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**SPECIAL WINTER EDITION** 



## **Anticipation Builds for Upcoming National Conclave and Officers' Academy**

National Conclave is rapidly approaching and has become the largest Alpha Kappa Lambda event regarding chapters and membership represented. This event brings together undergraduate members, alumni members, the National Executive Council, National Headquarters staff, as well as family and friends together for a weekend of business, brotherhood, and fun.

Following the 2022 National Conclave, the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda is excited that the 2024 Clark - Thompson Presidents' Academy & Officers' Institute will run concurrently with the National Conclave.

The upcoming event is hosted in Williamsburg, Virginia from January 11 - 14, 2024.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If you are connected with me on social media, you may notice that this is one of my favorite times of the year. One of the annual things I do is grow a beard and dress up as Santa for a local community event. Two to three months of prep work for what is a three-hour outdoor event. This year the event was canceled due to the weather. One of my sons asked me how I felt growing the beard only to have that happen. I was disappointed but not because I wanted to play Santa. Honestly, the suit is scratchy and heavy. The beard feels weird. I also don't get excited about standing out in below-freezing temperatures. So why then do I do it?

The simple answer is I do it for others. I do it for the kids who get excited at seeing Santa one more time before Christmas. I do it for the neighbors who use it as a reason to spend time with each other during the sometimes stressful holiday season. I do it because as a young Fraternity man, over a quarter of a century ago, I was influenced by my Alpha Kappa Lambda chapter to continually serve my community in some way. Alpha Kappa Lambda influenced me to value service to others as I am sure it has you. Our Fraternity matters for this reason.

Tis the season to be thankful. I am thankful for Alpha Kappa Lambda. I am thankful for what we as a Fraternity have done and what we will do. I am thankful for the 30,000+men who have worn our letters and made a difference in the lives of others.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

-Jeremy Slivinski, AKL Executive Director

### Happy Holidays from Alpha Kappa Lambda

Alpha Kappa Lambda wishes you a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and cherished moments. May this time bring you peace, happiness, and the company of those you hold dear. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, or simply enjoy the festive spirit, may your days be merry and bright. Here's to a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year ahead!



## Schedule for National Conclave and Officers' Academy Williamsburg, Virginia: January 11 – 14

#### Thursday, January 11

• Arrivals to National Conclave

#### Friday, January 12

- National Conclave Registration Opens
- Lunch
- Orientation
- Opening Ceremony
- Business Session.
- Dinner & Keynote Kick-Off
  - Dr. Timothy Reed, Omicron Delta Kappa,
    Vice President for Membership and Operations
- Ritual & Omega Ceremony

#### Saturday, January 13

- Breakfast and Education Overview
- Chapter Officer Education
- Lunch
- Business Session
- General Education Session
- Closing Award Banquet
- Alumni Wine Reception

#### Sunday, January 14

• Departures from National Conclave



National Conclave, held every two years, is a three-day event that includes educational training, legislative sessions, networking opportunities and is a celebration of the Fraternity of Alpha Kappa Lambda.

All members, friends, and families are encouraged to attend the National Conclave and take part in the festivities.

**National Conclave Details and Information** 



## Holiday Giving to the AKL Education Foudation

Our fraternity has thrived over the years due to the dedication and support of alumni members. As we strive to uphold the values that define us, we recognize the importance of financial contributions in sustaining and enhancing the fraternity experience for current and future generations.

Your generosity has the power to make a lasting impact on the educational, leadership, and brotherhood opportunities we provide to our members. Whether it's supporting scholarship programs or funding leadership development initiatives, every donation plays a crucial role in fortifying the foundation upon which our fraternity stands.

To make your contribution or learn more about the specific areas where your support can make a difference, please visit, **DONATE TO AKL.** 

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