

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA
New Member Ceremony

Welcoming New Member(s) Ceremony

CHAPLAIN:

We are grateful for this significant occasion, which brings us together to share the blessings and benefits we enjoy in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA with our prospective members who have decided to subscribe to our goals. We are thankful for their decision to join us and hope that their lives will be enriched through their involvement in Alpha Delta Kappa.

We are guided by the goals of educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding. May the highest principles of dedication and service which motivate this organization be an abiding influence in each member's life.

Striving to make a difference, we remember the words of Margaret Mead who said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

PRESIDENT:

We wish to share with you the honor of membership in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. At no time will we ever ask you to compromise your values or your religious or political beliefs.

HISTORIAN:

Our Founders - Agnes Shipman Robertson, Marie Neal, Marion Southall, and Hattie Poppino – were women of vision and courage who began this organization in 1947. Since then, thousands of outstanding women educators around the world have been recognized for their commitment to excellence in education, altruism, and world understanding. ALPHA DELTA KAPPA is a fraternal organization with membership offered to women educators who meet specific qualifications. They must hold the credentials prescribed in our bylaws, exhibit enriched ability, come highly recommended by other educators, and be outstanding in their personal qualifications. Members invited to join Alpha Delta Kappa have attained a high degree of acceptance in both professional and community relationships.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: The Greek 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 (uh-thee'-nuh), representing wisdom, an aim of all educators. We take olive green as one of our colors to symbolize Athena.

DELTA is for DEMETER (dih-mee'ter), symbolic of sowing and reaping; as educators, we sow the desire for learning in order to reap the benefits of knowledge and experience. We take golden yellow as one of our official colors to symbolize Demeter.

KAPPA is for KORE (kawr-ahy), indicative of spring and new growth. We work to awaken the minds of our students so their lives may be productive and fruitful. We take purple as one of our official colors to symbolize Kore.

Our three official colors, then, are olive green, golden yellow, and purple.

PRESIDENT: Our membership badge is 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.

The three columns represent Athena, Demeter and Kore — whose precepts support the temple, which symbolizes our organization as a whole. These pearls represent the value of membership in our organization, inspiring us to live lustrous lives as model educators.

(As the badges are being presented by sponsors)

We present to you this badge of gold to wear as a reminder of the principles and precepts of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. The badge is symbolic of our organization and our pride in our profession.

(BADGE PRESENTATION)

Take then, this badge, with its motto, "ALL FOR ONE" and its guard, a single K representing each KAPPAN with its symbolism "ONE FOR ALL"

as you join us in the promise of membership to which ALPHA DELTA KAPPA sisters subscribe. All members please stand, raise your right hands, and repeat after me:

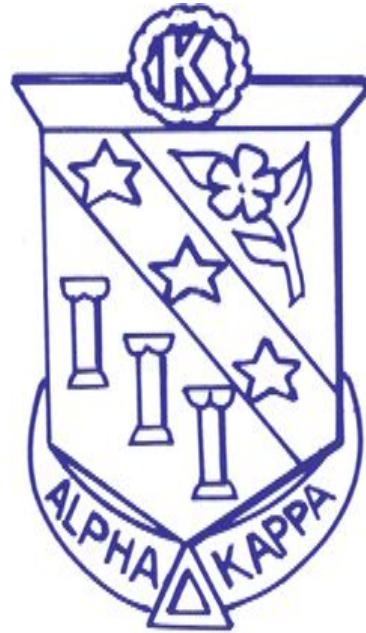
"I promise / upon my honor / that I will, to the best of my ability / uphold the precepts and principles of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA / that I will uphold my sisters in this organization / and support them / as I am able / in anything which they may ask of me."

CHAPLAIN: We are grateful for the knowledge, skills, and inspiration that comes from our involvement in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, and we look to the future of our sisterhood

for its promising potential. “One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world.” (~Malala.) Imagine what growth and service we can accomplish with our combined talents.

PRESIDENT: May you grow as members, as leaders, as friends, and as sisters in this organization which has given so much to the world. Welcome to ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. (APPLAUD, shake hands, socialize with new members.)

(The ceremony, or the meeting, may conclude with the traditional singing of “The Lamp of AΔK.”)



ALPHA DELTA KAPPA
Honorary Member Ceremony
Chapter, S/P/N, or ITE

Honorary Member Ceremony

CHAPLAIN:

We are grateful for this significant occasion, which brings us together to share the benefits of membership in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA with _____, our new honorary member, who has accepted the invitation to join our chapter. We are grateful for her decision and hope that her life will be enriched through her involvement.

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PRESIDENT:

(Introduces the honorary member.)

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

HISTORIAN:

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(For ITE honorary member) You have been selected as an ITE honorary member, contributing to world understanding through the ITE program.

(For chapter or SPN honorary member)

You have been selected as an honorary member because of: your outstanding contributions

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

ON A . . . local
. . . state/provincial/national
. . . international LEVEL

(Explain the candidates qualifications.)

PRESIDENT:

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

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PRESIDENT:

It is our honor to present you with this golden badge which all honorary members of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA wear, linking your special contribution to the field of _____ with ours as educators.

(Place the badge in her hand.) As you look at it, you will see the Greek letter trilogy ALPHA DELTA KAPPA, which has a scroll superimposed upon it. The scroll is representative of knowledge, written and preserved over thousands of years.

Please make the promise of honorary membership in ALPHA DELTA KAPPA.

All members, please stand as you are able with our honorary member _____, raise your right hand, and repeat after me:

“I promise / upon my honor / that I will, to the best of my ability / uphold the precepts and principles of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA / that I will uphold my sisters in this organization / and support them / as I am able / in anything they may ask of me.”

CHAPLAIN:

We are thankful for the knowledge and inspiration given to us throughout our history and we look to the future of our sisterhood for its promising potential. “One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world.” (~Malala.) Imagine what growth and service we can accomplish with our combined talents.

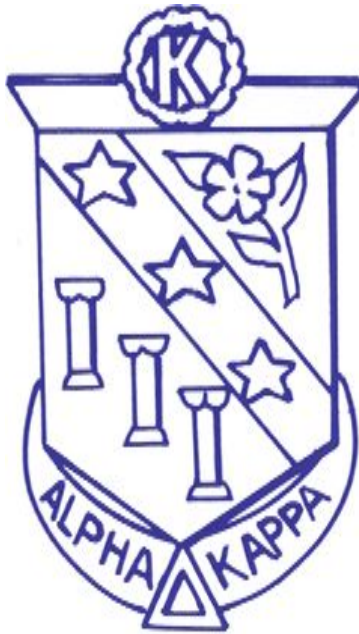
May each of us gain a new vision of strength and support to serve ALPHA DELTA KAPPA; may we be guided in our actions and be inspired to greater service to others.

PRESIDENT:

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

(APPLAUD, socialize, get to know the new honorary member.)

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



ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

Reinstated Member Ceremony

REINSTATEMENT

No ceremony is needed to reinstate a former member. It's important to welcome back a reinstated member at the first meeting she attends. The ceremony below is offered for those who wish to provide a more formal welcome.

Welcoming A Reinstated Member Ceremony

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 for a time.

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

If so, please respond, "Yes, it is my desire."

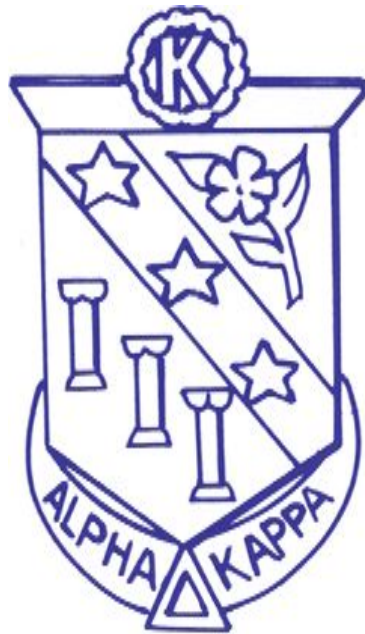
We are pleased that you have chosen to return.

We pledge our commitment to you as you return to ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. We will be loyal to you as you actively participate in the projects and programs of our organization.

All members, please stand and repeat after me...

"I promise / upon my honor / that I will, to the best of my ability / uphold the precepts and principles of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA / that I will uphold my sisters in this organization / and support them / as I am able / in anything which they may ask of me."

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



ALPHA DELTA KAPPA
Chapter Officer Installation
Ceremony

CHAPTER OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

PRESIDING MEMBER:

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 ever-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 them, 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 their confidence in your ability to hold high the standards of ALPHA DELTA KAPPA. They will look to you for leadership.

_____, as Immediate Past President, you will serve as a mentor to the president.

_____, as Chaplain, you will provide inspirations for each meeting.

_____, as Sergeant-at-Arms, you will bring order to each meeting.

_____, as Historian, you will document the biennium in words and pictures.

_____, as Treasurer, you will manage the financial assets of the chapter, paying bills on time and submitting dues as required.

_____, as Corresponding Secretary, you will communicate with whomever the president directs you to provide comfort and information.

_____, as Recording Secretary, you will prepare meeting minutes, with motions and important discussions of the chapter.

_____, as President-Elect, you will spend this biennium learning from your president. You will lead meetings if she is unable to attend, and you will prepare yourself to take on the role of chapter leader in two years.

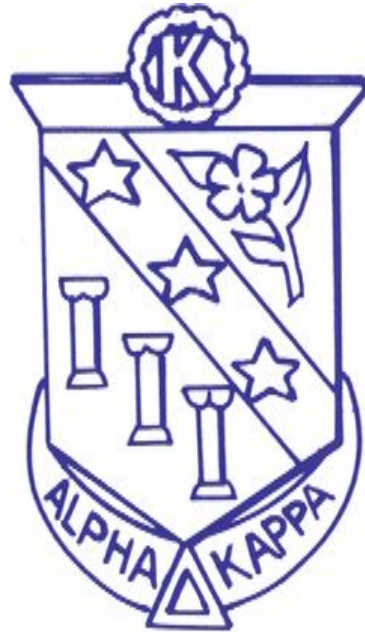
As officers, you are to assist the President, pay close attention to the duties of your office, and perform all duties pertaining to that office.

_____, as President you will guide _____ chapter to complete its mission and achieve its goals.

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.



ALPHA DELTA KAPPA
Memorial Service

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The chaplain conducts the service with audience remaining silent so that members may 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(s). (Read prepared paragraph(s) at this time.)

We are honoring our sister(s) 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.

An educator 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 (name) 's life (lives) glowed brightly as she (they) shared with us her (their) 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,

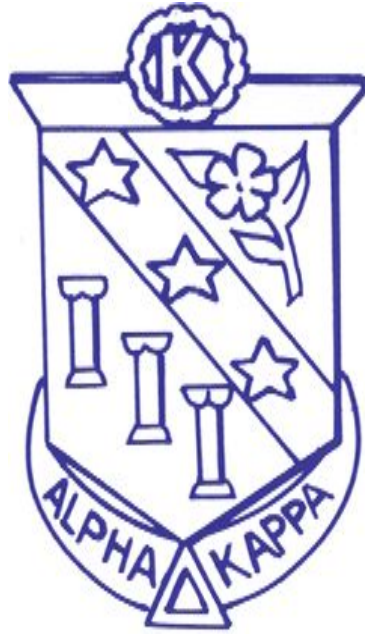
“AFTER GLOW.”

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.



ALPHA DELTA KAPPA
Founders' Day Program

FOUNDERS' DAY PROGRAM

Today we come together to remember our Founders and to celebrate our sisterhood in membership of 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 scholarships.

The fourth candle symbolizes honor. Our Founders created this organization 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.