

**ALPHA DELTA KAPPA
CEREMONIES**

CEREMONIES OF ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

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***Please destroy your old editions of the
Alpha Delta Kappa Rituals.***

PLEDGE CEREMONY

(Optional)

(Prior to this Pledge Ceremony, the membership chairman should hold a meeting(s) of the prospective pledges. They should have been thoroughly oriented, not only to the history and guiding tenets of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, the structure of the organization and obligations of membership, but also financial requirements — membership fee/badge cost as well as the dues structure at all levels.)

(The sergeant-at-arms escorts the pledges into the room and presents them to the membership chairman, WHO IS STANDING WITH THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT, on the opposite side of the table to which the pledges are brought.)

(The table may be covered with a cloth upon which may stand the Greek letters AΔK as well as a single candlestick with a white taper, matches and a candle snuffer. Pledge cards to be distributed may also be on the table.)

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN *(To pledges)*: We are delighted to welcome you as pledges of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. May I present to you our president *(she turns toward the president)* . . . Madam President, it is my privilege to present to you _____ *(names the pledge[s])* as pledge(s) to _____ Chapter of _____ *(State/Province/Nation)* ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

PRESIDENT: *(To pledges)* It is a pleasure to have you here for this pledge ceremony. The sisters who recommended you for membership in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA will now share the reasons why they feel you should be one of us.

(Each sponsor will speak briefly on behalf of her candidate)

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: *(To pledges)* Now that you have heard the high esteem in which these sisters hold you, you may begin to understand why you were unanimously elected to membership in _____ Chapter.

PRESIDENT: Our membership chairman has discussed with you the purposes, the history and the financial requirements of

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. To be sure that you fully understand the duties and responsibilities which are the obligation of each member of this sorority, our president-elect will review some of them with you.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: You were chosen for membership because it was felt that you would help promote educational and charitable projects and activities that are a vital part of the ALPHA DELTA KAPPA program and responsibilities. We feel certain that you will uphold the ideals of education as well as the principles and purposes of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

The president-elect should brief pledges again with regard to the following facets of membership:

Active participation in chapter meetings as well as attendance at all meetings/conventions/conferences/gatherings at all levels of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

Financial responsibilities

Knowledge about the sorority, including scholarships and grants available to individual members/family members/others

State/Provincial/National altruistic and scholarship endeavors

Other

PRESIDENT: Are the duties and responsibilities of membership in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA clear to you?

PLEDGE(S): *Answer, "Yes, they are."*

PRESIDENT: Our Membership Chairman _____ will light a candle which will signify our mutual pledge. May the candle brighten the path of each and every member of our sorority. *(She lights the candle and then reads the following:)*

TO LIGHT A CANDLE

THE CENTURIES MERGE IN THE CANDLE GLOW AND
THE GOLDEN LIGHT BECOMES SYMBOLIC OF ALL THAT

BRIGHTENS MAN'S LIFE . . . THE LIGHT OF THE SUN, THE LIGHT OF LOVE, AND THE LIGHT OF LEARNING.

THE TEACHER OF CHILDREN POSSESSES THAT RARE OPPORTUNITY TO LIGHT A CANDLE THAT KEEPS A VERY SPECIAL KIND OF MAGIC SHINING INSIDE A CHILD. NOT EVERY PERSON IS BLESSED WITH THIS NEARNESS TO ANOTHER HUMAN LIFE. A TEACHER CAN BLESS A CHILD WITH THE AWARENESS OF HIMSELF AS THE NOBLEST CREATURE THAT HAS COME FROM THE HAND OF GOD. SHE CAN SET AGLOW FOR HIM THE MOST ESSENTIAL FLAME OF LIFE . . . THE FLAME OF FAITH IN HIMSELF. BLESSED WITH A SENSE OF PERSONAL WORTH AND DIGNITY, HE FINDS HIMSELF A UNIQUE HUMAN BEING, CAPABLE OF MAKING A SINGULAR AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE.

THE TEACHER KNOWS HOW TO LIGHT THIS FLAME. SHE KNOWS ALL THE SIMPLE AND WONDERFUL WAYS . . . BY A SMILE OR A NOD, BY SHARING A JOKE, BY ACCEPTING A GIFT, BY LISTENING, BY SPEAKING A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT OR APPROVAL. SHE REMINDS HERSELF THAT A LIGHTER OF CANDLES HAS ACCEPTED THE ASSIGNMENT OF LOVING THE UNLOVABLE.

THOUSANDS OF TEACHERS HAVE DISCOVERED THE JOY OF THIS VERY SPECIAL LIGHTING OF CANDLES.

A SENSE OF PERSONAL WORTH, SELF-RESPECT, FAITH IN ONESELF: THESE ARE THE CANDLES THAT A TEACHER CAN LIGHT . . . NOT JUST ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS, BUT ON EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

SO, WE LIGHT YOUR CANDLE, THE ALPHA DELTA KAPPA CANDLE! AND JUST AS THE CANDLE GLOW HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF LIGHT AND LOVE AND LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, MAY YOUR LIFE IN ALPHA DELTA KAPPA GLOW AS BRIGHTLY AS YOU SHARE WITH US YOUR FELLOWSHIP, YOUR TALENTS, AND YOUR LEADERSHIP.

Author Unknown

PRESIDENT: We welcome you as pledges to

_____ Chapter of _____

(State/Province/Nation) ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

“I hereby promise / to respect the principles of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA / to be loyal to its members / to honor my profession and my country / and to hold to the principles of truth and integrity.”

PRESIDENT: *(Continues)* As pledges, you are entitled to attend our chapter meetings of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, where you will become better acquainted with us. _____

(Membership Chairman) will present a pledge card to you along with a brochure pertaining to our International organization, including information of programs, scholarships and grants. We look forward to the day of your initiation when you will become our sister in this prestigious sorority for women educators.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: These pledge cards certify that you are pledged to ALPHA DELTA KAPPA and are now eligible for initiation. *(She presents the cards and then snuffs out the candle.)*

PRESIDENT: This concludes our pledge ceremony. May I offer my congratulations to you for having been selected, as a leading educator, to become a member of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. You may feel justifiably proud. We trust that your participation in the functions of this sorority will enrich you personally and professionally.

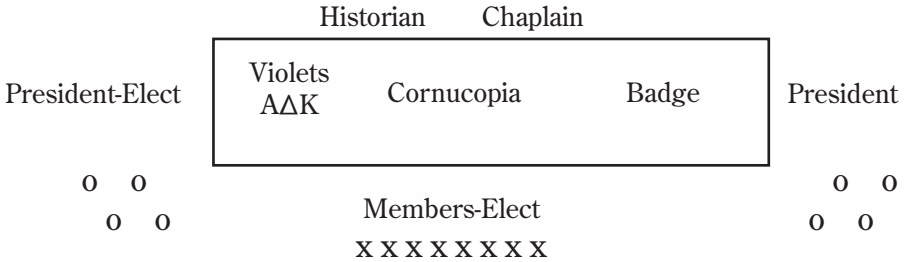
(MEMBERS PRESENT WILL GREET AND WELCOME THE NEW PLEDGE[S].)

MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY—ORIGINAL

(This ceremony is for granting membership in the United States and all other nations of Alpha Delta Kappa.)

(Family and friends may be invited to observe the Initiation Ceremony if the chapter wishes.)

INSTRUCTIONS: *(Use this diagram for the correct position of members of the initiating team during the initiation ceremony.)*



NOTE: *Members who will be pinning the new members-elect should be standing close at hand to the initiating team (o o o o o o o o).*

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: *(Secures complete file of information from members-elect and acts as hostess until the sergeant-at-arms presents them for initiation. Collects the membership fee and badge money from the members-elect prior to the actual initiation.)*

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: *(Instructs members-elect as to the protocol for the initiation ceremony.)*

NOTE: THIS RITUAL IS MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN MEMORIZED.

(The sergeant-at-arms escorts the members-elect, individually or in a group, and introduces them to the president, who in turn will present them to the initiating team.)

CHAPLAIN: *(After introductions)* Let us pray. Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we bow in humble gratitude before You and thank You for all the blessings of this abundant life.

Accept our heartfelt thanks for this occasion, which brings us together again in love and fellowship, to share the blessings we enjoy in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA with these new members. We are thankful for their decision to become one of us. May their lives be richly blessed through this sorority.

Give each of us a new vision of FAITH, HOPE, LOVE AND SERVICE and may we be inspired to attain greater heights of spiritual, social and professional achievements through our associations in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

May the highest principles of love and service which motivate this sorority be an abiding influence in our lives always. Guide us in all we do and say, and may it be done to Your honor and glory, for we pray in Your name. Amen.

PRESIDENT: *(To members-elect)* Please make your responses together . . . Do you declare that this desire to become a member of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA is of your own free will?

If so, please answer “Yes, it is my desire.”
(Members-elect respond)

PRESIDENT: *(Continues)* Before you are initiated into this international honorary organization, you may be assured that you, as a member, will never be asked to do anything that will conflict with your religious, political or civic beliefs. Is it still your desire to affiliate with this organization?

If so, please answer “Yes, it is my desire.”
(Members-elect respond)

PRESIDENT: *(Continues)* We wish to share with you the honor of being eligible for membership and of being invited to affiliate with ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

Because the Founders of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA were women with vision and strength of purpose, through the years they worked to build the foundation of this organization for women educators. They gave a full measure of time and energy enriched with the highest ideals of noble living.

PRESIDENT: (*To the members-elect*) Our historian will now explain to you the origin and ideals of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

HISTORIAN: Cognizant of the need for an organized means of professional and social contact for women educators, which would be recognized by both laymen and professionals, our Founders decided to form this Greek letter sorority. It was made a fraternal organization with membership offered to women educators meeting definite qualifications. These standards which each one who comes into this sorority must have attained are as follows:

1. She must be an accredited educator with enriched ability and be outstanding in her personal qualifications.
2. She must be highly recommended by educators.
3. She must be a person who has attained a high degree of social acceptance in both professional and community relationships.

I am happy to say that you have met these qualifications.

PRESIDENT: (*To members-elect*) The president-elect will now explain the significance of our name — ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: (*Exhibiting to members-elect the Greek letters signifying ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.*) It is important, as a member of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, to know that these Greek letters signify qualities which we, as ALPHA DELTA KAPPA sisters, strive to emulate. They are represented by the mythological goddesses ATHENA (c-'thênc), Demeter (di-'mê-tcr) and Proserpina (prc-'scr-pc-nc).

Before you is the Greek symbol ALPHA. ALPHA stands for ATHENA (c-'thênc), who was in control of the air and the heavens. She was the GODDESS OF WISDOM, her name meaning “mind.” The Greek symbol ALPHA is the first in our name trilogy.

ATHENA had as her symbol the olive tree. Olive green was her color; therefore, in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA we take olive green as one of our colors.

The second symbol of our trilogy is the Greek DELTA, which signifies DEMETER (di-'mê-tcr), GODDESS OF SOWING AND REAPING known as the GODDESS OF THE EARTH.

As educators, our aim is to sow the desire for learning in the minds of youth in order that the benefits of knowledge and experience may be reaped by them and shared with their fellow men.

Demeter was symbolized by a sheaf of corn, and yellow was her color. Therefore, one of our colors is golden yellow, which, combined with the olive green of ATHENA, constitute the official colors of our sorority. When they are in combination, we are reminded that, as members of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, our aims shall be the sowing and the reaping of knowledge.

The third symbol of our trilogy is the Greek KAPPA. It stands for KORE ('ko-râ), whose Roman name is PROSERPINA (prc-'scr-pc-nc) GODDESS OF SPRING.

Mythology relates that she spent the spring and summer seasons on the earth making it beautiful with crops and flowers. Thus, as educators, we strive to awaken the minds of youth so that their lives may become more beautiful through the inspiration imparted to them. Proserpina is represented by the cornucopia, the symbol of plenty.

The purple violet has been chosen as our symbolic flower because it is most indicative of spring.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: (*Continues*) (*To members-elect*) Will you please repeat after me?

(The members-elect repeat in unison prompted by the president-elect)

ALPHA stands for ATHENA / GODDESS OF WISDOM / symbol — the olive tree / color — green/

DELTA stands for DEMETER / GODDESS OF SOWING AND REAPING / symbol — a sheaf of corn / color — golden yellow.

KAPPA stands for KORE / GODDESS OF EARTH AND SPRING / symbol — a cornucopia — overflowing with flowers.

PRESIDENT: You are now ready to receive further information about our sorority. Before you is an enlarged replica of our badge, inscribed with the Greek letters — ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, the meaning of which has already been explained to you. It is composed of a Greek temple corner, upheld by three columns, upon which rests a scroll inscribed with our symbolic letters. The cornerstone upon which these columns stand is set with pearls. These jewels should inspire us to enrich our lives with the pearls of living.

The three columns represent ATHENA, DEMETER AND PROSERPINA — whose precepts support the temple which symbolizes our sorority as a whole.

You have now been given the meaning of our name and our badge. Your badge will now be presented to you.

PRESIDENT: *(Continues) (Those members who will be pinning the members-elect should stand next to their initiate)*

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA presents to you this badge of gold to wear, to cherish, and to keep as a remembrance of the principles and precepts symbolic of our sorority and our proud profession.

FOR ALPHA DELTA KAPPA BADGE

Gold are its pillars in their purity of purpose — wisdom; knowledge, with a single purpose . . . the unfolding of that knowledge; and abundance . . . the blossoming of springtime buds into those qualities fundamental to the life complete.

Take then, this badge, with its motto, “ALL FOR ONE,” and its guard, unique in its own symbolism, “ONE FOR ALL.”

(As members pin the new members-elect, using the correct placement of the badge, the president reads the following):

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single garment or an ensemble. It is placed above all other ALPHA DELTA KAPPA pins. It is not worn with formal attire, on a lapel, or attached to a support base or ribbon. The badge is worn with only one guard, either the “K” or one designating an office.

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CHAPLAIN: Let us pray.

Father in Heaven, we lift our hearts and voices again to You, praising You for the knowledge and inspiration which has been given to us through the history of the ages. We thank You for the hope of things to come.

We ask Your divine blessings on ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, whenever and wherever its members may meet.

Extend our efforts to far horizons in prompting professional advancement and building ideals which will make for human happiness and a better world in which to live.

Make us conscious of all Your blessings and give us the wisdom and courage to fulfill our obligations. May we ever be mindful of those, who through the years, by vision and steadfastness of purpose, have made the expansion of this sorority possible. Fortify each of us with the same vision and zeal to carry on the work of this prestigious organization.

Guide us in all actions and decisions; encourage us to nobler living; inspire us to give greater service; and send Your grace, mercy and peace to abide with us. Amen.

PRESIDENT: We are happy to welcome you, our new sisters, to membership in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

(Charter chapter initiations — Election of Officers should proceed after this prayer.)

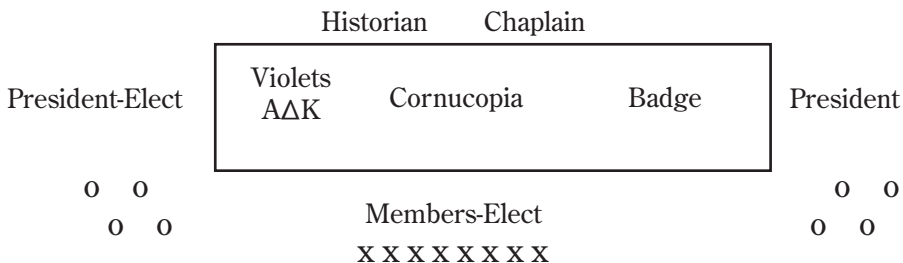
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May all our actions and decisions be guided by wisdom. May we be encouraged to nobler living and inspired to give greater service through our association with other members of Alpha Delta Kappa.

PRESIDENT: We are happy to welcome you, our new sisters, to membership in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

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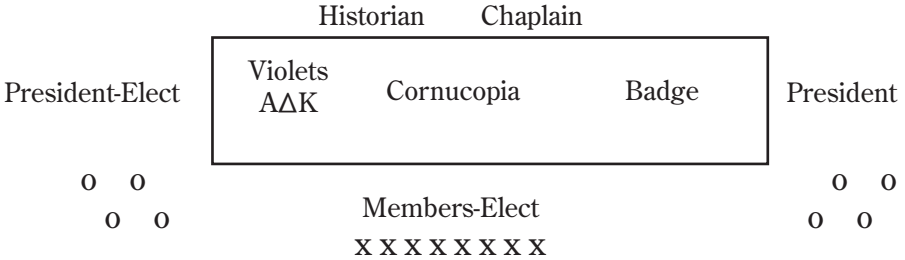
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MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY—CONTEMPORARY

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INSTRUCTIONS: *(Use this diagram for the correct position of those participating in the ceremony.)*



NOTE: *Members who will be pinning the members-elect should be standing close at hand to ceremony site.*

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: *(Secures complete file of information from members-elect and acts as hostess until the sergeant-at-arms presents them to the ceremonial team.)*

TREASURER: *(Collects the new member fee and badge money from the members-elect prior to the membership ceremony.)*

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: *(Instructs members-elect as to the protocol for the ceremony.)*

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If so, please answer, "Yes, it is my wish."
(Members-elect respond.)

HISTORIAN: We wish to share with you the honor of being eligible for membership and of being invited to affiliate with ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. Our Founders - Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie Neal, Marion Southall, and Hattie Poppino – were women with vision and courage who began this organization in 1947. Since then, outstanding women educators in every U.S. state as well as in Australia, Canada, Jamaica, Mexico, and Puerto Rico have been given opportunities for recognition of their commitment to excellence in education, altruism, and world understanding. ALPHA DELTA KAPPA is a fraternal organization with membership offered to women educators meeting definite qualifications. These standards are as follows:

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I am happy to say that you have met these qualifications.

PRESIDENT: On the table, we have several symbols of our organization. The President-elect will explain their significance to you.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: (Indicates the Greek letters ΑΔΚ) the

letters Alpha, Delta, and Kappa, chosen for our organization's name, are derived from three figures of Greek mythology and signify the qualities which we strive to emulate.

Alpha is for ATHENA (c-'thênc) who represented the concept of WISDOM, an aim of all educators. Her symbol was the olive tree; olive green is one of our colors.

Delta stands for DEMETER (di-'mê-tcr), symbolic of SOWING AND REAPING; as educators, we wish to sow the desire for learning in order to reap the benefits of knowledge and experience. Her symbol was a sheaf of golden yellow corn; thus, gold is our second color.

KAPPA, stands for KORE ('ko-râ), indicative of SPRING with its new crops and flowers. We, too, want to awaken the minds of youth so their lives may become more fruitful. The cornucopia serves as the symbol of plenty with the purple violet, our organization's flower, so indicative of spring.

PRESIDENT: Before you is an enlarged replica of our badge, inscribed with the Greek letters – ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. It is composed of a Greek temple corner, upheld by three columns, upon which rests a scroll inscribed with our symbolic letters. The cornerstone upon which these columns stand is set with pearls. These jewels should inspire us to enrich our lives with the pearls of living.

The three columns represent Athena, Demeter and Kore, whose precepts support the temple which symbolizes our organization as a whole.

We have shared the meaning of our name and our badge. Your badge will now be presented to you.

(Those members who will be pinning should come and stand next to their members-elect).

PRESIDENT: *(Continues)* ALPHA DELTA KAPPA presents to you this badge of gold to wear, to cherish, and to keep as a remembrance of the principles symbolic of our organization and our proud profession.

FOR ALPHA DELTA KAPPA BADGE

Take this badge with its motto, “ALL FOR ONE,” and its guard unique in its own symbolism, “ONE FOR ALL.”

(As members pin the members-elect, using the correct placement of the badge, the president reads the following):

The badge is worn at all ALPHA DELTA KAPPA meetings and at other educational meetings. The correct placement of the badge is over the heart on a single garment or an ensemble. It is placed above all other ALPHA DELTA KAPPA pins. It is not worn with formal attire, on a lapel, or attached to a support base or ribbon. The badge is worn with only one guard, either the “K” or one designating an office.

FOR INTERNATIONAL BADGE

This special badge was designed for members residing outside the United States and has the word INTERNATIONAL superimposed on the Greek letters ΑΔΚ. Take this badge with its motto, “ALL FOR ONE.”

(As members pin the members-elect, using the correct placement of the badge, the president reads the following):

The badge is worn at all ALPHA DELTA KAPPA meetings and at other educational meetings. The correct placement of the badge is over the heart on a single garment or an ensemble. It is placed above all other ALPHA DELTA KAPPA pins. It is not worn with formal attire, on a lapel, or attached to a ribbon. It may be attached to a support base (backing).

FOR BOTH CEREMONIES

PRESIDENT: You will now take the vow of membership into ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. All members please stand as you are able, raise your right hands, and repeat after me:

“I promise / upon my honor / that I will, to the best of my ability / follow the precepts and principles of ALPHA

DELTA KAPPA, / that I will uphold other members in our organization / and support them / in accordance with the law / and the principles of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA / in anything which they may ask of me.”

CHAPLAIN: (**Note: The chaplain may substitute her own words of inspiration as appropriate for the membership of her chapter.*)

We are thankful for the knowledge and inspiration given to us through our history and look to the future with hope of things to come.

May each of us gain a new vision of strength and support to serve ALPHA DELTA KAPPA; may we be guided in our actions and be inspired to give greater service to others.

PRESIDENT: We are happy to welcome you to membership in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

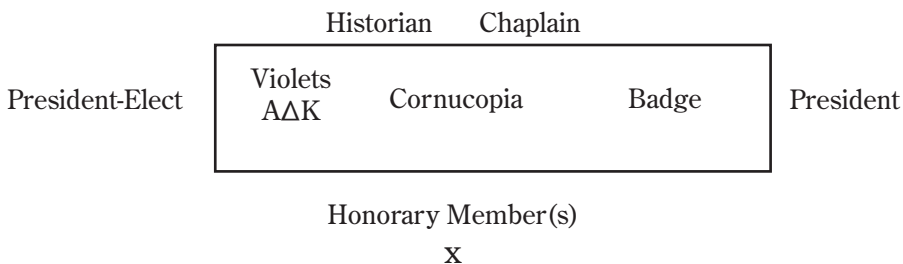
(Charter chapter ceremonies – election of officers should proceed at this point.)

(This ceremony may conclude with the singing of “The Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa.”)

MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY FOR HONORARY MEMBER—ORIGINAL

(Family and friends may be invited to observe the Initiation Ceremony if the chapter wishes.)

INSTRUCTIONS: *(Use this diagram for the correct position of members of the initiating team during the initiation ceremony.)*



(Sergeant-at-arms brings in honorary member and introduces her to the president, who in turn presents her to the initiating team.)

CHAPLAIN: *(After introductions)* Let us pray. Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we bow in humble gratitude before You, thanking You for all the blessings of this abundant life.

Accept our heartfelt thanks for this occasion, which brings us together again in love and fellowship, to share the blessings we enjoy in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA with this honorary member. We are thankful for her decisions to become one of us. May her life be richly blessed through this sorority.

Give each of us a new vision, which will inspire us to attain greater heights of spiritual, social and professional achievements.

May the highest principles of love and service which motivate this sorority be an abiding influence in our lives always. Guide us in all we do and say, and may it be done to Your honor and glory, for we pray in Your name. Amen.

PRESIDENT: *Introduces the honorary member — giving her qualifications.*

PRESIDENT: (*To honorary member*) We are honored that you have accepted our invitation to become a member of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

Because the Founders of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA were women with vision and strength of purpose, through the years they worked to build the foundation of this organization for women educators. They gave a full measure of time and energy enriched with the highest ideals of noble living.

PRESIDENT: (*To the members-elect*) Our historian will now explain to you the origin and ideals of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

HISTORIAN: Cognizant of the need for an organized means of professional and social contact for women educators, which would be recognized by both laymen and professionals, our Founders decided to form this Greek letter sorority. It was made a fraternal organization with membership offered to women educators meeting definite qualifications. These standards which each one who comes into this sorority must have attained are as follows:

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2. She must be highly recommended by educators.
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You have been selected as an honorary member because of your outstanding contribution

SELECT 1 . . . to the field of education
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 . . . to the arts

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PRESIDENT: (*To the honorary member*) The president-elect will now explain the significance of our name — ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: (*Exhibiting to honorary member the Greek letters signifying ALPHA DELTA KAPPA*) It is important, as a member of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, to know that these Greek letters signify qualities which we, as ALPHA DELTA KAPPA sisters, strive to emulate. They are represented by the mythological goddesses ATHENA (c-'thênc), Demeter (di-'mê-tcr) and Proserpina (prc-'scr-pc-nc).

Before you is the Greek symbol ALPHA. ALPHA stands for ATHENA (c-'thênc), who was in control of the air and the heavens. She was the GODDESS OF WISDOM, her name meaning mind. The Greek symbol ALPHA, is the first in our name trilogy.

ATHENA had as her symbol the olive tree. Olive green was her color; therefore, in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA we take olive green as one of our colors.

The second symbol of our trilogy is the Greek DELTA, which signifies DEMETER (di-'mê-tcr), GODDESS OF SOWING AND REAPING known as the GODDESS OF THE EARTH.

As educators, our aim is to sow the desire for learning in the minds of youth in order that the benefits of knowledge and experience may be reaped by them and shared with their fellow men.

Demeter was symbolized by a sheaf of corn, and yellow was her color. Therefore, one of our colors is golden yellow, which, combined with the olive green of ATHENA, constitute the official colors of our sorority. When they are in combination, we are reminded that, as members of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, our aims shall be the sowing and the reaping of knowledge.

The third symbol of our trilogy is the Greek KAPPA. It stands for KORE ('ko-râ), whose Roman name is PROSERPINA (prc-'scr-pc-nc) GODDESS OF SPRING.

Mythology relates that she spent the spring and summer

seasons on the earth making it beautiful with crops and flowers. Thus, as educators, we strive to awaken the minds of youth so that their lives may become more beautiful through the inspiration imparted to them. Proserpina is represented by the cornucopia, the symbol of plenty.

The purple violet has been chosen as our symbolic flower because it is most indicative of spring.

PRESIDENT: (*Continues*)

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The three columns represent ATHENA, DEMETER AND PROSERPINA — whose precepts support the temple which symbolizes our sorority as a whole.

The official ALPHA DELTA KAPPA badge is a replica of this symbol, worn with pride in our bond as sisters.

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principles of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

CHAPLAIN: Let us pray.

Father in Heaven, we lift our hearts and voices to You, praising
You for the knowledge and inspiration which has been given to
us through the history of the ages. We thank You for the hope
of things to come.

We ask Your divine blessings on ALPHA DELTA KAPPA,
whenever and wherever its members may meet.

Extend our efforts to far horizons in prompting professional
advancement and building ideals which will make for human
happiness and a better world in which to live.

Make us conscious of all Your blessings and give us the wisdom
and courage to fulfill our obligations. May we ever be mindful
of those, who through the years, by vision and steadfastness of
purpose, have made the expansion of this sorority possible.

Guide us in all actions and decisions; encourage us to nobler
living; inspire us to give greater service; and send Your grace,
mercy and peace to abide with us. Amen.

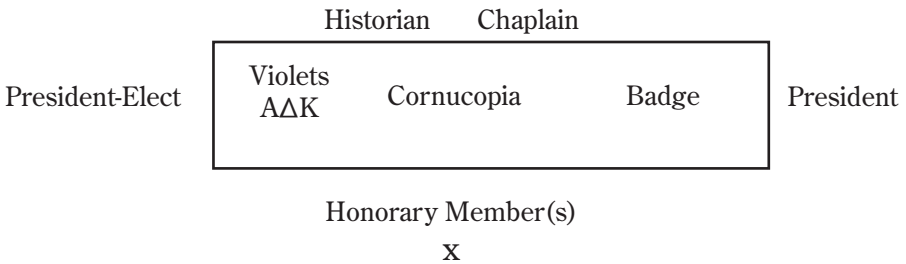
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*This ceremony may conclude with the singing of “The Lamp of
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MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY FOR HONORARY MEMBER—REVISED

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INSTRUCTIONS: *(Use this diagram for the correct position of members of the initiating team during the initiation ceremony.)*



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CHAPLAIN: (After introductions) We are grateful and thankful for all the blessings of this abundant life. This occasion brings us together in love and fellowship to share the blessings we enjoy in Alpha Delta Kappa with this honorary member. We are thankful for her decision to become one of us and hope that her life will be richly blessed through this sorority.

May each of us have a new vision, which will inspire us to attain greater heights of social and professional achievements.

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PRESIDENT: (*Continues*)

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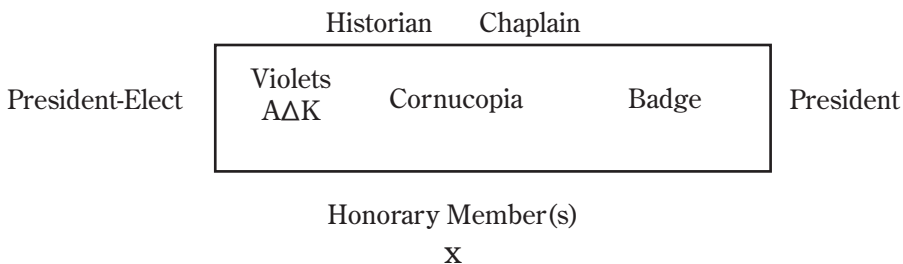
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MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY FOR HONORARY MEMBER—CONTEMPORARY

(Family and friends may be invited to observe the Membership Ceremony if the chapter wishes.)

INSTRUCTIONS: *(Use this diagram for the correct position of those participating in the ceremony.)*



(The sergeant-at-arms escorts honorary member and introduces her to the president, who in turn presents her to the ceremonial team.)

CHAPLAIN: We are thankful for this significant occasion, which brings us together in love and fellowship to share the blessings we enjoy in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA with this honorary member. We are thankful for her decision to become one of us and hope that her life will be enriched through this organization.

PRESIDENT: *(Introduces the honorary member – giving her qualifications.)*

We are honored that you have accepted our invitation to become an honorary member of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

Our historian will now explain to you the origin and ideals of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

HISTORIAN: We wish to share with you the honor of being eligible for honorary membership in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. Our Founders - Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie Neal, Marion Southall, and Hattie Poppino – were women with vision and courage who began this organization in 1947. Since then, outstanding women educators in every U.S. state as well as

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PRESIDENT: The president-elect will now explain the significance of our name – ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: (Indicates the Greek letters ΑΔΚ) the letters Alpha, Delta, and Kappa, chosen for our organization's name, are derived from three figures of Greek mythology and signify the qualities which we strive to emulate.

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our organization / and support them / in accordance with the law / and the principles of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA .”

CHAPLAIN: (**Note: The chaplain may substitute her own words of inspiration as appropriate for the membership of her chapter/S/P/N.*)
We are thankful for the knowledge and inspiration given to us through our history and look to the future with hope of things to come.

May each of us gain a new vision of strength and support to serve ALPHA DELTA KAPPA; may we be guided in our actions and be inspired to give greater service to others.

PRESIDENT: We are happy to welcome you as an honorary member in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

(This ceremony may conclude with the singing of “The Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa.”)

REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBER

PRESIDENT: _____ (*Name of member*),
when you first became a member of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA,
you were recognized as an outstanding educator and leader.
Your life's path and responsibilities took you away from ALPHA
DELTA KAPPA for a time.

Is it your desire now to be reinstated as a member of
_____ Chapter?

We are pleased that you have chosen to return and be a
member of _____ Chapter. We share our
commitment to you as you return to ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.
We pledge to be loyal to you as you actively participate in the
projects and programs of our organization.

We are happy to welcome you, (name) _____,
as an active member in _____ Chapter of
ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

CHAPTER OFFICER INSTALLATION

(Current president selects Alpha Delta Kappa member to be the installing officer.)

(Officers to be installed stand in the following order: Immediate Past President, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, President-Elect, and President.)

PRESIDING OFFICER: As members of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, we enjoy our sisterhood and willingly share our time, energy, and resources. Thoughts of fellowship, altruism, and accomplishment are always present. Caring about and sharing with our members and others – these actions can be summed up in the words: service and leadership.

Today, as we install these new officers of _____ Chapter, we thank them and all who have served before for their commitment to our chapter and to ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

In electing you as officers of _____ Chapter for the coming term, members have extended to you a high honor. They have shown that they have confidence in your ability to keep the standards of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA high. They will look to you for leadership.

_____, as Immediate Past President, you shall share your experience with current leaders to support, encourage, and advise them.

_____, as Chaplain, you shall open each meeting with a thought for the day or meditation and take part in all ceremonies as requested.

_____, as Sergeant-at-Arms, it shall be your duty to assist all officers and to perform such duties as are assigned during regular meetings, membership and other ceremonies.

_____, as Historian, it shall be your duty to collect all publicity, pictures, and other materials pertaining to the

chapter and its members. You shall assemble them in an attractive form for display at chapter, district, and S/P/N meetings. You shall also compile a written history of the chapter for that term.

_____, as Treasurer, you are responsible for the financial resources of the chapter. You shall collect chapter, S/P/N and International dues; disburse monies as directed; collect pledge and membership fees and badge orders; and remit all required funds to International Headquarters, and complete necessary financial forms.

_____, as Corresponding Secretary, you shall be responsible for all necessary correspondence of the chapter, including reports to International Headquarters and to your S/P/N President.

_____, as Recording Secretary, you shall keep the minutes of all meetings, attendance, and other necessary records.

_____, as President-Elect, you are to assist the President in any way which presents itself and to accept and perform all duties pertaining to your office.

_____, as President, you have been given the greatest honor and the greatest responsibility. It shall be your duty to preside at meetings of the chapter, to appoint necessary committees, and to devote such time as may be necessary to promote the interests of _____ Chapter and ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

I ask you now – Do you pledge to fulfill, to the best of your ability, the duties of your office? The answer is “I do.”

Members, these officers have pledged to carry out the duties of their offices. Do you, as members of _____ Chapter, pledge your loyalty and support to them? The answer is “I pledge my support.”

It gives me great pleasure to present the new officers of _____ Chapter.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The chaplain conducts the service.

The following service is to be conducted in silence and in such a manner that the members are all able to appreciate the honor being accorded the deceased member.

There should be a candle and holder on the table for each Omega member. Each person honored in this service should have her name given and a short paragraph read concerning her life and service to ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

CHAPLAIN: Today we are honoring the memory of our member, _____. (Read prepared paragraph at this time.)

We are honoring this member (these members) today for her (their) service to and support of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

The glowing flame of the candle symbolizes the light we share in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA – the light of friendship, service, and learning.

A teacher knows how to light the flame of learning. She knows all the simple and meaningful ways – giving a smile or nod, sharing a joke, listening, speaking a word of encouragement or approval. Educators light the candles of self-worth, self-respect, and faith in oneself each and every day.

Just as the candle's glow has been a symbol of light, love and learning throughout the years, so has _____'s life (lives) glowed brightly as she (they) shared with us her (they) fellowship, talents, and leadership. We are thankful for this (these) member(s) and her (their) gifts. She (they) will be missed, and remembered.

Let us think of her (them) now and remember as we close with these words by Carol Mirkel entitled, "AFTER GLOW."

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
when life is done.

FOUNDERS' DAY CEREMONY

Today we come together to remember our Founders and to celebrate our membership in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. It was through the vision, dedication, and actions of Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marion Southall, Marie Neal, and Hattie Poppino that the state of Missouri in 1947 issued a charter incorporating ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, allowing it to organize chapters in every state and around the globe. We honor our Founders for lighting the way to recognition of outstanding women educators.

(Light 5 candles individually throughout the ceremony or have five candles lit on the table at the start.)

The first candle symbolizes love – the love our Founders held for learning and for our profession.

The second candle symbolizes inspiration – the inspiration which led to the founding of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. Our Founders were women of purpose who never wavered in their desire to create our organization.

The third candle symbolizes growth – the growth of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA into an international organization; an organization that at all levels – chapter, state, provincial, national, regional and international - supports altruistic projects and provides numerous scholarships.

The fourth candle symbolizes honor. Our Founders created ALPHA DELTA KAPPA to honor outstanding women in education and to promote professional women educators.

The fifth candle symbolizes thought – the thought and planning that went into the creation of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. The same degree of thought and planning that went into the creation of our organization continues as it grows and changes to meet the needs of today's women educators.

LIGHT – love, inspiration, growth, honor, thought. As our Founders lit the way for the creation of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, may we light the way for its future.

PASSWORD AND HANDSHAKE

Password

The Alpha Delta Kappa password will no longer be required for entrance into Alpha Delta Kappa business meetings. However, if a member wishes to continue to use the password to enter a business meeting, this is her option. The password should be explained to new member(s) during a meeting where only members are present. The explanation is as follows:

“Our password, kore ('ko-râ), is taken from our Greek name. The password should be given to Alpha Delta Kappa members only and should never appear in print.”

Handshake

The Alpha Delta Kappa handshake is now retired. It will no longer be required for entrance into Alpha Delta Kappa business meetings. However, if a member wishes to continue to use the handshake, this is her option.

The handshake, by which you may recognize a sister in Alpha Delta Kappa, is a handshake with the hands clasped and the forefinger laid pressed against the wrist. As the grip is released, press the knuckle of the second finger with your thumb. By this handshake a sister makes herself known as a member of Alpha Delta Kappa. If a person responds with a similar grip and pressure, you will know that she is a sister.