

Robert W. Scales, Jr.
111th Elder Watson Diggs Awardee

Robert W. Scales, Jr. was initiated into the Epsilon Rho Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. on February 13, 1970. He served that chapter as its Vice-Polemarch, Polemarch and the Chairman of several major committees. He was a featured saxophonist at the 76th Grand Chapter Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he played the Lord's Prayer.

Brother Scales has been a member of the Decatur (GA) Alumni Chapter, Southeastern Province since 2016, sharing 49 years of active Kappa leadership experience. He has been a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. since 1982. Since 1970, his membership has spanned three provinces - South Central, Middle Eastern and the Southeastern Provinces. He served as the 19th South Central Province Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Brother Scales served as Co-chairman of the C. Rodger Wilson Leadership Conference and served in the Undergraduates Leadership Institute as Dean of Institute Curriculum. He served as Co-chairman of the Membership Services Committee. Also, he is member of The Six, Inc., a corporation dedicated to philanthropic efforts in support of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Scales was born in 1950 in Murfreesboro, TN and is married to Sheila Adkins Scales. They have six children (one deceased) and 11 grandchildren. He earned his Master of Arts degree in 1972 from Western Kentucky University and his Master of Public Service degree in 1973, also from Western Kentucky University. He was the General Manager of Scales & Sons Funeral Home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

He had been a member of First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, TN for 50 years. When he moved to Atlanta, he became a member of Berean Christian Church. Twenty years ago, he founded Murfreesboro, TN's JazzFest, (1996 – 2016) and has been Co-Chairman and Board Member. In 2019, he was awarded the Elder Watson Diggs Award.