

# BETA HOSTS COOK COUNTY PRESIDENT



Sire Archon Darrell Jackson with Cook County board president Toni Preckwinkle



Toni Preckwinkle

The Archons of Beta Boulé, Chicago, hosted “An Evening with Toni Preckwinkle” on November 15 in the Madison Room of the Northern Trust Co. On November 2 Preckwinkle, a five-term alderman for Chicago’s fourth ward, became the first woman elected to the office of president of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

Sire Archon Darrell Jackson served as emcee of the event, and representatives from the two other Chicago-area member boulés, Delta Alpha and Delta Sigma, were also present as the new president reflected on her campaign and the current state of the political landscape in the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois.

*Archon Trevonne M. Thompson  
Grapter, Beta Boulé*



Members of Beta Boulé with Toni Preckwinkle

# GAMMA PI BOULÉ CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY



Gamma Pi Immediate Past Sire Archon Robert Clark and his Archousa, Robbie Clark; Grand Sire Archon Rodney J. Reed; and Archousa Bertha Alford with Gamma Pi Sire Archon Frank Alford

Chattanooga, Tennessee's Gamma Pi Boulé celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on January 8 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Joining the celebration were Grand Sire Archon Rodney J. Reed of Alpha Gamma Boulé, Southeast Regional Sire Archon Tom Larkin of Beta Kappa Boulé, and guest Archons from Nashville and Knoxville. Four Archons were also inducted during the event: Archons Charles Bass, Travis Lytle and William Pierce of Gamma Pi, and Archon Johney Green of Knoxville's Beta Theta. Grand Sire Archon Reed made comments during the celebration.

*Archon Terry R. Woods  
Grapter, Gamma Pi Boulé*



Archousa Annette Adams and Archon John Adams, Agogos of Gamma Pi



Newly inducted Archons Travis Lytle and Johney Green, Beta Theta Sire Archon Donald Hickman, Grand Sire Archon Rodney J. Reed, newly inducted Archon William Pierce, Gamma Pi Sire Archon Alford and newly inducted Archon Charles Bass

# THREE BOULÉ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES MEET



Seated on either side of Grand Sire Archon Reed are Sire Archon Dwight Floyd and Sire Archon Tony Poole.

**D**uring the November 19 meeting of Beta Boulé, Chicago, visiting Grand Sire Archon Rodney Reed of Alpha Gamma Boulé, Oakland–Berkeley, California, was joined by Sire Archon Dwight Floyd of Delta Sigma, South Suburban Chicago, and Sire Archon Tony Poole of Delta Alpha, Northern Illinois, as well as the executive committee members from the three Illinois boulés. It was the first time this combined event has taken place, and Grand Sire Archon

Reed spoke of how pleased he was to see such solidarity, especially since the Archons from all three boulés represent such a wide array of talented men. Although many of the boulés' social functions are attended by members from all groups, this kind of formal meeting seldom takes place.

*Archon Robert H. Jordan, Jr.  
Grapter, Delta Alpha Boulé*

# BETA ALPHA SAVORS PACKERS WIN



**A**rchons, Archousai and guests of Milwaukee's Beta Alpha Boulé traveled by luxury bus coach on August 26 to the storied Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin, to attend a preseason game between the Green Bay Packers and the Indianapolis Colts. The thirty-eight members of the group enjoyed watching the game from a 50-yard-line luxury suite. Their trip –

which was organized by a former Packer, Archon George Koonce – was further embellished by good weather, a delicious buffet dinner, a Packers victory and the best of one another's company.

*Archon Richard N. Evans, Jr.  
Grapter, Beta Alpha Boulé*

# EPSILON DELTA GREETS FIRST FAMILY



**B**y fortunate coincidence, a group of thirty-four Archons, Archousai and family members of Epsilon Delta Boulé, Williamsburg, Virginia, were at the White House on November 5, wishing the First Couple a “safe journey!” as President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama stepped onto the South Lawn and boarded *Marine One* to depart on their ten-day diplomatic tour of Asia.

The Epsilon Delta tour of “the people’s house,” which had been planned for more than a year, had been arranged by Archon Julius Haynie and Archousa Carolyn and Archon William “Don” Hampton and Archousa Carlane, longtime friends of Erika Henderson, deputy director of the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships. The tour began in the East Wing, from the East Garden Room through the East Colonnade – built by Thomas Jefferson – to the ground floor of the residence, where the group saw the library that is often used for high-level conversations and where President Jimmy Carter delivered his fireside chats in 1977. The group viewed other ground-floor areas of the residence, including the Diplomatic Reception Room and the China Room, as well as the East Room on the State Floor, where two days earlier the President had stood before the press corps and acknowledged the “shellacking” the Democrats had received at the hands of the Republican Party in the midterm elections.

During part of the tour, members of the group were accompanied by Leonard Cooke, chief security officer of the Executive Office of the President – but not because any of the Archons posed a security risk. Cooke, a former Virginia gubernatorial appointee, was director of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services before his White House appointment and had a long-standing relationship with Archon Oscar Blayton and his Archousa, Bonnie.

The next stop was the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History to view the exhibition *The Kinsey Collection: Shared Treasures of Bernard and Shirley Kinsey – Where Art and History Intersect*, which was organized by the Bernard and Shirley Kinsey Foundation for the Arts and Education and the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). The museum is housed in the National Museum of American History until its own building is completed.

The Kinsey collection tour was arranged by Epsilon Delta Archon Rex M. Ellis, associate director for curatorial affairs at NMAAHC, led by chief curator Jacquelyn Days Serwer and accompanied by Archon John W. Franklin of Epsilon Boulé, director of partnerships and international programs, who is the son of the noted historian John Hope Franklin.

Archon Franklin encouraged Archons and their respective boulés to take an interest in supporting NMAAHC, as it is the national platform upon which the history of African Americans will be presented. Any Archons who wish to have their boulé partner with the museum in a fund-raising event or become a supporter can contact Archon Franklin at franklinj@si.edu.

Several of the Archousai took time to view the First Lady’s inaugural ball gown, on display in the First Ladies exhibit, and the Archons and Archousai repaired to Old Ebbitt Grill for a delicious lunch and warm fellowship before heading home.

*Archon Oscar H. Blayton  
Grapter, Epsilon Delta Boulé*

