

# DELTA UPSILON FRATERNITY



## THE RITUAL BOOK

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## History of the Ritual of Delta Upsilon

It has been discovered that as early as 1840 there existed a simple pledge that was recited by new members upon entering the Social Fraternity. Thus, the history of the initiation ritual begins.

From that point in 1840, things began to evolve. The pledge was revised and finally included in the constitution in 1848, which followed the direction of the Anti-Secret Confederation in 1847. From that point, the initiation “ritual” consisted simply of the reading of the constitution to the new members, which now included the pledge.

In 1864, the name Delta Upsilon, and subsequently a newly designed badge were officially adopted. On October 15, 1864 a letter from the Washington and Jefferson Chapter to the Rutgers Chapter was sent which inquired as to the initiation practices and remarked, “that merely taking a pledge and reading the constitution seemed altogether too cold and barren.” This letter and the correspondence that followed seemed to lead the 1866 Convention to establish a “Committee on Initiation.” The delegates of the 1866 Convention in Rochester, NY accepted the report of the committee, which read:

*“The pledge shall be administered to members-elect standing. The candidates and President shall stand in the center (directly in front of the President’s desk), with the members of the chapter standing about them. The pledge having been assented to, the President shall address the newly elected members assuring them of the cordial sympathy of the society, and defining the relations in which they stand to the Fraternity. He shall then give them the hand of fellowship in the name of the entire Fraternity. After this the other members of the Chapter shall also welcome them as brothers. Upsilon taking their seats all shall join in singing the “Initiation Song.”*

The Initiation Rite of 1866 served the Fraternity for many years. In performing this Rite, the chapters were supposed to comply with this form, but were not limited to the additional nuances that they could add themselves. Thus, uniformity did not exist. In 1878, chapters began to express their opinion that the ritual be revised again. The issue was voted upon at the 1878 Convention to which the delegates decided to leave the matter “to the taste of each chapter.”

This procedure stood until 1890 when again, the delegates at the 1890 Convention instructed the Executive Council to consider the improvement of the initiation rite. The idea was brought up often at conventions that would follow and was unsuccessfully reviewed by several different committees to the result that no significant progress was made on the improvement of the initiation rite for the next 10 years. Finally, at the 1900 Convention “a committee of five was appointed to draw up a uniform method of initiation and report at the next annual gathering.” This committee apparently followed through with their work and prepared a more definitive initiation rite, which after some minor changes, was accepted at the 1901 Convention.

The new initiation rite underwent several modest changes for the next few years. After the chapters were able to put the new rite into practice, they saw the need for some minor adjustments. These revisions caused some varying opinions from the different chapters, and eventually led to a lack of uniformity. To combat this, the chapters used a “temporary form” of the initiation rite while the Executive Council worked with a committee to once again review the process. In 1910, the Council announce that a final draft of the rite was being handed over to Brother John Erskine, *Columbia 1900*, who would revise the final draft of the Ritual of Initiation. The draft was formally approved at the 1911 Convention, and in the fall of 1912, the Fraternity published the ritual.

The ritual consisted of three rites. In Rite I, the candidates took pledges of a negative character and were informed of the general nature of the vows to be taken later on.

An opportunity was also given for each man to express a willingness to continue the ceremony. While this was in progress, the rest of the chapter and visiting alumni were called to order in another room and informed of the names of the candidates. It was at this time that the opportunity to express any objection towards any candidate was offered. Rite I and II were conducted simultaneously. Rite III was then conducted towards the candidates containing the formal ceremony of reciting a pledge that closely resembled the current Oath of Initiation.

No alteration of the 1911 ritual took place until 1921 when the use of roll books and having the candidates inscribe their names within them was added to the ceremony. In addition some slight wording changes were made, and structurally, Rites II and III were combined to make the ritual a ceremony of two rites. Once again, some minor changes in the language were made to the ritual until finally, in 1937, the Convention and Assembly adopted the Ritual of Initiation that is now in use today. The only change up to this point was the addition of an alternate text in 1973 that is recited at the beginning of Rite II by the Master and Chaplain.

In the fall of 2000, the task was undertaken to revise the ritual to update the language within the text, to include additional resources and further explanation as to the implementation of the initiation ritual, and to expand the book to include other ceremonies to be used by the chapters. Through this process, the addition and development of the ceremonies included herein, with the exception of the initiation ritual took place. The intent of the expanded book is to help raise the level of pride and awareness of the Fraternity's ritual, and to help bring a greater sense of uniformity and formality to the chapter level.

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## THE PLEDGING CEREMONY

*This will be the new associate member's first significant experience with the Fraternity. The chapter should make every effort to leave a positive and lasting impression by organizing a positive and meaningful event. Because Delta Upsilon is non-secret, we can share our ceremonies and rituals with others. This also can be an excellent way to introduce the new associate member class and the chapter to campus administrators and faculty, the campus community, parents, and alumni. Proper planning is critical to ensuring a positive and meaningful ceremony.*

### The Ceremony

*The Associate Member Educator and the Vice President of Membership Recruitment first see to the arrangements in the ceremony room, including setting pledge pins out, meeting with the associate members, explaining the declarations, and confirming the pronunciation of each man's name. They explain the flow of the ceremony and all procedural instructions regarding the ceremony itself.*

*Once all of the members are present, the Associate Member Educator and the Vice President of Membership Recruitment lead the associate members into the room, while the brothers sing the "Delta Upsilon Ode." After the song is finished and the associate members have reached their seats, the President instructs everyone to be seated while the President remains standing in front of the hall behind the table containing the pledge pins and the honor code that the associate members will sign.*

**President:** To perpetuate the principles of our Fraternity, we aspire to add to the membership of the (Chapter Name) Chapter of Delta Upsilon, those men who we believe will promote and maintain our ideals. Since membership in Delta Upsilon is for life, we wish to add only those men who will maintain our ideals throughout their lives, and who will be leaders in our society.

You, gentlemen, have been invited to pledge Delta Upsilon, an honor bestowed upon few men. During your pledgeship you will learn more about our Fraternity, this chapter, and the members assembled here. You will have the opportunity to decide whether you desire to become affiliated with Delta Upsilon for life. In like manner, the members of this chapter will measure whether you meet the high standards for membership in our Fraternity.

During your pledgship you will learn the history of Delta Upsilon, the first non-secret fraternity, founded in 1834 at Williams College. Our Founders believed that the existing secret societies were undemocratic and tended toward aristocracy.

Today, being non-secret means that our principles and ideals are open to public scrutiny and inspection, allowing others to judge whether we are living up to our own expectations. These important fundamental ideals have allowed Delta Upsilon to flourish continually since 1834, and to continue building into the thriving international fraternity we are today. Our Four Founding Principles: the Promotion of Friendship, the Diffusion of Liberal Culture, the Development of Character, and the Advancement of Justice will be explained to you during your pledgship. Our motto will become yours: Dikaia Upotheke, Justice Our Foundation.

Delta Upsilon seeks to select its members solely upon merit. We continue to hold this philosophy foremost in our practices and in our evaluation of prospective members. We believe each of you has the character and merit to join the men who have perpetuated the ideals of our Fraternity.

*If an inspirational address is to be given during the ceremony, the President should now introduce the alumnus member or guest who will give the address. See pg. 23 for guidance on introducing a guest speaker.*

**President:** During your pledgship we require that you take an active interest in college and Fraternity activities, perform the duties assigned by your chapter, and fulfill your initiation requirements.

The Associate Member Educator will now read those requirements.

*At this time, the Associate Member Educator reads in full the chapter's initiation requirements and the chapter's honor code (examples can be found on pgs. 11-13). At the conclusion, he will ask the associate members to stand.*

**Associate Member Educator:** Will the associate members please stand?

**President:** Gentlemen, after hearing the principles of Delta Upsilon and the requirements for initiation by this chapter, now is the time to affirm your desire to become associated with our Fraternity.

If you share our principles and ideals, you will come forward when your name is called, sign the honor code before me, and receive the pledge pin, which will signify you are a pledge of our Fraternity. Remember always that it is the property of our chapter, and as such you will wear it with pride, and with the anticipation that upon completion of your pledgeship and initiation requirements, you will become a duly initiated member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

*The Vice President of Membership Recruitment will read the name of each associate member. Each will come forward in turn and sign the honor code. Each associate member will then walk over to the Associate Member Educator and be presented with his pledge pin after which he will return to his seat and remain standing, facing the President. When all have signed, the President will instruct the associate members to turn to face the members and guests.*

**President:** Brothers and guests, it is my pleasure to present to you these newest associate members of the (Chapter Name) Chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

*Here those in attendance should sing "Hail, Delta Upsilon" (see Appendix), as the officers lead the associate members ceremoniously out of the room, with the President remaining in the front of the hall.*

*It is appropriate after the song is concluded that the President make final announcements concerning a follow-up reception or other activities, and express his thanks to those in attendance.*

## MODEL INITIATION REQUIREMENTS

*The chapter should adopt clear initiation requirements that set a standard to which an associate member may aspire and be held accountable, such as: attend all chapter meetings, complete a group project, write a paper on a notable DU Brother, complete a scholarship program, learn the relevant history and traditions of the chapter and of the Fraternity, share in the duties and responsibilities of the chapter, etc. The text below is one example of how to explain these requirements to new associate members.*

The journey you are about to take will be like no other in life. You are beginning a fraternal experience, which you will long remember. During your pledgship you will learn brotherhood, leadership, responsibility and teamwork. Every associate member has the opportunity to establish greatness. Here are several steps that will determine the mark that you leave.

- Step 1 – Associate Membership. Here you will make friends who will laugh with you, study with you, and be initiated with you. These men will become your brothers, and will remain so forever.
- Step 2 – Initiated Undergraduate Membership. This should be a time of growth, change, responsibility, and meaningful contribution. No matter your position or involvement in the Fraternity, you should make it your goal to add to the chapter and be an active part of the chapter's success, not a mere bystander.
- Step 3 – Alumnus. This is your fulfillment of your lifetime commitment, contributing time, talent, advice, and financial support. Your duty is to stay involved as the other duties in your life will allow you, and not fall by the wayside. Strong alumni involvement is crucial to the Fraternity's success.

The following requirements for initiation are outlined in the pledge program. These standards are set to ensure your involvement and interaction in the Chapter, as well to hold you accountable to your duties as a student of this institution.

*The suggestions below may be adjusted or reproduced as written.*

1. You must score 90% or higher on your final exam.
2. Your financial account with the chapter must be current.
3. Your pledge and initiation fee **MUST** be paid prior to initiation.
4. You must pass the vote of membership required by the chapter by-laws.
5. You must act as a responsible member by representing the Fraternity and your school in a positive light at all times.

## MODEL HONOR CODE

*This model honor code may be photocopied and/or reproduced, as well as altered to fit the needs of each chapter. This is an example of an honor code that associate members sign at the time of their pledging ceremony.*

### **FRATERNITY HONOR CODE**

1. So long as I am associated with the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, I shall always show respect to our brotherhood and its members.
2. I shall strive to guide my actions by the Four Founding Principles of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.
3. I shall make a special effort to treat with respect and courtesy, all members of this Fraternity, all of its guests, and all members of our campus community.
4. I shall do all in my capacity to adhere to the following charges:
  - To accept my position as an associate member with all pride, honor, and gratitude.
  - To learn, study, and live by the Principles of Delta Upsilon.
  - To be especially helpful and mindful of the needs of my pledge brothers and the members of the chapter.
  - To treat every visitor to the chapter house and/or any chapter event as my own personal guest.
  - To act in a mature manner, always upholding the high moral standards of Delta Upsilon.
  - To work for the chapter, devoting time and talent toward its successful operation.
  - To attend all classes and to manage my time effectively so as to meet or exceed my academic potential.
  - To uphold my financial obligations to Delta Upsilon and to our chapter.
  - To support Delta Upsilon at every opportunity.
  - To expect to receive the same courtesies and respect from all of my fellow DUs.

All this I solemnly promise upon my honor.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

## THE OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

*The chapter should perform this ceremony upon the election of new officers. It serves as a ceremonial passing of responsibility from one chapter administration to the next. The incoming President's oath is administered by the outgoing President, after which the new President assumes the office and presides over the remainder of the ceremony. The oath for the remaining officers is read by the new President to the new officers and repeated by the new officers.*

*After making any preliminary announcements, the outgoing President is free to give some brief remarks, and then asks the incoming President to come forward. The outgoing President then asks the incoming President to raise his right hand and repeat the words of the declaration. When administering the declaration, the outgoing President should actually say the incoming President's name where (Name) appears in the text.*

**Outgoing President:** At this time I would ask that (Name), the duly elected President of the (Chapter Name) Chapter please come forward. *When the incoming President reaches the front of the room, the outgoing President continues by saying:* Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, (Name), do solemnly promise \* to perform the duties of the office \* of President of the (Chapter Name) Chapter \* of Delta Upsilon Fraternity \* in accordance with the laws \* of this Fraternity and of this chapter \* and all local and national laws. \* I will strive always to improve my chapter \* by improving myself. \* I will ensure \* that there is a strong sense of leadership in the Fraternity, \* constantly moving the chapter forward, \* often in the face of adversity \* just as our founders did so long ago. \* I will ask for and listen to \* the ideas of my Brothers \* and try my best to implement those ideas \* that match the principles of Delta Upsilon. \* I realize that I am the leader of this chapter \* and will make every effort in my daily life \* to represent my Fraternity and myself \* with dignity and pride, \* and to live my life \* according to the principles and ideals of Delta Upsilon.

*The outgoing President then removes the President's Badge from his shirt, and places it in the left hand of the new President. He then hands the President's gavel to the new President's left hand and shakes his right hand, offering his congratulations.*

*The new President may then give a few brief remarks that include a plea from the chapter for applause of appreciation for the outgoing President and the members of the outgoing Executive Board. After the remarks are given, the new President asks all of the incoming officers to come forward, and installs them into office simultaneously in the same manner in which he himself was installed.*

**President:** I would ask that the following officers duly elected by the chapter to please come forward. *The President reads off a list, the elected officer's names and corresponding offices as the men assemble at the front of the room. Once they are assembled and facing the audience, the President continues. (To the incoming officers)* Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, do solemnly promise \* to perform the duties of my elected office \* in the (Chapter Name) Chapter \* of Delta Upsilon Fraternity \* in accordance with the laws \* of this Fraternity and this chapter \* and all local and national laws. \* I will strive always to improve my chapter \* by improving myself. \* I will ensure that my efforts \* are done to the best of my ability, \* and are in the best interests of the chapter. \* I will ask for and listen to \* the ideas of my Brothers \* and try my best to implement those ideas \* that match the principles of Delta Upsilon \* I realize that I am a leader in this chapter \* and will make every effort in my daily life \* to represent my Fraternity and myself \* with dignity and pride, \* to work together as a member of a team, \* and to live my life \* according to the principles and ideals of Delta Upsilon.

**President:** Brothers in Delta Upsilon, I present to you, the new Executive Committee of the (Chapter Name) Chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

It is our duty as Brothers to work **together** to further the purposes of Delta Upsilon, and to strive to achieve success for this chapter. We ask for your commitment, as we have given you ours.

## CHAPTER MEETING

*Every chapter meeting should be functional, informative, uniform, and important. Following a well-designed agenda at each meeting helps to ensure a business-like approach to our brotherly duties.*

*After the brothers and, if applicable, the associate members have assembled in the chapter hall, the Chapter President opens the meeting by repeating the following:*

**President:** This meeting of the (**Chapter Name**) Chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity; a Brotherhood founded upon the ideal of non-secrecy, with its Four Founding Principles being the Promotion of Friendship, the Development of Character, the Diffusion of Liberal Culture, and the Advancement of Justice; and with Justice as its sure Foundation is hereby called to order. Please rise while Brother (**Name**) leads us in the singing of the “Delta Upsilon Ode.”

*All Brothers in attendance should rise for the singing of the “Delta Upsilon Ode.” At its conclusion, the President instructs all Brothers to be seated.*

*The President then carries out the orders of the day, according to a specific and purposeful meeting agenda.*

- Roll Call
- Reading and Adoption of the Minutes
- Remarks from Guests or Alumni
- Officer and Committee Reports
- Old business
- New business
- Officer Installation Ceremony (if applicable)
- Announcements

*After the last item on the agenda is completed, and before the adjournment, the President issues this final declaration:*

**President:** Brothers and guests, please stand.

***President:*** With the orders of the day complete, may we all remember that we are all one in both principle and purpose. We are to hold the ideals of this Fraternity sacred. We are to be ever mindful of the Oath we recited, and to work together as Brothers for the good of this chapter, and to further the purpose of Delta Upsilon. In the immortal words of our first Fraternity President and good Brother Charles Evans Hughes; "...let nothing rob us of the spirit of fraternity; let nothing destroy the bond of Delta Upsilon." This meeting stands adjourned.

## INITIATION PLANNING CHECKLIST

*Careful planning is an integral part of the Initiation Ritual. Practicing the ceremony and assuring all details are met will ensure a successful event. The Initiation Ritual should always be held in high regard and performed in a solemn and dignified manner. Nothing should compromise the integrity of the ceremony.*

*For your convenience, it is recommended that you photocopy this checklist for your use and distribute it to the brothers who will plan the ceremony.*

### Pre-Planning Schedule

#### **8 weeks before the event:**

- Secure the dates and times to hold both Rite I and Rite II ceremonies.
- Secure the room/facility in which to hold Rite I.
- Secure the room/facility in which to hold Rite II.
- Secure a room/facility/restaurant where a post-ceremony reception or celebration may be held.
- Secure a keynote speaker (preferably a DU alumnus) to deliver the Charge and confirm his travel plans.

*Note: If the keynote speaker is coming from out of town, it is appropriate to cover the cost of airline travel, hotel/lodging accommodations, transportation, and meals. Travel should be planned well in advance in order to take advantage of advance booking price breaks that are usually offered from the carriers. It is also customary to present a small gift to the speaker as a token of the chapter's appreciation. If he declines the offer or is traveling a short distance, then these arrangements may not be necessary. A token gift however, should ALWAYS be presented in appreciation.*

- Prepare the invitation to send to chapter members, chapter alumni, local alumni of other DU chapters, parents, campus officials, keynote speaker, and community leaders.
- Order any necessary items from the International Headquarters (badges, invitation cards, ribbon, gifts, etc.).

#### **7 weeks before the event:**

- Distribute ritual books to the initiation team.
- Distribute a schedule of practice dates/times to the initiation team.

*Note: It may not be necessary to distribute a ritual book to the Speaker. If feasible for the Speaker to attend, he may be invited to attend practice sessions, but his presence should not be required.*

**6 weeks before the event:**

- ❑ Print the invitations to the ceremony.
- ❑ Prepare mailing labels.
- ❑ Assemble the invitations for mailing or delivery.

**5 weeks before the event:**

- ❑ Mail the invitations.
- ❑ Acquire or confirm the keynote speaker's gift.

***Gift ideas:***

Engraved mantel clock, crested money clip, (or something meaningful and usable by the guest), plaque, local paraphernalia, etc. A copy of [Challenge, Conflict, and Change, the 150 year History of Delta Upsilon Fraternity](#) or [The Cornerstone](#) inscribed by the chapter in addition to a campus sweatshirt, etc., to commemorate the event is appropriate.

**4 weeks before the event:**

- ❑ Confirm with the facility the dates and times of the events, room set up, additional requirements, and any changes.
- ❑ Confirm the details with the reception facility.
- ❑ Contact the initiation team to confirm the practice dates.
- ❑ Conduct the first practice with the Initiation Team.

**3 weeks before the event:**

- ❑ Contact the keynote speaker to touch base with him, and to retrieve a short biography on the speaker to assist in delivering his introduction before he delivers the charge.

**Introducing a Guest Speaker**

1. Obtain a bio from him, giving his correct name, chapter, and year, and any pertinent information that the speaker would like said.
2. Confirm the correct pronunciation of the speaker's name.
3. ALWAYS introduce a Brother with his first and last name, his chapter, and year. (Ex: "Brother James A. Garfield, *Williams '56*"). The introduction should FOLLOW the biographical information. (See pg. 53)

**2 weeks before the event:**

- ❑ Conduct a second practice of the ceremony with the Initiation Team.
- ❑ Finalize the ceremony details. Print enough programs for the event.
- ❑ Prepare the *Candidate Notification Letters* (pg. 42) and envelopes.
- ❑ Send to the cleaners any ceremonial robes, suits, etc. that may be used in the ceremony.
- ❑ Print/copy the song sheets for the ceremony.

**1 week before the event**

- ❑ Conduct a third practice with the Initiation Team.
- ❑ Mail or deliver the *Candidates Notification Letters*.
- ❑ Ensure there is the necessary supply of ribbon and badges, robes/suits are returned, guest count is established, song sheets and programs are ready, keynote speakers gift is ready, and the Roll Book is in possession.
- ❑ Confirm once again with the facilities to go over last minute details.
- ❑ Remind the chapter of the time, date, place, dress code, appropriate behavior, etc.
- ❑ Make a courtesy call to the speaker to confirm details.

**Three days before the event**

- ❑ Conduct a final practice with the Initiation Team.
- ❑ Prepare/clean any chapter property that might be visited by guests.
- ❑ The Master should finalize his remarks that he will use to introduce the speaker during the ceremony.
- ❑ Conduct a meeting with the Associate Member Educator and the Treasurer - to ascertain that all candidates have met the requirements for initiation (this includes collecting the initiation fee).

**The day of the event:**

- ❑ Maintain the dignity that this ceremony commands.
- ❑ Follow the initiation ceremony agenda (pg. 26 or 28).



- IX. 5 pm Rite I begins.
- X. 5:30 pm Brothers, alumni, parents, and guests arrive at the Rite II site to be seated.
- XI. 5:45 pm With Rite I complete, the Examiner, Chief Marshal, and candidates join the Master, Chaplain, and the Keynote Speaker at a secluded location near the Rite II site to await the start of the ceremony.
- XII. 6 pm Initiation Team and the candidates assemble outside the door of the Rite II site.

*The President of the undergraduate chapter begins the ceremony by welcoming the Brothers and guests in attendance, recognizing special guests in the audience (parents, campus officials, members of the International Fraternity's Board of Directors, Headquarters Staff, Alumni Chapter officers/brothers, notable brothers, etc.), and giving a brief summary of the event, mentioning that the candidates assembled outside have just signed their name in the roll book of members. (If the President is part of the Initiation Team, he may make the welcome, then join the team outside for the immediate entrance together.)*

- XIII. 6:05 pm The Initiation Team and candidates enter to the singing of the "Delta Upsilon Ode."  
  
Rite II takes place.
- XIV. 7 pm Rite II concludes with the singing of "Hail, Delta Upsilon."
- XV. 7-7:15 pm The President may make any further announcements concerning receptions, etc., and express appreciation to the Initiation Team, and to those in attendance.  
  
Congratulations, photos, greeting of guests.
- XVI. 7:15 pm Brothers (and guests if applicable) depart to dinner, reception, or other predetermined event.

# INITIATION DAY MODEL AGENDA

*For a two-day (Friday-Saturday) Initiation.*

## **Thursday (or Friday afternoon)**

### Initiation Team Meeting

- Go over any final procedure protocol for both Rites.
- Go over the set-up of rooms for both Rites. (See diagrams on pgs. 30-31).
- Discuss behavior expectations by team members and candidates.
- Practice the reading both Rites.

## **Friday**

- I. 5 pm Initiation Team arrives at ceremony site
  - Room is set up appropriately.
  - Final check is completed to make sure all needed items are present.
  - Final run-through of Rite I including the reading of the parts.
- II. 6 pm Candidates arrive at the predetermined location.
- III. 6-6:30 pm Last Requirement Check
  - Proper attire of the candidates is assessed.
  - Candidates are evaluated to make sure that all financial obligations are met and that they meet all other requirements for initiation.
- IV. 6:30-6:45 pm Instructions
  - Examiner instructs the candidates on Rite I.
  - Master informs candidates of the procedures for Rite II.
- V. 6:45 pm Initiation Team departs with candidates to the site of Rite I to conduct the ceremony.
- VI. 7 pm Rite I begins.
- VII. 7:30 pm Rite I concludes.

## Saturday

- I. 5:00 pm      Initiation Team arrives at ceremony site
- Room is set up appropriately.
  - Final check is done to make sure all necessary items are present.
  - Final run-through of Rite II takes place (with the reading of the parts).
  - Prepare for arrival of the candidates.
- II. 6 pm      Candidates arrive at the predetermined location.
- III. 6-6:30 pm      Last Requirement Check
- Proper attire of the candidates is assessed.
  - Master reviews the processional and the order of the ceremony with the candidates. (Master should lead a final rehearsal of the beginning of the oath so that the candidates understand how to repeat their names after the Master during Rite II).
- IV. 6:30-6:45 pm      Instructions
- Examiner instructs the candidates on Rite II.
- V. 6:45 pm      Initiation Team departs with candidates to the site of Rite II to conduct the ceremony.
- VI. 7 pm      Rite II begins.
- VII. 8 pm      Rite II concludes.

SAMPLE INITIATION PROGRAM

DELTA UPSILON  
INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY



(Chapter Name) Chapter

(Official College or University seal or insignia)

Ritual of Initiation  
(Date)

## SAMPLE INITIATION PROGRAM

### History of Delta Upsilon

The Delta Upsilon International Fraternity, North America's oldest non-secret, non-hazing fraternity, was founded on November 4, 1834 at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Delta Upsilon was originally called The Social Fraternity. "Social" did not mean entertainment events, but instead meant an interest in life's interactions among people, and how society would better itself through group action. Delta Upsilon began as a spirited brotherhood based on merit, and was founded upon four basic principles: the Promotion of Friendship, the Development of Character, the Diffusion of Liberal Culture, and the Advancement of Justice. The ideals and principles remain unchanged to this day.

### History of the (Chapter Name) Chapter

(Insert a brief chapter history here)

# SAMPLE INITIATION PROGRAM

## ORDER OF INITIATION

### **Rite I.**

*Name, Chapter 'Yr*

Examiner

*Name, Chapter 'Yr*

Chief Marshal

### **Rite II.**

*Name, Chapter 'Yr*

Master

Greeting & Singing of the  
"Delta Upsilon Ode"

*Name, Chapter 'Yr*

Chapter President

Invocation

*Name, Chapter 'Yr*

Chaplain

Charge

*Name, Chapter 'Yr*

(Title)

Oath of Initiation

Closing & Singing of "Hail, Delta Upsilon."

# SAMPLE INITIATION PROGRAM

(Term) (Year) Initiates  
(*ex. Spring 2001 Initiates*)

(*alphabetical*)

Candidate's FULL name

(Chapter Name) Chapter of Delta Upsilon  
(Chapter Address)  
(Chapter Phone Number)  
(Chapter email, website, etc.)

# SAMPLE INITIATION INVITATION



“Building Better Men”

The Brothers of the  
(Chapter Name) Chapter of the  
Delta Upsilon International Fraternity  
cordially invite you to attend the

(Term) (Year) Member Initiation  
(Date)  
(Time)  
(Location)

Reception to follow (optional)

A favor of a reply is requested by (Date).  
(Name)  
(Phone #)  
(E-mail)

## PREFACE TO THE CEREMONIES OF THE RITUAL

The *Ritual of Initiation* consists of two parts, Rite I and Rite II. The members of the Initiation Team shall include the Master, the Examiner, the Chief Marshal, the Chaplain, and the Speaker. In Rite I, the candidates for admission are brought before the Examiner and the Chief Marshal. Thereupon they are informed of the nature of the pledges to follow in Rite II, and they indicate their willingness to take those pledges. They then sign the Roll Book, which qualifies them to proceed in the initiation.

While Rite I is in progress, all brothers and guests in attendance are assembled in the Initiation Hall and are called to order. At the termination of Rite I, the candidates are brought into the Hall before those assembled. Rite II then begins, administered by the Master.

Rite II is the chief part of the ceremony. In Rite II, the candidates profess the Oath of Initiation, are decorated with the Fraternity insignia, and are formally initiated into the Fraternity.

Both rites should be performed in a dignified and deliberate manner. The chapter should choose with care those who are to take an active part in the initiation. Special care should be taken when deciding the choice of the Examiner for Rite I and of the Master for Rite II. The success of the initiation will depend largely on the manner in which the entire initiation team discharges its functions. They need not be undergraduates; alumni may be chosen if the chapter thinks best. But in either case, men should be chosen who have a good presence and a strong, agreeable voice, and who can read or speak effectively.

An impressive reading of the Ritual is recommended as conducive to greater dignity than reliance upon a treacherous memory.

It is highly desirable that the chapter be thoroughly familiar with the general plan of the Ritual before it is administered. For that reason it is recommended that the chapter rehearse the Ritual, with two or three of its members acting as candidates.

As the team practices reading the Ritual, it should be read through several times to ensure that the reader is comfortable with the way in which it should be read. During the practice reading of the Ritual, try to understand the meaning or feeling of the Ritual, so it can be determined where and when to verbally emphasize certain points by proper inflection.

The brothers attending an initiation should be uniformly dressed, either in formal attire or in appropriate dress of dark suits or slacks, coat, and tie. Uniformity should also prevail among the initiates. The use of academic gowns is urged for the officials.

The Initiation Hall must be arranged so that the Master, the Speaker, the Chaplain, the Examiner, and the Chief Marshal all face the assembled brothers and guests. The initiates are to be placed in front of the brothers and guests so as to face the Master. They should be placed in the same order as their names appear on the Chief Marshal's list.

Chairs must be placed so that one is behind each official and initiate, so that at the proper time they may be seated without confusion. A table or altar must be placed before the Master. At the beginning of Rite II, the Roll Book will be placed on the table, closed, with a bookmark at the place where the initiates have signed, so that the Master for the confirmation of signatures may readily open the Roll Book.

Prior to the initiation, the badge of each candidate shall be pinned to a separate loop of official Fraternity ribbon, each piece of ribbon being about 36 inches long.

The ends of each ribbon shall be crossed and fastened together with the badge, and the ribbons with their badges shall be laid upon a table convenient to the Master. At the proper point in the ceremony, the Master will place the ribbons about the necks of the respective candidates. The Chaplain and Chief Marshal should assist in handing the ribbons to the Master for efficient decoration of each new member.

The Fraternity flag should be hung on the wall as a backdrop behind the Initiation Team or may be placed on a flag standard. The Fraternity flag should **never** be used as a tablecloth. If the flag is mounted on a standard, it is appropriate to have it alongside the American and Canadian flags on standards as well.

The lights in the Initiation Hall should be turned down or shielded in such a manner as to diffuse a soft light throughout the room and yet leave sufficient illumination by which to read. The use of dignified ceremonial effect is to be recommended, but care must be taken to avoid purely theatrical effects.

## THE ORDER OF PROCEDURE BEFORE INITIATION

Several days before each initiation, a designated officer of the chapter shall review and explain to all of the candidates the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fraternity and of the chapter, and the Oath of Initiation. On that occasion, or preferably on some later day—but before the day of initiation—a conference to be known as the Initiation Conference shall occur between the candidates and some of the older brothers, including one or more of the alumni brothers. The purpose of this Initiation Conference is to explain to the candidates the history, principles, and policies of the International Fraternity and of the chapter. The candidates shall be encouraged to ask questions. The entire Initiation Conference, while thoroughly dignified, shall also be informal and personal in tone. It is a good idea to assign specific topics for discussion to the brothers who will participate. For example, one might be asked to present the history and ideals of the Fraternity, another the government and the policy of the Fraternity, another the history of the chapter, and another the present condition and relationships of the chapter.

The candidates for initiation should receive the following letter no later than 24 hours preceding the day of Initiation:

Candidate (Last Name),

This is to inform you that on the evening of (Date) you are to be initiated into the (Chapter Name) Chapter of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

On the evening of that day you will be in your room (or some other predetermined location where they can assemble) at the hour of \_\_\_\_\_ and will remain there until summoned.

(Signature of Chapter Secretary)

At the appointed hour, after each candidate shall have been brought by an upper-classman from his room direct to the place designated by the Chief Marshal, the Ritual shall be administered. In case a candidate lives at a great distance from the chapter house, he may, at the discretion of the chapter, be instructed to come to the designated place without escort.

# THE INITIATION RITUAL

## Rite I

*The room in which Rite I takes place shall have a table at the front, with the Roll Book open upon it, and chairs for the candidates and Examiner and Chief Marshal, if desired. The Chief Marshal shall assemble the candidates in another room conveniently located. From there he shall conduct them into the chamber for Rite I, after which the Examiner shall enter. At the Examiner's direction, all should then be seated.*

*If desired, there may be as many Marshals as candidates; in which case a designated Marshal shall escort each candidate to the room for Rite I, and later to the Initiation Hall.*

**Chief Marshal:** Brother Examiner, these men, who have accepted the fellowship we offer, now present themselves for admission into our brotherhood. They are ready to receive instruction in the solemn and irrevocable pledges which they are about to take.

**Examiner:** It is fitting that you receive instruction in these pledges, so laden with responsibility and fertile in opportunity. They bring to you life-long relations of friendship and of brotherhood, with duties you will not easily avoid, and with privileges you can receive on no other terms. This Fraternity will serve as your college home; those who dwell here will be your brothers, your counselors, and your protectors. Their influence will help to mold your character and your future. You rightly ask much of a brotherhood to which you give yourselves without impediment or reserve. They rightly ask of you not to surrender yourselves without full realization of the meaning and finality of the pledges you are to take.

Before proceeding to such instruction, however, it will first be necessary to make certain preliminary declarations.

**Chief Marshal:** Do you on your honor declare that you are members of no college fraternity, and are pledged to none but this? If so, answer “I do” after your name is called.

*Then the Chief Marshal shall read each name, to which the candidate shall reply: I do.*

**Chief Marshal:** Do you also on your honor declare that you entertain no sentiment toward any member of this Chapter that would prevent you from maintaining cordial and brotherly relations with him? If so, answer “I do” after your name is called.

*Then shall the Chief Marshal read the names as before, to which each candidate shall reply: I do.*

**Examiner:** Of those who would enter our Fraternity we ask two things—that they know our ideals, and that they pledge themselves to help us realize those ideals. We have instructed you in the history and the principles of our brotherhood. We have told you of the early secret fraternities, of the evil that attended their control of student affairs, and of the sentiment hostile to themselves, which they bred. We have explained the origin of the anti-secret societies at Williams, Union, Hamilton, and Amherst, and of the coalition between them, which, in 1847, marked the vigorous advance of Delta Upsilon.

As time passed, the character of the secret societies so altered, that hostility toward them decreased. Delta Upsilon recognized this happier period by adopting the principle of non-secrecy in place of anti-secrecy. This modification of our ancient attitude must not be misunderstood. It meant no less hatred of evil practices in secret societies; it served to acknowledge the disappearance of those practices, and sprang from a logical devotion to our basic principle taught in the motto of our Fraternity – DIKAIA UPOTHEKE- Justice, our Foundation.

Our first exercise in Justice, the protest against the secret societies, served its purpose and is no longer necessary, but the battles of Justice are infinite, and her champions are ever needed to serve her cause both in the college and in the world beyond. To forward the ends of enlightened equity demands knowledge and sympathy: the broad mind and the large heart. It is man's work, to be done best by those who have enjoyed the twofold education of intellect and of character.

We have therefore, formed ourselves into a Fraternity in order to advance justice, promote friendship, develop character, maintain and diffuse liberal culture, and to promote intellectual, moral, and social improvement.

*After a brief pause the Examiner shall proceed:*

We have expounded to you our ideals. Because we believe them to be your ideals also, we bring you to your initiation, wherein you must pledge your allegiance to Delta Upsilon, you must promise to be faithful in every relation of brotherhood, and you must solemnly declare, before many witnesses, your determination to stand for the principles of our Fraternity. And you must reflect that the spoken pledge is without any purpose unless your life also exemplifies your words. Therefore, consider carefully, that you may approach not unadvisedly to your initiation. The vows, once taken, are irrevocable. If you are not in thorough sympathy with our ideals, if you are at all uncertain in your desire to become a member of this Fraternity, you have now a last opportunity to declare yourself.

*After a brief pause the Examiner shall proceed:*

As a manifestation of your willingness to accept the pledges required of members of this Fraternity, you will now inscribe your name within this Roll Book, containing those promises, which you are soon to make in the presence of our Brotherhood.

*Here, the candidates should advance when his name is called again by the Chief Marshal and sign the Roll Book. As each candidate signs, the Examiner shall retrieve each candidate's pledge pin, either by receiving it in a cup or bowl, or by removing it from the candidate's shirt.*

*This concludes Rite I of the Initiation Ritual.*

*At the conclusion of this ceremony, the Chief Marshal and his assistants, if there are any, accompanied by the Examiner bearing the Roll Book, shall lead the candidates to the designated place to prepare for their entrance into the Initiation Hall. Once inside the Initiation Hall, the Examiner shall place the Roll Book, with a bookmark in the place where the initiates have signed, on the table in front of the Master. All should proceed to their places and remain standing.*

# THE INITIATION RITUAL

## Rite II

*While Rite I is in progress, the Chapter President shall call the members of the Fraternity to order in the Initiation Hall. When the Initiation Team enters with the candidates, all shall stand and sing the "Delta Upsilon Ode."*

**Examiner:** You may be seated.

As it is our duty to watch over the welfare of our Fraternity, that it may continue in vigorous life, it behooves us from time to time to add to our number such men as will most honor our Brotherhood. Upon these who stand before us our choice has fallen. We are now assembled to receive the pledges of their devotion, and to seal their acceptance into our Brotherhood. Not only to those who are received and to us who receive them, but also to all who may come within the influence of this Fraternity, these pledges and this initiation are momentous.

Since our words and deeds have emerged from a common heritage of acceptance and belief in a Supreme Being, it is an essential and basic part of our tradition to turn to God in prayer, as did our founding brothers.

**Chaplain:** Let us pray. God of our fathers and our God, who inspired the formation of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity with Justice as its sure Foundation, may we temper the rigor of our present world with a deepened appreciation of the beauty and strength of friendship.

May we encourage one another and in common concern be ever faithful to the highest and best we know.

Together enable us to live bravely amid the discouragements of life; seek to acquit ourselves like men

and continue to believe in the best, even in the face of failure.

May we never use our brotherhood as a means to seek selfish ends and keep us free from cynicism. May no unworthy thoughts or deeds cloud our skies. May our actions never make rough the road for others who walk with us or who would follow. May we never fail to keep faith with those who place their trust in us. Let us renew the vows once made and now shared with these new Brothers.

Grant us the strength to serve, and the moral courage to live more nobly and strive to achieve the maturity of independent minds. May no pettiness, or pride of exclusiveness ever keep us from rendering to Delta Upsilon the vision of the highest and noblest purposes as they have emerged from Justice, our sure Foundation.

In all this we ask Thy blessing in the knowledge that the highest ideals and noblest thoughts come from Thee. Amen.

*The Chief Marshal should move to retrieve the Roll Book*

**Master:** Brothers in Delta Upsilon, you have unanimously elected these men to membership in our Fraternity: *(Here the Chief Marshal should again read the full names of each candidate.)* Before proceeding to their initiation, however, it is fitting that we should examine once more our own hearts. In a brotherhood such as ours, a close and lasting friendship must unite all its members, creating such an intimate and permanent influence as shall mold them to a rounded type of manhood. Our past is secure; our future depends upon our vigilance. We must jealously guard against any who may disturb the harmony of our fraternal life, against any whose presence may lower our standards or becloud our ideals.

Therefore, will the members of our chapter please rise? \* I now challenge each of you in the name of Delta Upsilon:

Does any brother know any reason why any of these candidates should not be received into the fellowship of our Fraternity?

*Here shall follow a short pause, after which the Master shall continue:*

Your silence makes it your duty to remove from your minds all prejudice or feelings, which might hinder the discharge of any brotherly obligation.

I therefore charge you so to rule your thought and conduct that, in all of your future relations with these men, nothing should mar the trust and brotherly affection, which should ever exist between you. Please be seated.

*Here, turning from the members, the Master shall address himself to the candidates.*

Now, as to you who would join our Brotherhood, this hour, to all of us impressive, to you gentlemen, should be especially solemn. We initiate you into no meaningless secrets, but into a **Brotherhood** founded upon a principle, which it is our duty to exemplify in our lives, —DIKAIA UPOTHEKE, —Justice, our Foundation. The relationship of brotherhood is a sacred one. Its ties are noble, for it has been divinely established by the Great Exemplar as the proper bearing of man toward man. It is therefore the ideal of human relationship, an ideal that we seek to realize in our fraternal life, thereby learning from our Fraternity the highest lessons of human duty and opportunity.

In this brotherhood, Justice is our guiding principle, and as Justice is but truth in action, it is our deeds that testify our loyalty to the ideals of our Fraternity, and our worthiness to conserve the heritage handed down to us by past generations of Delta Upsilon. In three centuries now, time

has endorsed the enduring value of our principles. In chapters across the United States and Canada, in loyal pursuit of our ideals, we have conserved our heritage, and have passed along to our ever-increasing brotherhood, the lessons we strive to teach. In uprightness, in nobility, in consideration of others and fair dealing with them, in constant endeavor to promote truth and equity in every relation in which we may be cast—in such ways do the lessons of our Fraternity bear their richest fruit.

Into such a brotherhood we offer you the opportunity to enter. But in entering you must pledge undying loyalty to Delta Upsilon and to its ideals.

*At this point, if a Charge is not to be given, the ceremony continues with the Examiner's statement below. If a Charge is to be given, the Master shall continue:*

It is, therefore, well that we should here pause to consider those ideals more fully.

*Here, all being seated, the Master should introduce the Speaker who will deliver the charge.*

**Master:** Brothers and guests, it is my pleasure to introduce our speaker who will deliver the charge to the candidates.

*The Master will now read the prepared introduction.*

Fellow Brothers and honored guests, I am proud to introduce, Brother (Name), (Chapter Name and Year)  
(Ex: "Brother James A. Garfield, Williams '56")

*Once the charge has concluded, the Master shall proceed to the podium, and the Examiner shall rise proceed to the end of the table to the Master's left.*

**Examiner:** I ask that the candidates please rise.

Brother Master, I present to you these candidates present, to be admitted to fellowship in the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

They have made the preliminary declarations, and, having learned the nature of the pledges, are prepared to take them.

**Master:** The pledges I now propose to you, you must take upon your word of honor to hold them sacred and inviolable forever.

*The Master shall read the Oath aloud, a few words at a time, the candidates repeating each phrase in unison.*

**Master:** Each candidate will individually pronounce "I" and their full name, and then in unison, repeat after me.

I, *(here shall be inserted the full name of the candidate)*, \* of my own free will and accord, \* in the presence of God and of these witnesses, \* do hereby solemnly declare \* that the principles of this Fraternity \* as they have been explained to me \* accord entirely with my own views; \* and I solemnly promise \* that as a member of this Fraternity \* I will faithfully adhere to those principles, \* endeavoring in every way to perfect myself \* morally, intellectually, and socially, \* and endeavoring also to act towards others \* according to that high standard of conduct \* required by the Fraternity.

I solemnly promise that I will be loyal \* to the Delta Upsilon Fraternity \* and to this Chapter, \* abiding by their rules, \* discharging my obligations to them faithfully, \* and using all honorable means \* to promote their interests.

I solemnly promise that I will share with my brothers \* the duties of my chapter; \* that I will uphold and encourage them \* in all that is honorable and right; \* that I will ever extend to each brother \* the right hand of sympathy; \* and that at all times and in all circumstances \* I will endeavor to cultivate those sentiments \* which should ever exist between brothers.

All this I solemnly promise upon my honor, \* without any equivocation, \* mental reservation, \* or secret evasion of mind whatsoever.

**Master:** Brothers, we are all witnesses to these pledges.

*After a short pause the Master opens the Roll Book at the place where the initiates have signed, and carries it before each candidate so that while the Chief Marshal calls the roll, each candidate whose name is called shall have the book before him.*

**Master:** Do you, before God and in the presence of these witnesses, acknowledge this signature, which you have subscribed herein to the pledges just now repeated? If so, you will answer to your name, "I do."

*The Chief Marshal shall here call the roll of the candidates.*

*Under the guidance of the Chief Marshal, the candidates shall then pass before the Master to receive the insignia. Each candidate shall stand before the Master, and the latter, placing the ribbon with the badge about the candidate's neck, shall say:*

**Master:** Receive and wear this badge in token of your membership in the Delta Upsilon Fraternity. I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.

*During this interval a Fraternity song may be sung or music softly played.*

**Master:** Initiates of Delta Upsilon, you have this day received a distinction, which is granted to few men—decoration with the insignia of our Fraternity. It marks the confidence, which we repose in you. May the ties which it symbolizes, strengthen perpetually, and may its possession instill in you the spirit of undying loyalty to Delta Upsilon.

By virtue of the authority vested in me, I now declare you members of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

*Then, to the assembled members, the Master shall say:*

**Master:** I ask that all Brothers in Delta Upsilon please stand.

Forasmuch as these men have now become your brothers, it is your part and duty to aid them in their struggle toward a larger life, to recall to their minds what solemn pledges they have just now taken before this company; to instruct, reprove, and admonish them with all kindness, according to the principles of our Fraternity and the truth that is in you; and to share with them the benefits and duties of life together. You may be seated.

*Then, to the initiates:*

**Master:** And as for you who have been newly received in our fraternal circle, it is your part and duty to bear in mind that you are now one with us in principle and purpose; you are to share with us the privileges and divide with us the responsibilities of faithful service in Delta Upsilon. May your zeal in its cause never flag, may your sympathy with its interests ever grow deeper, may our mutual regard increase as time shall heighten our appreciation of the noble sentiments which have made us one. May justice, culture, and morality be the motives of your lives, as they have been the motives of our union. May the bonds forged today unite us forever in sturdy resolve to attain that goal of true manhood, aspiration toward which is the sign and seal of our Fraternity.

This concludes the Rite of Initiation. With great pride I now present our newest Brothers in Delta Upsilon.

*Here, all in attendance shall applaud and sing "Hail, Delta Upsilon."*

*The Ceremony of Initiation concludes with the Master may make any necessary announcements.*

## PREFACE TO THE FUNERAL CEREMONY

The Funeral Ceremony is performed to honor a brother that has passed to Chapter Eternal. Typically, the departed brother has made a request or made arrangements for this ceremony to be performed for him. A Ceremony Team has the responsibility of performing this most solemn ceremony. The members of the Ceremony Team should be extremely familiar with the performance and flow of this ceremony due to the circumstances under which it is performed. Its performance will affect many, so all sincerity and solemnity should be accorded to the deceased brother, his family and guests, and to the Fraternity.

The members of the Ceremony Team should have either performed it before, or have practiced it together several times, as there is not sufficient time to practice this under normal circumstances. The team is made up of six members. There are three speaking parts, consisting of the Master, Chief Marshal, and the Chaplain. The three non-speaking parts consist of a Flag Bearer and two members of an Honor Guard; each playing a part that is important to the ceremony. Six members are needed to form the implied badge of protection, as described later. Six is also decided upon in the event that pallbearers are needed, or that the team has been chosen to serve as pallbearers. The ceremony is designed to compliment the existing funeral arrangements that would be carried out by the family.

While the ceremony is modest, it is to be precise. The speakers need to be strong, capable, and comfortable. The three non-speaking parts have the duty that requires the utmost attention, timing, and precision. Every member of the Ceremony Team plays an important part.

A representative of the Ceremony Team should work with the family to coordinate the ceremony.

The ceremony should be performed at the gravesite, but may be held in a chapel or other site if needed. The wishes of the family should always take precedence.

Under the circumstances, it is advisable that only one representative from the Ceremony Team coordinate plans with the family, as to avoid confusion and stress to the family. Ideally, the ceremony is performed before, after, or within a ceremony presided over by the clergy, if applicable.

The Ceremony Team, being very practiced and comfortable with the ceremony, should gather before the ceremony, dressed as uniformly as possible, and each wearing their member badge. The team members with speaking parts should have their ritual books with them. Non-speaking members are responsible for bringing the DU flag. When carrying the flag, it should be folded neatly and held in the right hand to the side. The ritual books should be carried in the same manner. Uniformity from all members should be evident in all aspects of the ceremony. If the team is to serve as pallbearers, it is appropriate to have someone carry both the flag and ritual books for the team until the casket is in place and the ritual is to be performed.

As the ceremony begins, the six team members walk uniformly in single file behind the casket as outlined in diagram A of the Funeral Ceremony (pg. 62). After a brief introduction by the Master, the members take their respective places as outlined in diagram B (pg. 62). The Master moves to the head of the casket, with the Flag Bearer moving to the foot of the casket. The remaining members each take their places, each on a corner of the casket. The two on honor guard take the corners at the head of the casket near the Master.

Honor Guard #1 will be on the front side, and Honor Guard #2 on the back side. The Chaplain is positioned at the corner of the foot of the casket closest to the audience, while the Chief Marshal takes the remaining corner behind the Chaplain. The positioning forms the “Badge of Honor”, as shown in diagram C (pg. 63).

At the appointed time, as directed by the Chief Marshal, the Flag Bearer will turn to face the casket. Then, with a defined nod, the two on honor guard will move toward the foot of the casket, each on their respective sides. Honor Guard #1 will stop at the center of the casket, with Honor Guard #2 to the foot of the casket. Honor Guard #2 will then receive the flag from the Flag Bearer. Then, with the Flag Bearer nodding again, each Honor Guard will sidestep to the middle of the casket. Honor Guard #2 will hold out the flag over the top of the casket. Honor Guard #1 will also take hold of the flag, and then together, both Honor Guards will ceremoniously unfold the flag until it is completely unfolded. The flag will be held over the casket for four seconds, perpendicular to the casket so that when lowered, the flag’s ends will drape over each side of the casket as outlined in diagram D (pg. 63). After the four second count which is indicated by another nod from the Flag Bearer, each end of the flag is simultaneously and slowly lowered onto the casket slightly above center, so that the badge of the flag is placed over the heart of the deceased. When the flag is properly aligned and in place, the Honor Guards return to their respective places on the corners at the head of the casket, and the Flag Bearer resumes his place, with all facing the audience.

Within the ceremony, a brief eulogy should be recited by an additional guest Brother, or by any member of the Ceremony Team. The eulogy should be kept to fewer than four minutes in length. It should include the deceased brother’s fraternal facts, accomplishments, and a suitable Fraternity story reflecting upon his life.

When all words of the ceremony have been spoken, the Master places a sprig of evergreen on the head of the casket, and the Honor Guards turn to face the Flag Bearer. At the nodding of the Flag Bearer, the Honor Guards will move to the ends of the flag. They will then ceremoniously perform the same flag ceremony in reverse order. Once the folded flag is in the hands of Honor Guard #2, the Flag Bearer will again nod, and the Honor Guard will return the flag to the Flag Bearer. A final nod from the Flag Bearer will direct all team members to file once again behind the casket. With the completion of the Master's final words, the Ceremony Team files out.

## FUNERAL RITUAL

*With the deceased brother or his family having requested that his remains be buried with the formalities of the Fraternity, the members of the Ceremony Team gather together at a convenient location. The team shall observe uniformity in attire, dark suits being most appropriate, and each member wearing his own membership badge. With each member having a speaking part having their ritual books, the Flag Bearer having the Fraternity flag, and the Master having a sprig of evergreen, the team departs to the designated place of the funeral. Upon arrival, the team should stay together, and if possible, be seated or stand together. At the designated time and place, the team enters single file behind the casket so that when looked upon by the audience, from left to right, the Team is in the following order: Master, Honor Guard #1, Honor Guard #2, Chaplain, Flag Bearer, and Chief Marshal.*

*With the Ceremony Team standing single file behind the casket, the Ritual begins.*

**Chief Marshal:** Brother Master, it is with high regard and deepest sympathy that we gather today to respond to death's call. Our beloved Brother (**first name, middle name, last name, chapter and year**) has passed to Chapter Eternal. By request, he is to be committed with the formalities of the Fraternity.

*At this point, the Honor Guards, and the Flag Bearer will turn to face each other. With a nod from the Flag Bearer, the Honor Guards will move a step forward to the center of the casket, with Honor Guard #2 moving to the foot of the casket to receive the flag from the Flag Bearer. With another nod from the Flag Bearer, Honor Guard #2 takes one step back to the center of the casket. With the Honor Guards facing each other, and after waiting a four second count, they fully unfold the flag over the casket, not letting it yet touch the casket. After the flag is fully unfolded it is held over the casket for another four-second count, with the badge of the flag slightly above center of the casket. After the silent count, each end of the flag will be simultaneously lowered down to the sides of the casket. Once the flag is in place and the Honor Guards stand facing each other, the Flag Bearer will give a final nod, and the Honor Guards will return to their respective places on the corners at the head of the casket.*

*The Master will continue with the ceremony.*

**Master:** Brothers in Delta Upsilon, family, and friends, we have been called upon to commit Brother (**Last Name**) to his final resting place. We accord to him all continued rights and privileges as a member of Delta Upsilon

Although his living body is no longer with us he remains a brother in Delta Upsilon. He is as much a DU Brother in spirit as he was in life. Once a DU, always a DU. We are therefore assembled here to celebrate his life, and to leave a final reminder of his fraternal existence for ourselves, and for all who may come within the influence of Delta Upsilon.

Since our words and deeds have emerged from a common heritage of acceptance and belief in a Supreme Being, it is an essential and basic part of our tradition to turn to God in prayer, as did our founding brothers.

**Chaplain:** Let us pray. God of our Fathers and our God, who inspired the formation of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity with Justice as its sure Foundation, may we encourage one another and in common concern be ever faithful to the highest and best we know. Together, enable us to live bravely amid the discouragements of life; seek to acquit ourselves like men and continue to believe in the best.

We adore Thee as the God of time and eternity. We acknowledge our mortal destiny, and stand rebuked and confounded while death is in our midst, but we are assured that Your most trying dispensations are wisely ordered and graciously designed for our welfare.

We pray Thee to look with tender compassion upon these sorrowing friends who today mourn the loss of our departed Brother. We humbly commend them to Your care and mercy. May Your loving kindness remain with them in their hours of grief, that they may be strengthened by Your presence, and better enabled to bear the great affliction that has befallen them. May they lie passive in the arms of Your chastening love, realizing that Your appointments, though sovereign, are not arbitrary; that there is wisdom and goodness in them all.

We thank You for all the good influences of the life that has gone. We thank You for the sure knowledge of our immortality, and the sure promise of a brighter, everlasting world beyond the grave.

May this sad bereavement remind us of our own approaching fate, and that when our time arrives we are comforted with the fact that Your mercy will dispel the gloom of death. And after our own departure, may we enjoy, in union with our now lamented friends, the unfading light and immortal life of that kingdom where faith and hope shall end, and love and joy prevail throughout eternal ages.

In all this we ask Thy blessing in the knowledge that the highest ideals and noblest thoughts come from Thee. Amen.

**Master:** Another beloved member of our Brotherhood has been called away from his earthly labor. Our bereavement brings to our minds the penetrating conviction that human life, in its best security, is weak and defenseless; and in its greatest length, brief and uncertain. In the midst of our sadness, we reflect on our own lives. Realizing how precious life is, we are comforted that we can, with assured hope, look forward to a peaceful place away from life's travails, and where separation and death no longer exist. Blessed then is the departure of our loved ones, when as we look into the shadows in which they walked, there is a glorious radiance of life, and a light of immortality. Our loss is the eternal gain of those now in the presence of our departed.

In the Oath of Initiation, which all who have been received into the fellowship of our Brotherhood have recited, we promise to ever extend to each brother, the right hand of sympathy; and that at all times and in all circumstances, we will endeavor to cultivate brotherly sentiments.

Those sentiments, to which we must hold ourselves accountable, extend to life beyond the grave, and to the loved ones of our departed brother. It is our fraternal duty to uphold the Four Founding Principles of our Fraternity: The Promotion of Friendship The Development of Character, The Diffusion of Liberal Culture, and The Advancement of Justice. While upholding all of these principles, we formally extend also, the right hand of sympathy to all of those who have ever come in contact with Brother (Last Name).

*At this time, the Master will introduce a Brother who will give a brief eulogy. The eulogy will consist of the deceased brother's fraternal facts, (initiation date, pledge date, etc.) and any other applicable facts, stories, accomplishments, or reading of a letter from a distinguished or notable DU. The eulogy should be kept to fewer than four minutes in length; brief and to the point, yet meaningful.*

*At the conclusion of the brief eulogy, the Master will continue.*

**Master:** As with all of our Founding Fathers before us, our time on this earth is brief. We are merely visitors as we journey on this earth. The evergreen, which I hold, is an emblem of our own immortality. It reminds us that though, like our dear brother whose loss we mourn, we too shall soon be clothed by death's wardrobe, and laid away in a silent tomb. Yet, through a belief in a divine mercy, we may confidently hope that our spirits will bloom in the sunshine of an eternal spring.

*The Master then turns toward the casket and places the evergreen on the head of the casket, right above the center of the flag, and recites:*

Until we are again reunited in Chapter Eternal, may nothing but peaceful rest be upon you Brother (Last Name). With all sincerity, we await with eagerness, our next meeting of Brotherhood together. We mourn the loss of your living body, but are comforted by the existence of your spirit that still resides in our fraternal circle, and by the shared memories that continue to fill our minds. Dikaia Upotheke.

*At this time, all DU Brothers in attendance shall sing the song “Reminiscence” (see appendix), led by the Ceremony Team, or an appointed Brother. The song may be sung as a solo, or as part of a quartet, with the first or both of the verses being sufficient. The singing of this song may be limited to those who know it, or have specifically practiced it for this occasion and can sing it from memory. In any case, the judgment of the Ceremony Team shall prevail. There need not be a formal invitation to sing, or an explanation. The song shall start immediately after the Master’s previous paragraph, and on cue from the Brother appointed to lead the song, preferably the Chief Marshal.*

*After the song has ended the Honor Guard and the Flag Bearer will turn to face each other. With a nod from the Flag Bearer, the Honor Guards will reverse the previous order, by lifting the flag off of the casket, and folding it appropriately over the casket, with the similar appropriate nods coming from the Flag Bearer. Once the flag has been returned to the Flag Bearer, all members of the ritual team will resume their initial positions, single file behind the casket as when they entered.*

*The Chaplain continues the ceremony.*

**Chaplain:** Let us pray. O God, our loving Creator, we beseech Thee to bless the solemn services in which we have been engaged. May our faith in Thy goodness and power be strengthened and ever abide with us. We ask for Thy blessing upon our beloved Delta Upsilon, and each and every member of our Brotherhood. Amen

*The Ceremony Team quietly files out the way they came in, and the Funeral Ceremony concludes.*

## PREFACE TO THE MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The Memorial Ceremony is performed to honor a brother who has passed to Chapter Eternal. It is similar, in text, to the Funeral Ceremony, but contains much less movement, due to the absence of a casket. Typically, the departed brother has made a request or made arrangements for this ceremony to be performed for him. The ceremony team has the responsibility of performing this most solemn ceremony. The members of the ceremony team should be extremely familiar with the performance and flow of this ceremony due to the circumstances under which it is performed. Its performance will affect many, so all sincerity and solemnity should be accorded to the deceased brother, his family and guests, and to the Fraternity.

The members of the ceremony team should have either performed this ceremony before, or have practiced it together several times, as there is not sufficient time to practice this under normal circumstances. This team is made up of four members. There are three speaking parts, consisting of the Master, Chief Marshal, and the Chaplain. There is also one non-speaking part, that being the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard has the stoic duty of carrying the flag standard with the Fraternity flag on it, and leading the ceremony team to the front. Upon arrival at the front, the flag is posted, and the Honor Guard stands honorably and silently by the flag, until the conclusion of the ceremony, when he leads the team out in the same manner.

The Memorial Ceremony can be held as a part of an existing memorial service, or held as a brief ceremony within the chapter. While the ceremony is modest, it is to be precise. The speakers need to be strong, capable, and comfortable, and always maintaining the dignity of the ceremony.

If the Memorial Ceremony is to be performed along with an existing memorial service for the deceased brother, then a representative of the ceremony team should work with the family to coordinate the ceremony, determining where and when the ceremony will take place. The wishes of the deceased and/or his family take precedence.

Under the circumstances, it is advisable that there be only one representative from the team that coordinates the plans with the family, as to avoid confusion and stress to the family. Ideally, the ceremony is to be performed before, after, or within a ceremony performed the clergy, if such is to be performed.

The ceremony team, being very practiced and comfortable with the ceremony, should gather before the ceremony, dressed as uniformly as possible, and each wearing their membership badge. Uniformity from all members should be evident in all aspects of the ceremony. The team members should have their Ritual Books with them, carried uniformly and in the same manner. The Master should acquire a sprig of evergreen for use during the ceremony. The Honor Guard should have the flag on the flag standard, held at the ready. The flag standard base, or a second base, should be positioned at the front of the room where it shall be posted during the ceremony.

In the ceremony, the four team members walk uniformly in single file to the front of the room. If a DU Brother separate from the ceremony team is to deliver a eulogy, he should walk in as part of the ceremony team. The team enters with the Honor Guard carrying the Fraternity flag. The flag is followed by the Master, Chief Marshal, Chaplain, and then finally by the speaker if one is used. The team shall stay in that order from left to right when seen from the audience.

If a podium is used, the members with the speaking parts stand behind it, with each member changing places when it is his time to speak (See pg. 76).

After the entrance, the ceremony team continues to face in the direction of the flag until it is posted, and subsequently, all will turn to face the audience in the order as outlined in the diagram on the following page.

Within the ceremony, a brief eulogy should be recited by an additional guest brother, or by any member of the ceremony team. The eulogy should be of suitable length for the Memorial Ceremony, and should include the deceased brother's fraternal facts, accomplishments, and a suitable Fraternity story reflecting upon his life.

When all words of the ceremony have been spoken at the conclusion of the Chaplain's final paragraph, the Honor Guard will retrieve the flag and lead the ceremony team out in the same order in which it entered.

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*With the deceased brother or his family having requested that his memory be honored with the formalities of the Fraternity, the members of the ceremony team gather together in a convenient location. The team shall observe uniformity in attire, dark suits being most appropriate, and each member wearing his Badge. With each member with a speaking part shall have his Ritual Book, the Honor Guard shall have the Fraternity flag, and the Master shall have a sprig of evergreen. The team departs to the designated place of the service. Upon arrival, the team should stay together, and if possible, be seated or stand together. At the designated time and place, the ceremony team enters single file to the front of the room so that when looked upon by the audience, from left to right, the Team is in the following order: Honor Guard, Master, Chief Marshal, Chaplain, and if one is used, the Speaker.*

*With the ceremony team standing single file up front, the ceremony begins.*

**Chief Marshal:** Brother Master, it is with high regard and deepest sympathy that we gather today to respond to death's call. Our beloved Brother (**first name, middle name, last name, chapter and year**) has passed to Chapter Eternal. Having received the request that his memory be honored with the formalities of the Fraternity, the request is wholeheartedly and sincerely granted.

**Master:** Brothers in Delta Upsilon, family, and friends, we have been called upon to publicly mourn the loss of Brother (**Last Name**), and pay honor to his memory. We accord to him all continued rights and privileges as a member of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity. Although his living body is no longer with us he remains a brother in Delta Upsilon. He is as much a DU Brother in spirit as he was in life. Once a DU, always a DU. We are therefore assembled here to celebrate his life, and to leave a final reminder of his fraternal existence for ourselves, and for all who may come within the influence of Delta Upsilon. Brother Marshal, is everything in readiness for our sorrowful duty?

**Chief Marshal:** All preparations have been made.

**Master:** Therefore, since our words and deeds have emerged from a common heritage of acceptance and belief in a Supreme Being, it is an essential and basic part of our tradition to turn to God in prayer, as did our Founding Fathers.

**Chaplain:** Let us pray. God of our fathers and our God, who inspired the formation of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity with Justice as its sure Foundation, may we encourage one another and in common concern be ever faithful to the highest and best we know. Together, enable us to live bravely amid the discouragements of life; seek to acquit ourselves like men and continue to believe in the best.

We adore Thee as the God of time and eternity. We acknowledge our mortal destiny, and stand rebuked and confounded while death is in our midst, but we are assured that Your most trying dispensations are wisely ordered and graciously designed for our welfare.

We pray Thee to look with tender compassion upon these sorrowing friends who today mourn the loss of our departed Brother. We humbly commend them to Your fatherly care and mercy. May Your loving kindness remain with them in their hours of grief, that they may be strengthened by Your presence, and better enabled to bear the great affliction that has befallen them. May they lie passive in the arms of Your chastening love, realizing that Your appointments, though sovereign, are not arbitrary; that there is wisdom and goodness in them all.

We thank You for all the good influences of the life which has gone. We thank You for the sure knowledge of our immortality, and the sure promise of a brighter, everlasting world beyond the grave. May this sad bereavement remind us of our own approaching fate, and that when our time arrives we are comforted with the fact that Your mercy will dispel the gloom of death.

And after our own departure, may we enjoy, in union with our now lamented friends, the unfading light and immortal life of that kingdom where faith and hope shall end, and love and joy prevail throughout eternal ages.

In all this we ask Thy blessing in the knowledge that the highest ideals and noblest thoughts come from Thee. Amen.

**Master:** A beloved member of our brotherhood has been called away from his earthly labor. Our bereavement brings to our minds the penetrating conviction that human life, in its best security, is weak and defenseless; and in its greatest length, brief and uncertain. In the midst of our bereavement, we reflect on our own lives. Realizing how precious life is, we are comforted that we can with assured hope, look forward to a peaceful place away from life's travails, and where separation and death no longer exist. Blessed then is the departure of our loved ones, when as we look into the shadows in which they walked, there is a glorious radiance of life, and a light of immortality. Our loss is the eternal gain of those now in the presence of our departed.

*After a brief pause, the Master continues.*

With the reminder that Delta Upsilon is the eternal soul of our fraternal lives, let us join together in remembrance of Brother (**Last Name**), as we sing "Hail, Delta Upsilon" to his memory.

**Chief Marshal:** Would all Brothers of Delta Upsilon in attendance please stand for the singing of "Hail, Delta Upsilon?"

*After the brothers in attendance have stood, the Chief Marshal will then lead the Brothers in the singing of the first verse of "Hail, Delta Upsilon."*

**Chief Marshal:** Thank you Brothers; you may be seated.

**Master:** In the Oath of Initiation, which we all who have been received into the fellowship of our brotherhood have recited, we promise to ever extend to each brother the right hand of sympathy; and that at all times and in all circumstances, we will endeavor to cultivate brotherly sentiments. Those sentiments, to which we must hold ourselves accountable, extend to life beyond the grave, and to the loved ones of our departed brother. It is our fraternal duty to uphold the Four Founding Principles of our Fraternity: the Promotion of Friendship, the Development of Character, the Diffusion of Liberal Culture, and the Advancement of Justice. While upholding all of these principles, we formally extend also, the right hand of sympathy to all of those who have ever come in contact with Brother (**Last Name**).

*At this time, the Master will introduce a brother who will give a brief eulogy. The eulogy will consist of the deceased brother's fraternal facts, (initiation date, pledging date, etc.) and any other applicable facts, stories, accomplishments, or reading of a letter from a distinguished or notable DU. The eulogy should be appropriate in length. It may extend longer than the shorter eulogy that is given in the Funeral Ritual.*

*At the conclusion of the brief eulogy, the Master will continue.*

**Master:** As with all of our Founding Fathers before us, our time on this earth is brief. We are but visitors on our journey on this earth. The evergreen, which I hold, is an emblem of our own immortality. It reminds us that though, like our dear brother whose loss we mourn we, too, shall soon be clothed by death's wardrobe, and laid away in a silent tomb. Yet, through a belief in a divine mercy, we may confidently hope that our spirits will bloom in the sunshine of an eternal spring.

*The Master will then place the evergreen on the altar, near the photograph of the deceased, or some other suitable place at the front.*

**Master:** Until we are again reunited in Chapter Eternal, may nothing but peaceful rest be upon our Brother (**Last Name**). With all sincerity, we await with eagerness, our next meeting of brotherhood together. We mourn the loss of his mortal body, but are comforted by the existence of his spirit that still resides in our fraternal circle, and by the shared memories that continue to fill our minds.

*At this time, all DU brothers in attendance shall sing the song "Reminiscence" (see appendix), led by the ceremony team, or an appointed brother. The song may be sung as a solo, or as part of a quartet, with the first or both of the verses being sufficient. The singing of this song may be limited to those who know it, or have specifically practiced it for this occasion and can sing it from memory. In any case, the judgment of the ceremony team shall prevail. There may be a formal invitation to all DU brothers that may be in attendance, to stand and join in the singing of the song if they so choose.*

**Chaplain:** Let us pray. O God, our loving Creator, we beseech Thee to bless the solemn services in which we have been engaged. May our faith in Thy goodness and power be strengthened and ever abide with us. We ask for Thy blessing upon our beloved Delta Upsilon, and each and every member of our brotherhood. Amen.

*The ceremony team quietly files out the way they came in, and the Memorial Ceremony concludes.*