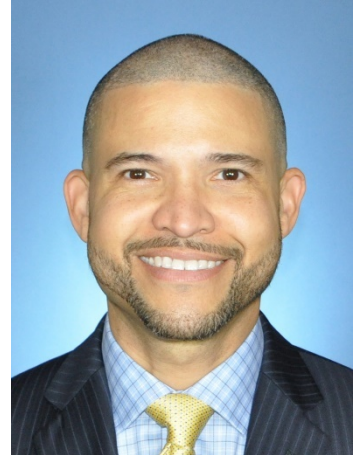


Once more, we are faced with the decision to choose the next leader of this great fraternity and it is a decision we cannot take lightly. After much deliberation, I came to the conclusion that the **B.E.S.T.** candidate to take our organization to new heights is Dennis G. Kemp, Sr.



I actually know some of the candidates quite well, but I've always tried to avoid making decisions based on friendships or emotions. While Brother Kemp is a Chapter Brother, a friend, and a former neighbor, I've had the privilege to serve under him as the Vice President of Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter while he was the President and as District Director of the MAAC (District VI) while he was the Eastern Region Vice President. I've had a front seat watching him lead and make some of the toughest decisions on various issues that have had an impact not only at the local level but internationally as well. From what I've witnessed, I have no doubt he possesses all the required qualities to be a formidable leader.

As an engineer in the aerospace field, I am continually attempting to solve daily problems while making things run better, safer, and smoother and I can guarantee Brother Kemp's project management background will prove to be a huge asset in resolving our future challenges. He knows how to set realistic yet ambitious goals, utilize his team members, choose the correct tools to monitor progress, communicate efficiently, and constantly evaluate the team's performance after a deliverable so that we do not rest on our laurels.

Albert Einstein once said: "The leader is one who, out of the clutter, brings simplicity...out of discord, harmony...and out of difficulty, opportunity" and I truly believe Dennis G. Kemp, Sr. is that leader who incites motivation, provides a vision and a path to realizing it, and evolves as the circumstances change. It is truly my privilege to endorse such an exceptional Alpha man, a proven leader for a proven people, and I urge you to vote for Brother Kemp for 37th General President.

Fraternally,
Dave Raphael
Eastern Region, MAAC District Director, 2004-2008
Eastern Region, Executive Director, 2009-2013