

Willie F. Brooks, Jr.
108th Elder Watson Diggs Awardee

Brother Willie F. Brooks, Jr., a servant leader and dedicated Kappaman, consistently devotes his time, talents and resources toward building a stronger, more inclusive community through fraternal, civic, faith-based, educational, and professional endeavors.

Professionally, Brother Brooks is a Human Resources Program Management Advisor at FedEx and administers corporate compensation programs for U.S. Operations. His record of excellence has earned him FedEx's Five Star Award, the company's most prestigious global honor bestowed upon FedEx's employees worldwide.

In community and civic endeavors, Brother Brooks' achievements match his professional excellence. He was elected in 2003, to the Memphis City School Board of Commissioners and in 2006, to the Memphis Charter Commission. He was elected to the Shelby County Board of Commissioners August 7, 2014 and Chairman Pro Tempore in 2017.

As a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Brother Brooks has served in various leadership roles including Undergraduate Chapter Polemarch of Beta Mu and Kappa Beta; Alumni Chapter Polemarch of Memphis Alumni Chapter; Senior Province Vice Polemarch and Polemarch - South Central Province. In 1997, 2004, and 2016, he received the Kappa Man of the Year Award. His stellar work includes service on St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Multicultural African-American Advisory Committee and National Chairman of St. Jude Partnership Initiatives that resulted in more than \$2.7 million raised through the Sunday of Hope Program. He currently serves as the fraternity's National Vice Chairman for the St. Jude Sunday of Hope Program.

Brother Brooks' community outreach commitment also includes programs devoted to mentoring our youth. As Chairman of the African-American Network at FedEx, he successfully recruited more than 200 FedEx employees to mentor under served young people in the community. He is a recipient of numerous civic and fraternity awards for his accomplishments. He is 33rd degree Prince Hall Mason and active member of Moolah Shrine Temple #54.

As a man of faith, Brother Brooks is a Deacon and past Chairman of the Men's Ministry at Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ. He is married to Dianne Brooks and has two children, Kemmashela (David) and (KAY) Willie III (Brittney) and two grandchildren.