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Press Statement

Lexington, Virginia, 20 August 2018 - Kappa Alpha Order ("KA") values its partnerships with institutions of higher education where our partnership is equally valued. KA is also committed to the health and safety of its members and guests. Regrettably, actions taken by WVU single-out fraternity men with restrictions of rights and onerous requirements not applied to any other student organization or athletic team. It must be noted that there is no research which suggests that any of these requirements will address the concerns WVU has listed as rationale for this action. On Thursday, August 16, Kappa Alpha Order sent a letter to President Gee at WVU advising him that the KA chapter which has a long and distinguished history with WVU would abandon recognition from the university.

Local KA leaders as well as local and national leaders of other organizations agreed to meet with President Gee after this letter and others were sent. Gee requested through an intermediary that KA "pause" its move to abandon university recognition. KA agreed that it would "pause" its move pending the Tuesday meeting, but at no time did the national organization withdraw support for its local chapters and members. KA remains unified at all levels in the need to address the restriction of rights and onerous requirements and we look forward to meeting with President Gee tomorrow.

Kappa Alpha Order and its first chapter were founded upon the chivalric principles of gentlemanly conduct, with excellence as its aim, at what is now Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. Those values remain the focus of the Order today. With nearly 8,000 undergraduate members represented by 124 chapters in 28 states, more than 133,000 living initiated members, with well over 165,000 initiates in its history, KA seeks to be a moral compass for the modern gentleman, achieving a 3.01 national GPA, performing 78,000 hours of service, and donating more nearly \$450,000 to local and national philanthropies over the past two years. More information about Kappa Alpha Order is available online, at www.KappaAlphaOrder.org.

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