

EPSILON KAPPA BECOMES 125TH BOULÉ

Eighteen distinguished community leaders were inducted into the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity on December 5, 2009, the official chartering date of the 125th member boulé – Epsilon Kappa, Huntsville, Alabama, which was sponsored by Beta Kappa of Birmingham under the leadership of Sire Archon Robert Holmes, membership council chairman Archon Jerome Williams and Southeast Region Sire Archon Tom Larkin. The ceremony took place at the NASA–Marshall Space Flight Center Education Resource Center on the grounds of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

Also participating were Grand Sire Archon Robert Harris of Alpha Gamma; Grand Grammateus Peyton Williams, Jr., of Kappa; Grand Thesauristes Herman S. “Skip” Mason, Jr., of Kappa; Grand Boulé Growth and Expansion Committee chairman Archon John H. Norton III of Alpha Gamma; Southeast Region Sire Archon–Elect Clifton Johnson of Gamma Psi; Archon Duncan E. Jackson of Delta Pi; and Archon Reginald Rigsby of Eta Gamma. In addition to approximately twenty other Archons from Beta Kappa, Archon W. Troy Massey of Phi and Archon Everett B. Ward of Gamma Sigma attended.

Archon Wilbert L. Brown, principal of the Academy for Academics and Arts, Huntsville’s first K-8 magnet school, received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Alabama A&M University. He is a trustee of the Union Chapel M.B. Church; national liaison for the March of Dimes, where he represents Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and chairman of the local Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation. He is completing a two-year term as president of the Huntsville Association of School Administrators.

Archon Tommy L. Coleman, a research administrator and vice president for institutional research at Alabama A&M University, received a B.S. from Fort Valley State College, an M.S. from the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. from Iowa State University. He is a deacon at the First Missionary Baptist Church, secretary of 100 Black Men of America’s greater Huntsville chapter, and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He and his Archousa, Edna Coleman, a youth specialist for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, have three children, Sheri, Thomas and Brian.

Archon John Mark Debro, a partner in the law firm of Grace, Matthews, Grimes & Debro, LLC, received his B.A. from Alabama A&M University and his juris doctorate from Samford University Cumberland School of Law. He is a member of the Alabama Lawyers Association, the Defense Research Institute and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He is also the board attorney for the Alabama A&M University Foundation. He and his Archousa, Angela Redmond, who was recently appointed attorney for Alabama A&M University, have two children, John Mark II and Lara Page.



Archon Ted Edwards, a psychiatrist, is the owner of Rehabilitation and Neurological Services, LLC. He received a B.S. from Southern University and a doctorate of osteopathic medicine from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences. He is a member of 100 Black Men of America, Inc., greater Huntsville chapter; the American College of Physical Medicine & Rehab Association; and the Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church. He and his Archousa, Belinda Savage-Edwards, a neurologist in partnership with her husband, have three children, Madyson, Kynnedie and Ted, Jr.

Archon Christopher A. Evans, a program manager for the Missile Defense Agency Office of Small Business Programs at Redstone Arsenal, received a B.S. from Alabama A&M University and an M.B.A. from Nova Southeastern University. He serves on the board of the Community Action Partnership of Huntsville–Madison & Limestone Counties and the Youth Motivation Task Force at Alabama A&M University and is the Alabama district director of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He is a member of the Fellowship Presbyterian Church. He and his Archousa, Evette Johnson-Evans, a supervisor of federal programs for the Decatur city schools, have one daughter, Kyler Grace.

Archon T.A. “Al” Harris, Jr., the executive director of Athens Housing Authority, Athens, Alabama, received a B.S. from Lane College and an M.S. from Travecca University. He is a past board member of the Alabama Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He and his Archousa, Marquita Bolden Harris, a retired educator, have five children, Cheryl, Stephanie, Michelle, Trevor and Joseph.

Archon James O. Heyward, now retired, was a U.S. Army colonel, a professor of military science and a director of admissions at Alabama A&M University. He received his B.S. from South Carolina State University and his M.S. from Shippensburg State College. He is the vice president of the board of directors of the Greater Alabama Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Huntsville police advisory and review committee, on the board of stewards at St. John A.M.E. Church, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He and his Archousa, Willie Mae Thompson Heyward, a retired educator, have two children, James, Jr., and Julian.

Archon James L. Jennings, president and CEO of Omega Plus, Inc., received his B.S. and M.B.A. from Alabama A&M University and his M.S. from the University of Alabama at Huntsville. He is a past national president of the National Technical Association, a member of Leadership Huntsville, the National Space Club and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He and his Archousa, LaVon Jennings, a retired educator, have two children, Keelan and Keisha.

Archon Ralph D. Malone, the owner of Pinnacle Gage & Tool and vice president of program management for the

Masada Resource Group, received his B.S. from Georgia Tech with additional certification from Northwestern University’s School of Management and Dartmouth College’s Amos Tuck School of Business. He is a board member of the Business Council of Alabama, the Alabama Robotics Technology Park and the Huntsville Hospital Foundation, and he serves on the Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission. He is also a NFL alumnus.

Archon Stoney Massey, an assistant professor of electrical engineering at Alabama A&M University, earned his B.S. from Tuskegee University and his M.S. from the University of Alabama at Huntsville. He is the adviser to the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers at Alabama A&M. He and his Archousa, Bernice Leslie Massey, have two children, Monica and Michael.

Archon Jerry Mitchell, executive director and CEO of the North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce, received a B.S. from Valdosta State University and an M.S. from Central Michigan University. He is a board member of the Better Business Bureau of North Alabama and the Valdosta State University School of Business Alumni. He is also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He and his Archousa, Gwendolyn Mitchell, an educator, have three children, Julian, Jared and Johnathan.

Archon I. Chris Robinson III, an organization and leadership consultant for NASA, has a B.A. from Clark Atlanta University and an M.S. from Florida Institute of Technology. He is the president of the Huntsville Arts Council board of directors, vice president of operations for the Leadership Huntsville–Madison County board of directors, a trustee of First Missionary Baptist Church and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He and his Archousa, Cathy Miller-Robinson, a senior engineer, have three children, Chase, Arrington and Chelsy.

Archon Lonzo C. Robinson, the owner of Robinson & Associates, PC, received his B.A. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and his juris doctorate from the University of Alabama. He is a member of the Madison County Bar Association, the Alabama State Bar and the Alabama Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and he is on the board of directors for United Cerebral Palsy of North Alabama. He and his Archousa, Iris C. Glover-Robinson, a manager, have one son, Brandon C. Robinson.

Archon Eddie C. Sherrod, Sr., the pupil-services administrator for Madison County schools, received a B.S. from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and an M.S. from Jackson State University. He is chairman of the Madison County unit of the Alabama Democratic Conference, a board member of the Madison County Mental Health Association, a member of the board of stewards at St. John A.M.E. Church and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He and his Archousa, Lynn Sherrod, a district court judge, have four children, Eddie, Jr., Edrena, Edlecia and Laura.

Archon David W. Smith, the owner-operator of the Royal Funeral Home, Inc., the Mason Funeral Home and Meadowlawn Garden of Peace, received a B.S. from Morris Brown College and certification from the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. He is a member of the National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, the National Funeral Directors Association, the Huntsville and Limestone chambers of commerce and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He and his Archousa, Karen Jones Smith, CEO of Royal Funeral Home, have one son, David A. Smith.

Archon Thornton Stanley, Jr., executive vice president of Stanley Construction Co., received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Vanderbilt University. He is a board member of the Greater Huntsville Rotary Foundation, a member of Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He and his Archousa, Dawn Stanley, an executive vice president, have three children, Thornton III, Drew and Hannah.

Archon Van L. Strickland, a review manager for NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, received his B.S. from the University of Alabama and his M.B.A. from Alabama A&M University. He is a member of the American Society for Quality and the Alabama A&M University Business School advisory board, and a regional and district board member for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, where he serves as director of conventions. He is a member of the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Education Assistance Ministry. He and his Archousa, Rosalynne, a Software Assurance Lead, have two children, Lauren Nicole and Miles Christopher.

Archon Anthony Toney, president of Anthony Toney's Family Dentistry, received his B.S. from Alabama A&M University and his D.D.M. from the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey. He is a member of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists, the Huntsville Kiwanis Club, Leadership Huntsville and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He is also an elder at Chelsea Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The following charter members have transferred their membership to Epsilon Kappa Boulé:

Archon Gary Bush, formerly of **Beta Nu**, is acting director of the J.F. Drake Memorial Learning Resources Center at Alabama A&M University. He received a B.A. and an M.S. from Howard University and an M.S. from Atlanta University. He is a member of the Friends of the Learning Resource Center. His wife, Archousa Mildred Bush, is president of M. Bush Consultants.

Archon Robert M. Clark, formerly of **Beta Kappa**, is president and CEO of Global Exclusive Imports, Inc. He received his B.S. from the University of Maryland and his M.B.A. from Canbourne University. He is a member of 100 Black Men of America's greater Huntsville chapter, the fraternal order of Masons and the First Baptist Missionary

Church. He and his wife, Archousa Harriet Clark, a senior program analyst, have two children.

Archon James H. Hicks, formerly of **Beta Kappa**, is a dean emeritus of the School of Education at Alabama A&M University. He received his B.S. from Albany State College, his M.S. from Indiana State University and his Ed.D. from the University of Kansas. He is the president of the Presbyterian Apartments board of directors and vice president of the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center board of directors. He is the immediate past president of the Salvation Army advisory board and a member of the Fellowship Presbyterian Church and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He and his Archousa, Gertrude W. Hicks, a retired educator from Alabama A&M University, have two children, Michael and Michelle.

Archon Andrew Hugine, Jr., formerly of **Delta Chi**, is the president of Alabama A&M University. He received his B.S. and M.S. from South Carolina State University and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He is a board member of the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Huntsville and Madison County Rotary Clubs, St. John A.M.E. Church and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He and his Archousa, Abbiegail Hugine, a retired educator, have two children, Andrew III and Akilah.

Archon Kevin A. Rolle, formerly of **Delta Chi**, is chief of staff to the president at Alabama A&M University. He received his B.S. and M.S. from Southern University and his Ph.D. from Colorado State University. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and he has two children, Kevin and Cameron.

After the ceremony everyone gathered at Gooch Place for the Christmas Gala in celebration of the Archousai. Southeast Region Sire Archon Tom Larkin, the master of ceremonies, presided over the official welcoming program, and Archousai Carmelia Holmes and Lavon Jennings gave the official responses. A special tribute was given to Archousa Boyers in memory of Archon Joe Boyers, who was instrumental in the initial chartering process but passed away before the process was completed.

The newly elected officers of Epsilon Kappa are **Sire Archon James Jennings**; **Sire Archon-Elect J. Mark Debro**; **Grammateus Christopher A. Evans**; **Thesauristes Stoney Massey**; **Grapter Wilbert L. Brown**; **Agogos James O. Heyward**; **Rhetoricos Van L. Strickland** and membership council chairman **James Hicks**.

*Archon Wilbert L. Brown
Grapter, Epsilon Kappa Boulé*

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