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**Kappa Alpha Psi's International Headquarters
Welcomes Key Hires in New Fraternal Year**

PHILADELPHIA — Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated – via its Executive Director John F. Burrell, announced today the hiring of four new staff members to fill critical roles to help ensure the fraternity's long-term success. There was an interviewing and vetting process. Effective November 7, 2023, Kappa Alpha Psi's International Headquarters welcomes: Deputy Executive Director **Daren K. Brantley, Sr.**, Deputy Executive Director; **Gershom D. Davis, MBA**, Finance Director; **Jahmatis K. Rainey**, Deputy Finance Director; and **Rasheedah Johnson**, Executive Assistant.

“I am elated to welcome this cadre of seasoned professionals to International Headquarters at the beginning of the Fraternity's fiscal year,” said John F. Burrell. “These new hires reiterate my commitment to ensure that Kappa Alpha Psi flourishes, operates more efficiently and better serve the needs of the Grand Chapter, Provinces, and our global membership.”

The *Deputy Executive Director* is second in command to the Executive Director and supports the development and implementation of strategic plans, policies and business operations at International Headquarters. He also supervises staff and assists in the preparation of grant proposals and reports, among other duties.

The *Finance Director* and *Deputy Director of Finance* manage a comprehensive accounting program — including accounts receivable and payable, the general ledger and payroll — while integrating and adhering to the principals, standards, statutory accounting requirements, and fiscal policies and procedures necessary to ensure financial records are maintained and Fraternity assets are adequately safeguarded. The team will also coordinate financial audits and fiscal components of federal site and compliance reviews, as well as fulfill project requests as delegated by the Grand Keeper of Exchequer.

The *Executive Assistant to the Executive Director* provides high-level administrative support to the Executive Director and the executive team including scheduling, travel coordination, database management, vendor and contract support, and special event assistance, among other duties.

The new International Headquarters employees are:



▪ **Daren K. Brantley, Sr.**, Deputy Executive Director – For nearly 25 years at the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency, Brantley has served in several roles including Investigator, Supervisor of Investigations, and Assistant Area Director. He is a Spring 1984 initiate of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Chapter, the Eta Epsilon of Kappa Alpha Psi. He is a current member of the Willingboro Fort Dix-McGuire AFB (NJ) Alumni Chapter, and a Life Member of the Grand Chapter and Northeastern Province. In his current chapter, he has held several roles including Polemarch and Guide Right Chairman. He is presently the Northeastern Province’s Southern Region Alumni Board Member.

Brantley earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Seton Hall University.



▪ **Gershom D. Davis, MBA**, Director of Finance – Having more than 25 years of corporate finance and accounting experience, Davis has honed his expertise in strategic financial planning, budgeting, forecasting, process improvement, developing and implementing internal controls, financial systems integration, migration, and finance transformation. He is a Spring 1992 initiate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana [University of Louisiana at Lafayette] Chapter, the Theta Nu of Kappa Alpha Psi. He is a Grand Chapter Life Member.

He is a current member of the Indianapolis (IN) Alumni Chapter. He serves on the Finance Subcommittee of the Strategic Plan Implementation Team which oversees the execution of the Fraternity’s five-year strategic plan. Davis earned a Master of Business Administration Degree in Finance from Texas A&M University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English (Technical Writing) from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.



▪ **Jahmatis K. Rainey**, Deputy Director of Finance – Having several years of legal, financial and compliance experience, Rainey has a track record of proven financial excellence in diverse industries. He recently served as the Finance Director for New Jersey’s 38th Legislative District Senator and two Assembly members, and previously was a Compliance Officer for Val Demings for U.S. Senate Campaign in the state of Florida. Rainey is a Spring 2019 initiate of the Chesapeake-Virginia

Beach (VA) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi where he has served as Assistant Keeper of Records, Assistant Exchequer, MTA committee member, and mentor for the chapter’s prestigious Beautillion Militaire Program. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with an emphasis in public administration from Norfolk State University and is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration Degree at Longwood University.



▪ **Rasheedah Johnson**, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director – A seasoned Executive Administrative Assistant with nearly 10 years of experience, Johnson has provided superb support to senior executives throughout her career and is well-prepared to play a pivotal

role in advancing the goals of the Fraternity. She demonstrates exceptional interpersonal and organizational skills, is a proficient multitasker, entrepreneurial and innovative thinker, and has strong communication skills (written and verbal). Johnson's professional journey reflects a commitment to excellence and a profound understanding of the demands of this new role. She earned a degree in Interpreter Education and is fluent in American Sign Language.

About Kappa Alpha Psi

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is an international Greek-letter organization founded January 5, 1911, on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Under the motto "Training for Leadership in Every Field of Human Endeavor," the fraternity has initiated over 250,000 members across 643 active undergraduate and alumni chapters throughout the United States since its inception, with 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 Fraternity Headquarters is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Additional information about Kappa Alpha Psi is available online via www.KappaAlphaPsi1911.com.

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