Grand Polemarch McBride’s Executive Order Number One  
To Be Posted And Read At All Chapter Assemblies

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded January 5, 1911, at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana and its opposition to hazing or unlawful or anti-social conduct of any kind has been continuous since its founding, implicit in its founding precepts and explicit in its declaration first published in the year 1949 stating that hazing in any form is illegal; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ullysses McBride, as Grand Polemarch, is empowered by Article XI, Section I of the Constitution of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., with the authority to “interpret and enforce” its provisions.

THEREFORE, pursuant to the enforcement powers vested in the Grand Polemarch, in addition to the pronouncement on hazing, he does hereby declare the following specific acts to constitute hazing and declares that no person may request, require, suggest or invite any pledge, member, prospective member, guest, invitee, licensee or any other person whatsoever to perform or be the victim of any or the following prohibited acts: Meet without the chapter advisor or his designee; drink alcoholic beverages or any other liquid; require consumption of food; inflict physical or emotional abuse; require any period of calisthenics; require butler and/or maid services from pledges; inflict personal humiliation; abuse pledge’s personal possessions; require painted faces, shaved heads, or the shaving of mustaches; require the carrying of bricks or other things; enforce silence; leave pledges stranded or in an unknown place without transportation; forge any documents; require the wearing of any inappropriate, outlandish thing or depart from normal dress; sequester pledges from telephones, family, friends or the larger community; require pledges to sleep in the same room; deviate from the initiation ritual in any way; interfere with the college’s program or the student’s studies; request that a pledge consent to do so or be subjected to any prohibited act or any act likely to be considered lewd, or contrary to the rules and regulations of either the college/university, the Fraternity or to any governing law.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that invitations or requests to perform prohibited acts should NOT be respected as lawful commands but rejected as unlawful, unsanctioned requests. Acts, which would constitute assault and battery if they occurred in the larger society, remain assaults and batteries in the context of a pledge period or fraternity life. The pledge period and fraternity life cannot and does not confer legitimacy on unlawful acts, which shall be reported to the appropriate authorities by victims.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that should any person witness or have knowledge of a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. hazing another person or engaging in a prohibited act, or see any pledge performing such act they should call and report it to (215) 228-7184. Violation of this proclamation shall receive punishment consistent with the pronouncement and other applicable rules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be posted to all chapters, advisors, deans of students, and shall appear on the back or as attachment to every application for membership and be presented to each potential member or pledge.

DONE AND ORDERED THIS FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1988.

[Signed] Dr. Ullysses McBride  
Grand Polemarch  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.  
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[Signed] Cleophus Thomas, Jr.  
General Counsel