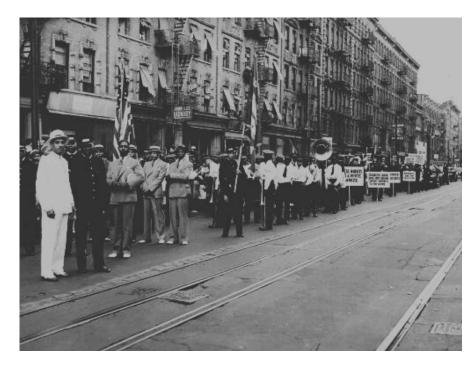




Defying Hate: Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Fights for Justice Amid Klan Intimidation

As the 1920s approached, the Ku Klux Klan aimed to intimidate African Americans and others fighting for their rights. In 1925, they held a massive march on Washington, showcasing their presence to spread fear and suppress the push for equality.



But while the Klan marched in Washington, a movement of resilience was taking place in New York. That same year, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was formed—the first African American labor union to gain significant recognition. These hardworking individuals, who shined shoes, prepared beds, woke passengers, and provided top-notch

service to ensure comfortable train journeys, organized to demand fair treatment and better working conditions.

Despite the challenges, the union thrived. Their success became a beacon of hope and a stepping stone toward greater economic and social justice for African Americans.

