

Edward K. Glass, Jr.  
110th Elder Watson Diggs Awardee

Brother E. Ken Glass, Jr., Born in Louisville, and raised in Christian County, Kentucky by Kappa man Edward K. and Mina Glass Sr. Brother Glass was initiated into the Delta Chapter at Wilberforce University on December 8, 1969. As an undergraduate at Delta chapter, he served as Polemarch for 2 years and Keeper of Exchequer for 1 year.

Life Member (8807403) Glass has been a member in good standing and active on all levels of the Fraternity for 48 consecutive years. Brother Glass is also a charter member of the Eta Eta Chapter at Kettering University, formerly known as General Motors Institute.

Graduating from Wilberforce University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Brother Glass continued his education by completed additional Executive Graduate Studies at General Motors Institute / University of Michigan.

Professionally, Brother Glass has been employed at General Motors Corporation for 47 years where he has held numerous leadership position in several North American Plants before moving to GM's Corporate Headquarters where he has held a variety of assignments. In his current role General Motors Assistant Director, Brother Glass has played a critical role in establishing a strong foundation and leadership in UAW-GM Work Place Safety. His insights and experience in Labor, Human Resources and his strong desire to make a difference in GM's transformation of Safety culture have been invaluable. Building on the foundation of GM's-UAW's workplace safety transformation, Brother Glass continues to lead the culture change necessary to make employee safety a personal commitment across the enterprise, thereby driving safety to the next level.

In his current role, Brother Glass has been instrumental in driving positive cultural change, forming strong union-management partnerships, leading critical safety negotiations, and other key matters of Health and Safety involving UAW- represented workers.

Brother Glass' involvement with Kappa Alpha Psi is extensive, covering all levels within the Fraternity's organizational structure. Currently,

Brother Glass is The Liaison to the Executive Committee and International Headquarters for our 33RD Grand Polemarch Administration. Brother Glass has served as the Director of Organizational Effectiveness for our 32ND Grand Polemarch Administration, Two Terms Alumni member of the Grand Board of Directors, Executive Operating Assistant and Chief of Staff for our 28th Grand Polemarch Administration. Brother Glass served as the Executive Committee Liaison-Grand Chapter Planning Committee (Atlanta, & Detroit), Vice Chairman, Grand Chapter Planning Committee (Philadelphia, & Orlando); Member, Grand Chapter Planning Committee (Nashville, & Los Angeles); Member, Laurel Wreath Commission; Member, National Nominating Committee; Member, International Headquarters Building Fund Committee, and Member of The Ritual Review Task Force. He was the Grand Board Liaison for The Prostate Cancer Global Awareness and Screening Program. Brother Glass served as The Vice Chairman for both The Council of Province Polemarch's and Council of Senior Province Polemarch's.

During his service on the Province level, Brother Glass served as Polemarch for seven years from 1989 to 1995; Senior Vice Polemarch for eight years from 1981-1989; Chairman of the C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference; and on various other committees.

On the local level, Brother Glass has served as Saginaw (MI) Alumni Polemarch for 3 years; Guide Right/Kappa League Chairman for 6 years; Assistant Advisor of the Eta Rho Chapter (Central Michigan University) for 5 years, and chairman of numerous other committees and activities. Currently, Brother Glass is a proud member of the Detroit (MI) Alumni chapter.

In the community, Brother Glass served as Deputy Mayor City of Pontiac for 4 years, and City of Pontiac Planning Commission Chairman for 7 years. Brother Glass is involved in various organizations including Advisory Board Member for Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program (DAPCEP). Advisory State Board Member – National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and holds 2 life memberships, Senior Advisory Committee for the U.S. Congressman John W. Conyers. Past Member-National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners; Member-National Association of Planners.

Brother Glass has been married to his college sweetheart Rudene Weston Glass for 47 years and is the father of three adult children, Anna Marie, ESQ, Executive Director - Dance Theatre of Harlem, Edward III, Entrepreneur and Educator; and Alana Marie, ESQ, Professor, Counselor – Cooley Law School, and Writer for Forbes Publications. He also is a proud Grandfather to a 5-year-old granddaughter Mina Marie Coquilot whom has stolen his heart.