



Reinstatement of Member Ceremony

Pearls-Their Luster is Forever! **A Reinstatement of Member Ceremony**

Directions: Have the reinstated member's badge available to be pinned on the member again.

President- List name , in year you were initiated into ___ Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa. You were recognized as an outstanding educator and leader, and because of these qualities you invited to honorary membership in Alpha Delta Kappa. When you were initiated, you were presented with the official badge of Alpha Delta Kappa. You may remember that on the badge are seven pearls. The pearls on the badge are to inspire us and enrich our lives with the pearls of living.

Life's path and your responsibilities took you other directions for some time. You were not a part of Alpha Delta Kappa for a number of years, but that badge and its meaning never left you. The pearls on that badge are a constant reminder that of principles and precepts of Alpha Delta Kappa and worn with pride as our bond as sisters in our sorority and proud profession.

Membership Chairman: _____, we share our commitment to you tonight as you enter back into the _____ Chapter of our Alpha Delta Kappa sorority. Our chapter pledges to be loyal to you as you actively participate in the projects and programs of our chapter. Our wish is that we all grow in our love for Alpha Delta Kappa as we continue the work of our mission: Alpha Delta Kappa is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding.

Welcome back to _____ Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa. We are so pleased to have you as part of our Alpha Delta Kappa family again. (*Pin the badge on the member*)

Suggestions to carry out the theme of pearls:

Use strands of pearls on the table centerpiece.

Have the Chaplain use "Pearls of Wisdom" in the opening and closing thoughts.

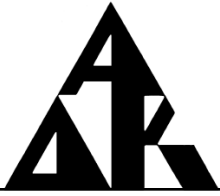
Use tone on tone white for the tables.

Use a strand of pearls or pearl heart ornament for a favor.

Written by:

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Reinstatement Ceremony Welcoming a Returning Member

Chapter President:

Alpha Delta Kappa is an organization of outstanding women educators. Often stated is "Once a Member Always a Member," giving credence to the fellowship of Alpha Delta Kappa members. Today, we are pleased to reinstate _____ (Name) _____ as a member of Alpha Delta Kappa.

Chapter Membership Chairman:

Since you were a member, _____ (number) _____ of years ago, we have made some changes with Alpha Delta Kappa. I will share a few of these with you. (The Membership Chairman chooses two or more changes to share. These can be at the chapter, S/P/N, regional or International levels.)

Following are EXAMPLES of what might be shared:

1. The eligibility requirement for membership is now two years of active engagement in education.
2. Alpha Delta Kappa established the Excellence in Education Award.
3. Our chapter now varies our meeting time and date to better accommodate all members' schedules. Here is a copy of our program booklet so you can be better informed of our activities.

Chapter President-Elect:

Each of our members will now greet you with a smile, a hug or a handshake and personally welcome you to _____ Chapter.

After each member has welcomed the reinstated member, the Chapter President states:

Welcome _____ (name) _____. We are pleased you are again an active member of Alpha Delta Kappa.

By International Membership Committee, February 2007

A Ceremony for Reinstatement of Member

A Tea Party For A Special Lady Reinstatement of Former Member

Directions: Use a teapot and teacups for the serving table. Use dainty floral arrangements and bring out the silver, all polished!

President: Welcome to our celebration this evening. Tonight, we are creating a special memory and welcome back into our membership one of the finest ladies I have known. We are going to celebrate her return to ___Chapter with a tea party fitting only for the very finest of Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters. List name was member some years ago in ___ chapter.

Membership Chairman: (*Bring reinstated member forward*) When I think of special sisters, I think of you. Life's path took you other places for awhile, but tonight we are so pleased to have you back into our chapter again. Sisters, such as you, bring charm and grace to our membership. You are a reminder of the principles on which our sorority was created: A Sisterhood for outstanding educators.

President-elect: Let's review the traditions of our sorority. Wear your badge over your heart honorably and proudly. Remember, that the official flower of our sorority is the violet. The purple violet was chosen because it is the flower most indicative of spring. Our colors are golden yellow, olive, and violet. Golden yellow is the color of a sheaf of corn, symbolic of Demeter, the Goddess of sowing and reaping. Olive green is the color symbolic of the olive tree, symbol of the goddess of Athene. The color violet was selected because the Greek mythology related that Proserpina, Goddess of Spring, spent the spring and summer making it beautiful with flower and crops. Likewise, educators strive to awaken minds of youth so their lives may become more beautiful like the awakening of spring. We want you to learn that the tradition using the password and the handshake have been retired and we no longer use them to enter a business meeting. ___

President: As we celebrate your return to membership, we are creating a special memory just as we do when we share a cup of tea with friends and sisters. We celebrate your decision to return to membership, so that you too can enjoy the traditions and charm that surround our sorority. Along with our traditions, we have many Alpha Delta Kappa programs, projects and activities that are to be enjoyed. Welcome!

Suggestions;

Set the refreshment table as a tea party.

Present reinstated member with a pin, charm, or other gift.

Give a favor to all attendees. Example; Tea Bag-wrapped in beautiful wrapper and ribbon.

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