



LAMBDA CHAPTER TAU KAPPA EPSILON

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON

WELCOME

from Gavin Bowman '20



Fraters,

The initial stages of my time as Prytanis of the Lambda Chapter have been nothing short of incredible. Building upon the successes of previous Executive Councils led by Frater Noah Brown and Frater Ken Chwatek, we are well on our way to establishing Lambda as the greatest chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon in the country.

Chapter Membership

Our exhaustive efforts during the most recent Spring rush, spearheaded by our Rush Chair, Frater Gus Marcus, resulted in a Spring 2022 pledge class of 18 young men who embody the values of the fraternity. While we are ecstatic to welcome these men into our brotherhood, we are equally saddened to witness the departure of our 20 seniors. At the conclusion of the semester, Lambda Chapter stands at 135 members, the second largest chapter in the country!

#1 in Philanthropy

The fundraising goal set for the 2021-2022 academic year was \$15,000, and I am proud to report that the men of Lambda Chapter smashed this goal, raising over \$46,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This makes Lambda the top fundraising TKE chapter in the country by over \$20,000! We were able to accomplish this incredible feat through the dedication of our fraters during TKE Week and our flagship philanthropy event, Paws for a Cause, along with generous donations from family, friends, and our phenomenal alumni network.

Top TKE 3-peat?

To be the best, we need to excel in every area of the fraternity, and that is what we are doing. Upon the completion of our end-of-the-semester reports from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and from our Executive Council, Lambda Chapter will reach greater than 100% in our Key Result Areas. This puts us in a great position as one of the top chapters in the country to secure our third consecutive Top TKE award, which has never been accomplished in our history!

I could not be more excited to lead this outstanding group of men for the remainder of the calendar year, and I am so proud of the strides that we have made during my short time as Prytanis thus far. To the incredible Lambda alumni, we thank you for your support as our chapter continues to trend in a positive direction. Much of what we have accomplished would not be possible without your help, and for that we are extremely grateful. As I progress through my tenure as Prytanis, alongside my Executive Council, my goal is to leave Lambda in a better state than I found it... a goal made incredibly difficult due to the excellence of my predecessors!

Yours in the Bond,
Gavin James Bowman
Lambda - 1381

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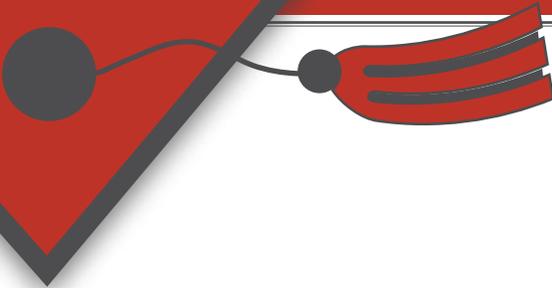
Prytanis: **Gavin Bowman '20**
Epiprytanis: **Jackson Zhao '21**
Grammateus: **Diego Galdamez '20**
Crysophylos: **Nicholas Byrnes '21**
Histor: **Jacob Breiling '21**
Hypophetes: **Tanner Ware '21**
Pylortes: **Andrew Parey '21**

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President & Chairman: **Eric J. Lanning '92**
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Jon Yaffe '99

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Vice President: **Jeffrey G. Hertz '00**
Treasurer: **Eric J. Schmidling '93**
Secretary: **Ken Chwatek '18**
Board Members:
Michael K. Brink '98
Fritz Jacobi '72
Bob Yeoman '76



Sam Birnberg

Sam, a member of our fall 2018 pledge class, will be graduating with a degree in supply chain and business management. He will be working for Niagara bottling as a supply chain rotational in Los Angeles County. Sam is also a former recruitment chair for our chapter.



Joe Burich

Joe, a member of our Fall 2018 pledge class, working for ATEC Spine in Tampa, Florida as an associate sales representative. Joe is also a former Hegemon for our chapter.



Jakob Czupek

Jakob, the president of our spring 2019 pledge class, will be returning to Madison in the fall for grad school for his master's in accounting then continuing with KPMG as an audit associate in their Chicago office after graduation.



Logan Davis

Logan, a member of our fall 2018 pledge class, will be working as an investment banking analyst for William Blair, in their Chicago office after graduation. Logan has previously held the treasurer and vice president positions for our chapter.



Jeffrey Gold

Hi, my name is Jeffrey Gold, and I am a senior majoring in Industrial Engineering with a certificate in Entrepreneurship. I am from San Diego, however, have found a love for the varying seasons and life in the Midwest, and am excited to continue my life in the Midwest next year living in Chicago working in a consultant/business analyst role. I am so excited for my career and future opportunities ahead and am forever grateful to TKE for allowing me to develop as a leader, a peer, and an overall person.



Colin Hilton

Colin, a member of our fall 2018 pledge class, will be returning to Madison for one more semester before moving to Los Angeles to work television production for CBS. He hopes to pursue his own film/TV writing career.



Adam Johnson

Adam, a member of our fall 2018 pledge class, will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and certificates in both entrepreneurship and business fundamentals. He is going to stay in Madison and work at Last Lock as the Lead mechanical engineer.



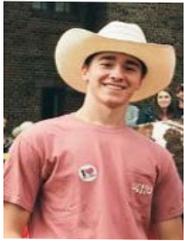
Artyom Karyukin

Artyom, a member of our fall 2018 pledge class, pursuing a master's degree for one year before going on to medical school.



Zach Keller

Zach, a member of our Fall 2018 pledge class, will be graduating with a degree in engineering.



Troy Kesselmark

Troy, a member of our spring 2019 pledge class, will be working at the WI State Public Defenders office as a paralegal. He plans to go to law school one or two years following.



Charles Pingry

Charles, a member of our spring 2019 pledge class, is still in the process of hearing back from multiple companies about full time positions for after graduation and is looking to find a job that he is passionate about.



Alex Meurer

Alex, a member of our fall 2018 pledge class, will be working for Arrive Logistics as an Account Executive in their Chicago office. Alex has previously served as our chapter's Chief Justice.



Grant Seils

Grant, a member of our spring 2019 pledge class, is currently applying to medical school and will continue to work as a paramedic this upcoming year.



Tom Morton

Tom, a member of our spring 2019 pledge class, will be working in either financial planning, real estate, or marketing after graduation this spring.



Kurtis Thelen:

Kurtis, a member of our fall 2018 pledge class, will be working for ARCO National Construction in St. Louis after graduation.



Callan Patel

Callan, the president of our fall 2018 pledge class, will be working for Ancestry.com in their San Francisco office as a Genomic Algorithms Engineer.



Eric Weyker

Eric, a member of our fall 2018 pledge class, will be graduating with a degree in Management and Human Resources. He will be working for the University of Wisconsin Madison in the HR Job Rotation Program for the next two years. Eric also hosts trivia at various bars around Madison and is our former Vice President.



Mathew Phelan

Mathew, a member of our spring 2019 pledge class, will be completing his master's in accounting at UW Madison upon graduation.



Brendan Zimmer

Brendan, a member of our fall 2018 pledge class, plans to work in the large data industry after graduation in data analytics or business intelligence after graduation.

2022 INDUCTEES

The induction for 2022 Hall of Fame honorees: Friday, September 30, 2022

The banquet will be held at the Memorial Union with cocktails being at 6:00pm.

A block of 20 rooms is available at the Madison Concourse Hotel. Double rates are \$449.00 per night (Governor's Club King) and \$389.00 per night (Concourse Premier Level King). Two night minimum.

Please call the Concourse directly at (800) 356-8293 and identify yourself as part of the TKE Alumni Group.



John Jenson '70

Jon Jenson received his BS from the University of Illinois, graduating in 1974. He returned and completed his Masters' degree in Architecture in 1976. As a donor and life loyal TKE, he has been a part of the LCBC Board of Directors since 2003, serves as a Chairman of the Housing Subcommittee, and has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Mu Nu chapter. He has helped Lambda Chapter manage the parking lot repaving and roof replacement projects. Jenson now works as a registered architect, a licensed Real Estate Broker, and is a LEED Accredited professional. Along with many other professional milestones, he represented the University of Wisconsin System in the University of London exchange program in 1991.



William Vande Castle '75

William Vande Castle graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1976 with a BS in History, returning to finish his Juris Doctorate in Law in 1979. As an alumnus of the Lambda chapter, he has been a Board Member of the TKE Lambda Building Corporation since 2012 and served as Board Chair from 2016 to 2018. He currently is a Senior Partner for Vande Castle, S.C. in Green Bay, Wisconsin. William also acted as legal counsel to the district overseeing the redevelopment of Lambeau Field and its continuing development. In the past few years, he has continued to help his community by serving as a Board of Education member and President for the Holy Family School in Green Bay and the Men's High School Soccer Coach for Notre Dame Academy.



Robert Weigend '72

Robert Weigend '72: Rob Weigend received his Doctor of Law from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1975, after graduating with a BA from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in 1973. Here, he served as Prytanis of Zeta Zeta Chapter of TKE. Visiting Lambda Chapter in the mid-1980s, he pleaded with Board members to delay selling the house because of its poor condition and disarray and made it his goal to save it. His newly-appointed Board of Trustees, including Fritz Jacobi and Mike Radoff, worked to preserve the TKE house by repairing and renting it, and eventually re-established Lambda Chapter. In his professional experience, he has worked as a retailer, lawyer, lobbyist, journalist, and realtor, and currently works as an attorney for his own law firm, Weigend Law Office, PLLC.



Nate Johnson '90

Nate Johnson graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1994 with a BA in Communications. During his time in Lambda Chapter, he served as the chapter Historian and the Rush Chairman. As an alumnus, he served as a Chapter Advisor from the late 90s to early 2000s and has maintained his role as President of the TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation since 2019. With over 26 years of experience as a Human Resource professional, he currently works at Caterpillar as the Talent Acquisitions Manager leading a team of advisors focused on the Construction Industries segment.



Jonathan Yaffe '99

Jonathan Yaffe received his BA in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 2003. As a dedicated Lambda Chapter alumnus, Jonathan serves as Controller for the Building Corporation Board and has managed the accounting and tax filings since 2007, saving the chapter from having to recruit a third-party firm. He is now a Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst, working currently for Kula Investments, LLC. He has built out the company's infrastructure from scratch and oversees their operations and data engineering.



FOUNDATION UPDATE FROM NATE JOHNSON

Dear Fraters,

It seems like yesterday that I joined the TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation and it has been a rewarding experience.

Beyond a lot of great brainstorming discussions we have had during our foundation board meetings while we formed as a team, a lot has been accomplished, most notably include:

- Attaining 501(c)3 non-profit organization status with the IRS meaning donations to the foundation are tax deductible;
- Awarding 1 or 2 scholarships every year to deserving active Fraters supporting academic and leadership growth.
- Provided scholarships for leadership growth opportunities, such as Regional Leadership Conferences, that TKE sponsors leading to high participation rates by active members;
- Partnering with the active chapter and our consultant to launch a career and networking site accessible to active and alumni;
- Supporting and partnering with the active chapter and our consultant on the Lost Frater Initiative to track down and reconnect with Fraters, leading to opportunity for more alumni engagement.
- Hosting several alumni virtual happy hours during the height of the COVID pandemic lockdowns, reconnecting generations of Fraters;
- Supporting new active and new initiates with the opportunity to complete the CliftonStrengths assessment (formerly known as StrengthsFinder 34); AND
- Supporting the Lambda Chapter Hall of Fame.

This year we were fortunate to again, be in the position to award 2 scholarships. We had a strong list of applicants and the decision was not easy but I am proud to say that our award winners are very fine young men with bright futures. Our scholarship winners are Gavin Bowman (current Prytanis) and Marcus Thelan.

Pivoting to the future, I wanted to share a few of the opportunities we are considering:

2022 TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation Scholarship winners Marcus Thelan (left) and Gavin Bowman (right) with Foundation President Nate Johnson (middle)

- Continuing and growing our scholarship opportunities for active Fraters.
- Continuing to support our Fraters at TKE leadership conferences, academies and Conclaves.
- Providing support to build a library in the chapter house supporting academic success of the chapter members.

Additionally, we are planning a Graduating Senior celebration along with a Fraternity For Life ceremony on May 7th. More to come in the coming weeks as those details are finalized.

Fraters, we can not do it without your support. The foundation is completely funded through donations and fundraising activities. You can donate directly to the foundation at <https://omella.com/wZsqJ> or by contacting the foundation at tkelambdafoundation@gmail.com or by calling me at 608-512-3619.

Also, I encourage you to consider participating in the first annual TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation golf outing and BBQ fundraiser (information elsewhere in the newsletter).

You can also learn more about the foundation through the annual report put together by the foundation Treasurer Eric Schmidling.

In closing, I want to thank the other foundation board members: Jeff Hertz (Vice President), Eric Schmidling (Treasurer), Ken Chwatek (Secretary), Fritz Jacobi, Michael Brink and Bob Yeoman for all their continued energy and dedication to a great cause. I also want to thank James Easter (Chapter Advisor) for what he does to tie all the alumni volunteer boards together. If you are interested in joining this dedicated team please contact me.

I am looking forward to an exciting finish to 2022!
YITB,
Nate Johnson '90
President, TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation



BUILDING CORPORATION

Dear Lambda Members and Alumni,

It continues to be an exciting time at Lambda Chapter. In addition to the currently full Chapter House, we will have 31 members living in the House this Fall. Chapter membership continues to be strong at over 140 members. New elected President, Gavin Bowman and Treasurer, Nick Byrnes are on track to lead the Chapter to a third straight Top Teke Award! By nearly every metric, the Chapter continues to excel.

After spending over \$110,000 on improvements last year, we are planning even more projects this year. At the top of the list, we are planning to replace the flooring in the Chapter/ Dining room, front stairwell and second/third floor hallways. We are also looking to add new folding tables for the dining room. We are planning this for Summer 2022. We plan to re-landscape the front yard. A major project we are looking to undertake for Summer of 2023.

We continue to upgrade the House and provide educational and leadership opportunities for our members. We have many upcoming alumni events and would encourage you to take part in the Chapter's momentum of excellence. We are hopeful you can stop in to see the updates at the House and visit with the members of Lambda Chapter.

We hope to see you soon!

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

ALUMNI ADDRESS UPDATES

Jack Concannon (initiated 2008)

108 East 38th Street, Apt 1403
New York, NY 10016

Benjamin Rangel (initiated 2010)

140 E. Rosedale Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207

Alexander Levine (initiated 2001)

11 Shady Ln.
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

This year, donations to the Building Corporation will go to specific house improvements. The undergraduate chapter identified its top wish list. The top items are:

- ▶ Flooring in Dining Room, Front Stairwell and 2 Hallways
- ▶ Dining Room Folding Tables
- ▶ Front Yard Re-Landscape

Support the House Fund at:
<https://app.omella.com/o/n9ZbU>



Craig Chester

Craig and Amy Chester celebrated their birth of their son Morgan on December 31, 2021. Craig lives in University Park, MD outside of DC has a 2.5 year old daughter, Rebbie. Craig looks forward to helping out with the Lambda Chapter Alumni Golf Outing in Madison this year year.

Thomas Weith

Dear Fraters,
In 2021 I wrote a book entitled "Jesus Returns for the Elect" by Thomas Pauli (my author name). The book tells about "End Times" and can be purchased at Amazon for \$11.95. I am confident in saying that this is the most important book you will ever read.

TKE LAMBDA CHAPTER FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2022



Many of you asked, we delivered. Join your fellow alumni, chapter members and their families at The Bridges on Friday August 26th for a four-person scramble.

Cost for the golf tournament is \$100, which includes 18 holes, cart, range balls, hole skins and the overall tournament. The golf outing will benefit our chapter foundation to fund scholarships for our undergraduate fraters. The time of the golf outing is yet to be determined.

Immediately following the golf outing, we invite alumni & their families as well as undergraduate members, significant others and parents to come to 216 Langdon for a catered BBQ. Even if you do not participate in the golf outing, we welcome you at the Teke house for this family friendly event. *The cost of the BBQ is \$30 per person.*

The following morning (August 27th) join your fellow alumni, undergraduates, and their families for brunch at Monona Terrace at 10:30 AM to kick off the school year, review 2021-2022 and learn more about the future aspirations of the chapter and foundation. *The cost of the brunch is \$30 per person.*

8/26 - Golf Tournament
Family BBQ (Catered)

8/27 - Family Brunch at
Monona Terrace

Start Building Your Foursomes!

There is a block of 40 hotel rooms at the Hilton Monona Terrace. A rate of \$225 a night is good for the nights of August 26th and 27th. When you call to book a room, please reference booking code TKELAM for the discounted rate. The hotel phone number is 608.255.5100 or one can call Hilton Reservations at 800.445.8667. Booking is also available at hiltonmadison.hilton.com.

How can you help? Recruit a foursome, serve on the golf outing committee, be a hole or tournament sponsor, donate an auction item, et.al. Reach out with any questions or interest- email Michael Brink or call him at 612.310.5271. Thanks for your help and interest in advance.

Payment and official registration will follow very shortly. In the meantime, gather your foursomes and book your hotel rooms. Looking forward to seeing many of you in Madison in late August.

The link to sign up is listed here:

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/3053edfc-376a-4819-99ef-72a28e488d9f/details/registration-details>



KEY CONTACTS

Lambda Chapter Building Corp., TKE

is the organization that manages the property at 216 Langdon Street. It is a 501(c)(7) organization which is exempt from income taxes and files an IRS Form 990 each year.

Chair/President - Eric Lanning | (608) 206-4031 | ericlanning1@gmail.com

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.

Chair/President & Chapter Advisor - James Easter '07 | (262) 227-6694 | jameseeaster@email.com

TKE Lambda Chapter Foundation, Inc.

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

Chair/President - Nathan Johnson | (608) 512-3619 | nathanjohnson@gmail.com

Annual Fund Campaigns

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

Chair/President - Fritz Jacobi '76 | (920) 319-2113 | fritzj1@aol.com

Lambda Chapter Prytanis

Gavin Bowman '20 | gjbowman@wisc.edu

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Howdy, and it's finally time to register for the biggest brotherhood event this side of the Mississippi! Register now for Conclave 2022 in Houston at [TKE.org/Conclave!](https://TKE.org/Conclave)

TKE's biennial convention is called Conclave. Conclave is a great celebration of brotherhood, where Tekes from all over the world come together for three days to select the leadership of the Fraternity, vote on changes to the governing rules and policies, recognize our best and brightest Fraters and Chapters, participate in intense leadership development, and build friendships. With multiple options of reservation, you can customize your experience when you register today!