

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

**A**s of this reading, we should be deep into our Province Councils season. As I have said in the past, this is perhaps the most important time in Kappa. While we convene biennially for our Grand Chapter Meetings, our Councils provide the opportunity for annual updates on the status, not only of your Province, but the Grand Chapter as well. As usual, there will be a presentation from your National Leadership during the business sessions. Please be present to digest the presentation and provide your feedback directly to the Grand Chapter Representative. It is unfortunate that more of our Brothers do not attend our Council Meetings; it is truly an opportunity to become updated on the current status of *your* Fraternity.



We are pleased to present our elected and appointed political officials in this edition of *The Journal*. Our Brothers are making great strides in representing us and other constituents in various positions across this country. Soon we will make history with the anticipated confirmation of our Brother, **Alphonso R. Jackson**, as Secretary of the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). There are many similar stories on the way. In Philadelphia, for example, we are currently enjoying our second African-American mayor, Brother **John F. Street**. We are fortunate to boast that our first African-American mayor also wears the diamond, Brother **W. Wilson Goode**. Our commitment to and participation in the political process may well define who we truly are in years to

come. That is why it is so important that we support the **Unity '04 Voter Empowerment Campaign**. You will continue to hear our appeals for your support of this important endeavor. It is also why the **James "Biff" Carter Legislative Conference: Kappas (In Red) on Kapitoll Hill** is so important to where we are going in the future. We are hoping for **1000 Kappas** to join us **April 25-27, 2004**, in our nation's capitol for this conference.

This office has also heard from many of you regarding the **Kappa Score Kard** and how pleased you are to have such a tool. The five points of this administration's commitment to you will be posted in just about everything we do. We want you to have a tangible document to access our progress and are open to any suggestions you have on improvements. The same holds true for your International Headquarters. We want to provide the best service possible to you, our members. If there are things we can do better, please let us know. In the meantime, we will continue to do our very best for you. With all that we are doing in the name of *Phi Nu Pi*, now more than ever "it's good to be a Kappa." We won't stop, because St. Louis is just around the corner. We know you'll be there. We can't do it without you. Join us for this "**Kappa Homecoming: Come Home to Kappa.**" See you soon.

Yours in the Bond,  
*Richard Lee Snow*  
Executive Director/COO

## Editor's Notes

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The April 2005 issue will contain information on the 77th Grand Chapter Meeting, which is set for July 2005 in St. Louis, MO. The St. Louis Alumni Chapter, members of the Middle Western Province, Grand Chapter Planning Committee, and the Grand Board of Directors are already working feverishly to ensure a successful Conclave. *The Journal* will include stories of tourist attractions and scheduled events to assist you and your families with planning.

### ***Graduation Stories and Photographs***

I extend congratulations to the many brothers who will earn degrees in May, June, and August. Earning college degrees shows commitment to the Fraternity's fundamental purpose. *The Journal* will include short articles and accompanying photographs of members who earn doctoral degrees if the submissions are received by September 1. The October Photo Gallery

will include some group shots of members who earn baccalaureate degrees, but space limitations will not allow for publication of individual stories of brothers who receive bachelor's degrees. Please accept my regrets at this time.

### ***Errata***

As I close, I need to acknowledge two errors. In the February issue, the Kappa Scholar photographs of Travis A. Williams and William Winder were transposed during production. Also, the photograph of the first gentleman on the back of the February issue is not a member of Kappa Alpha Psi. He is Congressman Danny Davis (D-IL). I regret these mistakes and offer my sincere apologies.

*Enjoy the summer, and send in your news!*

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