourage you to contact me any time. Fraters, I really appreciate your dedication and support of Lambda Chapter and the TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation.

It's a great day to be a Teke!

YITB,

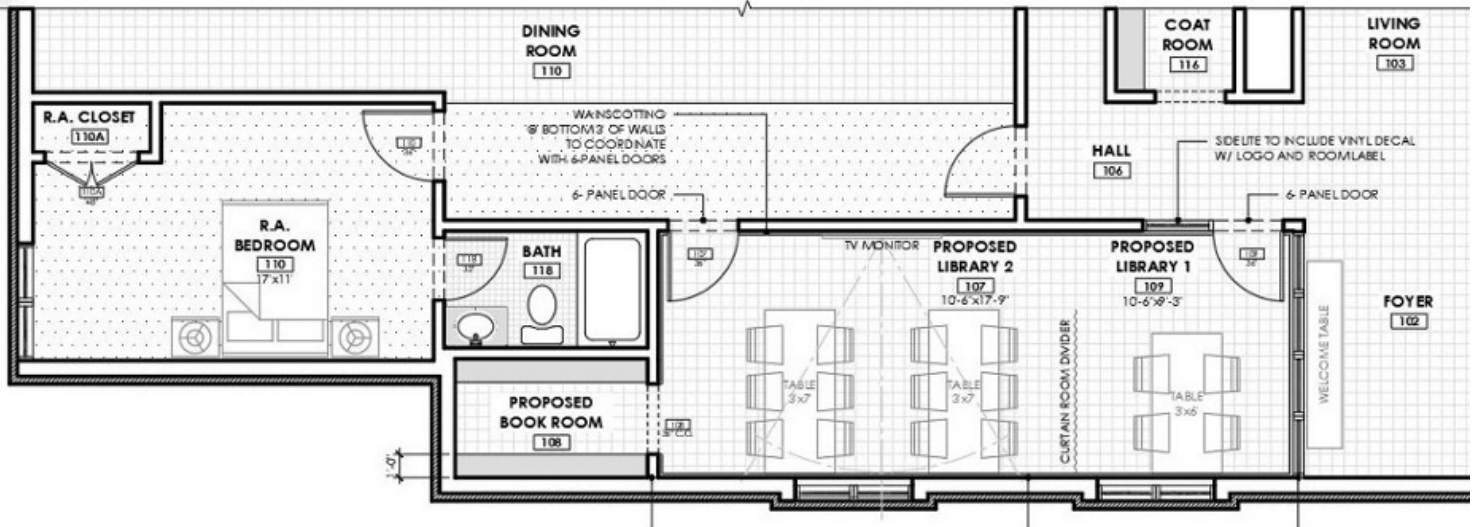
Nate Johnson '90
President
TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation

If you would like to contribute to the success of Lambda Chapter, please contact me at ***tkelambdafoundation@gmail.com*** or by phone at **608-512-3619**.

You can also visit **www.wistke.org/donate**, go directly to **<https://omella.com/wZsqJ>** or scan the QR code.



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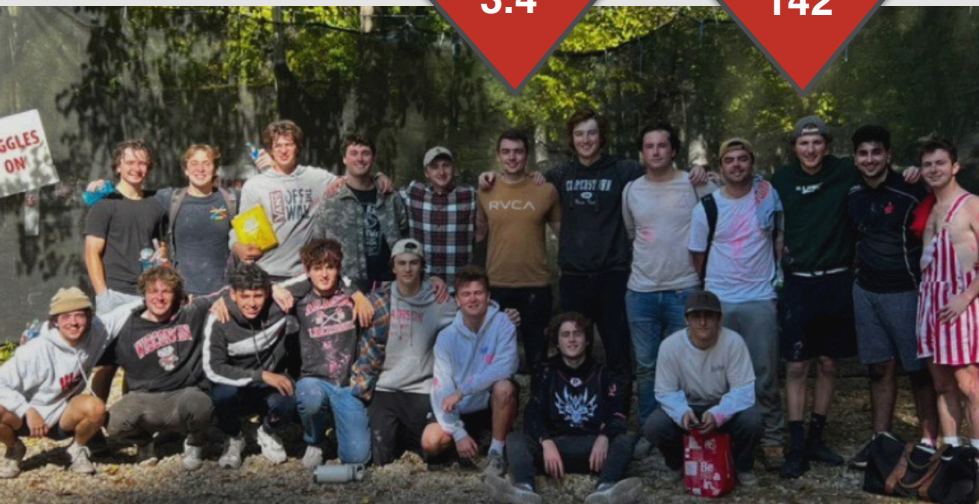


In 2020, the idea to build a Library space was proposed by the TKE Educational Foundation as a way to support the academic study and scholarship of Lambda Chapter at 216 Langdon. We are pleased to announce the start of this vision as a joint venture project of TKE Lambda Chapter Educational Foundation with Lambda Chapter Housing Corporation and TKE Lambda Chapter.

The proposed design (illustrated above) will reconfigure the former RA Suite and create an area for study and the opportunity to provide our Fraters with ongoing access to technology and media as it evolves in the future. The revenue base of the Lambda Chapter Housing Corporation will be preserved with the addition of a new RA Suite area. Lastly, the location of the Library space in the front entry area will serve to be a unique focal point for everyone entering our Fraternity House over the coming years as a statement of our support for education and Lambda Fraternity Life.

This project has been estimated to require \$125,000 and we are happy to announce **\$35K in donation commitments** already! Our Goal for completion is the summer of 2024.

FACTS & FIGURES



BUILDING CORPORATION

Dear Fraters,

It continues to be an exciting time at Lambda Chapter. In 2022, the Chapter earned a third straight Top Teke Award and was again #1 in TKE charitable fundraising nationwide. Lambda membership is among the highest in Teke Nation as well as the fraternities at the University of Wisconsin. The Chapter currently has over 150 members with 31 members living in the House. (If you recall, the House has 28 bedrooms)

As with most success, it has been a team effort. James Easter's (Chapter Advisor) coordination with the Chapter, TKE Lambda Foundation and Lambda Chapter Building Corp, TKE has delivered spectacular results.

Over the past several years, the Lambda Chapter Building Corp, TKE has spent over \$200,000 in improvements and remodeling projects throughout the building. This has been accomplished with both the strong free cash flow of our building operations as well as the generosity of Alumni time and gifts. We took on no additional debt to accomplish these projects. The financial position of LCBC, TKE has never been stronger. Lastly, none of this could have been achieved without the tireless efforts of our volunteer Board of Directors. Specifically a special thanks to Kam Weeden, Jon Jenson and Robert Yeoman that have conducted "boots-on-the-ground" project management and labor.

**FROM
ERIC LANNING**



As we look to the future, we will continue to make improvements to both the interior and exterior of the building. These near term projects include new flooring in the foyer and upper level bedrooms, exterior painting, and an overhaul of the front yard landscaping and fencing.

Perhaps the most exciting coming improvement is the joint venture between Alumni, TKE Lambda Foundation and the LCBC, TKE to build a new library & study area in the building. We encourage you to join us in contributing to make this project a reality. Robert Yeoman is leading this project and we encourage you to reach out to him so that you can contribute time, expertise and funds today.

Lastly, we are steadfast in the support of Lambda Chapter and providing them the tools and knowledge for continued success.

Yours In The Bond,
Eric Lanning, President
Lambda Chapter Building Corp, TKE

The 2022 updates include the following:

- ▶ New luxury vinyl tile in the Chapter/Dining Room and 2nd & 3rd floor hallways
- ▶ New carpet in the main staircase
- ▶ New blinds in the living room
- ▶ A set of three new TVs for the living room
- ▶ New paint and light extensions on the rooftop
- ▶ New washer and dryers on the 2nd and 3rd floors (wireless payment)
- ▶ New exterior metal panels for the North side of the House
- ▶ Food Service program for live-in members





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The Lambda Chapter Board of Advisors ("BOA")

Serves to provide guidance to the undergraduate chapter members regarding all facets of chapter management. The BOA has regular calls with the chapter officers.

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TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation, Inc.

A 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation registered with the State of Wisconsin. It has obtained tax exempt status by the IRS.

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Annual Fund Campaigns

is the fundraising initiative to raise funds for the Building Corporation and the Lambda Foundation.

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Lambda Chapter Prytanis

Gavin Bowman '20 | gjbowman@wisc.edu

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