

**NEWS FROM
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**KAPPA ALPHA PSI® ELECTS NEW INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP
AT 86TH GRAND CHAPTER MEETING**

Nearly 4,000 delegates elected Jimmy McMikle as the new leader of the 112-year-old organization

PHILADELPHIA — On July 22, 2023, Jimmy McMikle was sworn in as the 35th Grand Polemarch [International President] of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. during its 86th Grand Chapter Meeting in Tampa, Florida.

“I am beyond humbled and honored to lead the Grand Board of Directors in service to Kappa Alpha Psi®, in service to our members, in service to our mission, and for the good of Kappa,” said McMikle, who previously served as Kappa’s Senior Grand Vice Polemarch [International Vice President]. McMikle is a Spring 1991 initiate of the Alpha Chapter at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. He is the current President of the McMikle Group, LLC, a leadership training and development firm based in Hartford, Connecticut.

He previously served as the National Director of Organizational Effectiveness, during which he developed Kappa Alpha Psi’s five-year strategic plan (2021-2025). He chaired Kappa’s COVID-19 Task Force Committee, which developed the operational “way-forward” for the Fraternity during the global pandemic. McMikle chaired Kappa Alpha Psi’s National “Learn 2 Live” Social Justice Initiative, which has performed more than 140 forums in over 100 cities and has educated and trained more than 65,000 students, preparing them for police encounters and interactions.

McMikle has served as a member of the Grand Board of Directors (2015-2019); the 26th Northeastern Province Polemarch (2011-2015); National C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference Committee Co-Chairman; Senior Province Vice Polemarch; and Polemarch of the Hartford (CT) Alumni Chapter, where he led the chapter to three consecutive Province “Chapter of the Year” Awards, a Province “Guide Right Chapter of the Year” Award, “Reclamation Chapter of the Year” Award, and the National “Jay Crosby for Outstanding Guide Right Chapter Award.” McMikle holds the Northeastern Province’s highest honor, the “James M. Kidd Award,” in addition to receiving a host of province, local chapter, and community awards for service.

McMikle succeeds Reuben A. Shelton III, Esq., who served as Grand Polemarch from 2019 to 2023.

“It has been an honor to lead this amazing organization over the last four years,” said Shelton. “I am confident in Mr. McMikle’s leadership as Kappa continues to grow and deliver strong value to our members, partners, and stakeholders.”

In addition to the Grand Polemarch, voting convention delegates chose the following Grand Chapter officers:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Elected</u>
Grand Polemarch	Jimmy McMikle - Hartford, CT
Senior Grand Vice Polemarch	Robert L. Jenkins, Jr., Esq. - Washington, DC
Junior Grand Vice Polemarch	Jordan Q. Smith - Indiana University
Grand Keeper of Records	Kevin D. Kyles - Detroit, MI
Grand Keeper of Exchequer	Rhen C. Bass, Sr., CPA - Corpus Christi, TX
Grand Board of Directors - Alumni (3)	Damon O. Barry, Esq. - Denver, CO Dr. Leonard E. Clemons - Frankfort, KY Jwyanza B. Watt - Plano, TX
Grand Board of Directors - Undergraduate (3)	Justin I. Nave - Mississippi State University Amari M. Venzor - Pepperdine University Brent C. White, III – North Carolina A&T State University
Grand Strategus	Tralyn L. Ball - Troy University
Grand Lt. Strategus	Ryan I. Johnson - Hampton University
Grand Chapter Nominating Committee Chairman	Michael F. Brown - Apex, NC
Grand Historian	Kevin P. Scott – Chicago, IL

“I am elated and excited to work with the new and re-elected members of the Grand Chapter leadership team,” said Kappa Alpha Psi International Headquarters Executive Director John F. Burrell. “These hardworking, dedicated, and motivated men will provide a seamless transition to a new fraternal landscape as Kappa grows and impacts change. I know the 35th administration will continue to lead the Fraternity and make great strides in achievement.”

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Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, Incorporated (KAΨ®) is a historically African American Greek-letter organization. Since the fraternity's founding on January 5, 1911 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, the fraternity has never restricted membership on the basis of color, creed or national origin. The fraternity has over 250,000 initiated members with 643 active undergraduate and alumni chapters across the United States, and international chapters in Abu Dhabi UAE, Canada, Germany, South Korea, Japan, US Virgin Islands, Nigeria, South Africa, the Grand Bahamas, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, and Bermuda. The International Headquarters is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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