

Ritual Committee Report

2007-2009

Charges

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Initially, it took a long time to receive communication from every committee member. I had incorrect email addresses for two members. I had to call two Brothers to confirm their acceptance. One Brother declined the appointment once contacted over the phone. The original Province VIII Brother switched with another Brother. The final ritual committee had representation from all provinces, except Province III. Excluding the chair, there were 8 members on the committee. The original plan was to have a couple committee members to work together and take lead the plan for each of the committee charges.

1. Develop a "Fourth Degree" Ritual: "Graduation Ritual".
 - A proposal for a Graduation Ritual was developed and is being discussed by the executive committee. Originally, I planned to include it following this report, however, for lack of security purposes, I have not included it. To obtain a copy of this proposal please contact Melissa O’Neill at moneill_15@hotmail.com (or the next Grand Ritualist).
 - It is recommended that the next Grand Ritualist review this with their committee first thing for any revisions and then it should be taken to all of the fall 2009 Province meetings to get feedback from the Brothers. This can be taken by the Province Supervisors or any members of the executive committee that are attending the Province meetings. Copies could be printed for the delegates, as long as they are not put in any sort of delegate packet that may not be treated with

utmost secrecy. The copies should be collected after the discussion, except for one copy per chapter for Brothers to take back to their chapter to get any feedback. During discussion, the ritual proposal could be put on the overhead screen to be easily reviewed by the group (especially if copies are not printed). After any feedback from the Provinces, the new Grand Ritualist can make any necessary revisions and then promote its use at the spring Province meetings for use during the 2010 graduations. For those provinces that do not have a Fall Province Meeting, the Grand Ritualist would have to coordinate distribution of the proposal to the province through the province officers and members on the committee requesting feedback (remembering that listservs are not always secure).

- I think this is something the Brothers would be interested in as a way to symbolize the transition from collegiate Brother to graduate Brother, especially in areas with active graduate chapters. The graduation cords have had a lot of interest in the last few years, so they have been included in this ritual. This could be a ceremony for the chapter that makes it a more official transition and gives the chapter one last chance to bring the Brothers back before they head their separate ways (and get their permanent contact information). If possible, the graduate and collegiate chapters should work together. Any information regarding the graduate chapter can be distributed, including information about graduate voluntary dues.
- Obviously, the ritual books will not be reprinted any time soon (since they've been printed twice in the last four years), so this would be possibly an insert until a new version could be made. Or at least put in an electronic file to be ready for a future version to be printed.

2. Coordinate distribution of revised Ritual Books and re-call of misprints.

- Each committee member was asked to contact the chapters in their province (via a list serve or through personal/chapter emails) and ask them to confirm that they have the most up to date version of the ritual book (grey with red letters and the year 2007). Each collegiate chapter should have 10 copies, graduate chapters 2 copies and provinces 1 copy. Any collegiate chapters that did not have the ritual books were asked to check with their GCD (that is where the copies were sent); asked if their GCD has changed in the last 2 years; told to confirm the address that is on the national website for their chapter; double check with the last year's officers to ensure they did not still have them. If all of those methods had been checked, then the information was forwarded to the Central Office in order for new ritual books to be ordered and sent to the chapter. Chapters were encouraged to return any old versions to the central office for proper destruction. Brothers were also asked if they had found any misprints in the new version.
- This issue was mentioned in my communication to all of the province meetings since I took office as well. During the informal ritual discussions I completed at the Province meetings during 2007-2008, I asked each chapter if they had the correct ritual book. If they did not, I followed up with them after the meeting.
- The current version of the ritual book was mentioned in the ritual survey and asked chapters whether they had the new version or not. Chapters that listed 0 ritual books during this section (and listed their chapter name) were sent a follow up email asking the questions above.
- So far, I have coordinated 6 chapters that did not have the most current version receiving the new version (and sent numerous emails verifying other chapters have the correct copy). One chapter was able to find the ritual books in the GCD's office once I informed the chapter that they were sent to the GCD. Another chapter was able to contact the previous year's officers to find the missing books (they only had 7 copies). A few other chapters have been contacted based on their responses in the ritual survey questioning whether or not they have the ritual book and if they have gone through all the appropriate means of inquiry.
- Chapters have been informed about the new ritual books through numerous avenues. At this time, the Central Office will charge for any ritual books that need to be sent to chapters.

3. Develop strategies for Collegiate Chapters to obtain or have for use the Ritual Robes and Regalia.

- Committee members were asked to contact their respective provinces and find out which chapters own the ritual robes or sashes. Chapters were asked this question in the ritual survey as well. Chapters were encouraged to share robes or sashes with a chapter near them, especially if money was a factor for purchasing them. A list of the chapters that informed me that they own the sashes and robes is included below (based on information obtained at province meetings or through the ritual survey- so there may be more). Chapters that were listed by another chapter as a possibility for sharing the robes were contacted. Unfortunately, based on the survey results, most chapters were not interested in sharing the robes.
- A list of the most common/most beneficial fundraisers mentioned by chapters has been compiled in an effort to give chapters new ideas for fundraising for this effort, this list is included following this report. It is recommended that this list will be posted individually on the website and continue to be updated (including suggestions for how to make these fundraisers successful).
- A nationally available fundraiser was developed to be dedicated toward this project; a Tupperware fundraiser. Chapters can go to my website (www.fundraising4fun.com/moneill) and click on their chapter's fundraiser button. Each chapter will receive 25% cash back for everything purchased under their chapter's name on the website. They can forward the website link to whomever they want (moms, grandmas, aunts, girlfriends, faculty members, coworkers, etc). They can also post flyers with the information around school, work, etc. An email and flyer were developed for chapters' use that simply has to have the chapter name changed before distribution. All of this information was distributed on the national listserv. There really is minimal work for the chapter. The chapter can have actual parties as well, which would gain the chapter 40% back, even if they are just book parties and then they email me the orders afterward and no one actually meets. Or I can find a Tupperware consultant in their area. I have signed up as a Tupperware salesperson and set up a website to be able to offer this option for chapters. It takes 48-72 hours after a chapter contacts me for me to get their info available on the website for them to order from. This fundraiser was promoted at Province meetings and sent out on the national listserv.
- During the Province meetings, the Province Officers were encouraged to wear the ritual sashes. One Province meeting even had the ritual robes available for viewing.
- I have also called Kalamazoo Regalia to confirm the sashes and robes prices posted on the website and to ensure appropriate promotion of their purchase. The prices are under review and may be updated during the month of August.
- Current chapters (that I know of) that have Ritual robes:
 - Beta Upsilon (purchased 4/08)- Province V
 - Beta Kappa (made their own)- Province II
 - Beta Xi- Province III
 - Iota- Province III
 - Delta Lambda- Province III
 - Gamma Sigma- Province IV
 - Pi- Province V
 - Gamma Omicron- Province VII
 - Delta Pi (made their own- black, not the official ones)- Province VII

The goal is to have at least one chapter in each Province with a set of the robes and encourage communication between the chapters within each Province in order to possibly have chapters share the robes to help Brothers across the country benefit from them.
- Another suggestion is to take the current robes and develop a pattern from them in order to facilitate chapters making our own robes and sashes. This would be significantly cheaper, but would require the chapter having someone available to do the sewing. We also need to ensure secrecy during this process. Kalamazoo Regalia would not allow us to use their patterns, but we should be able to create a pattern from the current robes.
- Current chapters (that I am aware of) that have Ritual sashes:
 - Province II- Beta Kappa, Delta Omicron, Delta Epsilon

- Province III- Iota, Delta Lambda, Delta Xi (made)
- Province IV- Gamma Zeta, Gamma Sigma, Delta Rho
- Province V- Upsilon, Chi, Beta Phi, Beta Psi, Gamma Iota, Gamma Chi
- Province VII- Psi, Beta Rho, Gamma Omicron (2), Gamma Pi, Delta Delta, Delta Pi (made-silver & white)

4. Promote Collegiate purchase and use of the Official Kappa Psi Badge.

- During my communication to all of the Province meetings over the last two years, I promoted the importance of Brothers owning and wearing the Kappa Psi Badge. I also donated a Kappa Psi Badge to numerous Province raffles. The committee members promoted this throughout their Provinces as well. This is one of the easiest ways to show your pride in Kappa Psi. There are numerous ways to encourage the use of the Kappa Psi Badge within chapters.
 - During pledging:
 - Instill the ritual in all Brothers that everyone should get a badge as soon as they are initiated
 - Encourage the current actives to purchase badges, so the new pledges are able to see how important they are (and better instill this ritual)
 - Buy a badge as a gift for the new Brothers for initiation (from the pledge parent or big Brother)
 - Badges make a great gift for any Brother
- The importance of showing your Kappa Psi pride through an official badge was also included in an article for the MASK.
- One of the barriers to this charge is that the cheapest badge is \$50.40 (and it doesn't have any rubies or pearls). Herff Jones Jewelry Company (that provides the badges) will have a booth during GCC. This will allow Brothers easy access to order badges on the spot and see them in person. The committee will look into the possibility of getting a discount on the badges during the meeting, especially the cheapest one.

5. Create and administer a comprehensive fraternity wide survey of Ritual use in all chapters and identify any barriers or obstacles in Ritual use.

- Created Ritual Survey (October '07)
 - Uploaded basic concepts to Google Group for committee input
 - Created Ritual survey page that is editable on google group for committee member feedback
 - Mentioned survey in communications to provinces during spring 2008 meetings to increase awareness and participation once survey was distributed.
 - Finalized ritual survey July '08 for final feedback from committee
 - Converted information to a survey monkey file available to be filled out online
 - Had to create 4 different surveys to keep it less than 10 questions (and stay free)
 - Survey monkey actually enabled me to ask more questions in a better format and it calculated all my results
 - 16 Brothers filled out the survey on survey monkey
 - Not all 16 filled out all four surveys
 - The only downfall was that I couldn't determine who filled out the survey in order to determine if the chapter needed follow up (answer questions, give guidance, ask them questions, etc)
 - Ritual survey distributed during the 2008-2009 school year

- Hard copy versions distributed at Province meetings (II, III, IV, V, VII)
 - Word attachment and link to the survey monkey site sent out on national listserv
 - Word attachment and link to the survey monkey site sent to Province officers to facilitate distribution
 - Province IX officers obtained ritual surveys back from all but one chapter
 - Surveys still needed from Province VIII and X and 2 chapters in Province I
 - One Province X Brother filled the survey out on survey monkey, but I could not determine which answer was his for every question, since the number of respondents changed.
 - Ritual survey/ results included following this report
 - Major issues with the survey:
 - 2nd page not filled out
 - Chapter name not listed
 - So some chapters I know actually filled out the survey, but they are not represented specifically
 - Numerous Brothers from the same chapter filled out the survey, so initial results skewed
 - Re-calculated results with only one answer per chapter
 - Initially encouraged all Brothers to fill out the survey in order to get opinion responses, however, most opinion questions were skipped
 - Brothers from the same chapter would often have different answers.
 - Survey doesn't all apply graduate chapters
 - Graduate chapters were not included in the one survey per chapter results
 - Contradictory responses
 - Ex.- No phulaxes at door, but give the knock and grip
 - Not completing the entire question
 - Ex.- Only pledge once per year, but wouldn't list spring or fall
 - Developed a summary chart of important information compiled from the survey for each chapter divided by Province. This gave me an easy way to highlight some of the information I still need to know from chapters (ie if they have ritual sashes and robes, ritual books, etc). Any chapter (present) that is not listed as having filled out the survey will be asked to fill out the survey at GCC. During the ritual of initiation the insignia and the square are necessary items for a chapter to have, so I included the insignia in this chart. Only 2 chapters listed that they had an insignia and not a square (and they did not list their chapter name). A square is easy enough to make. Gamma Omicron and Delta Eta are 2 possible chapters that may not have the ritual square. Another question I was asked a lot is "Do a lot of chapters perform the 1st degree on a different night than the 2nd and 3rd degrees?" "If so, when do they perform the 1st degree?" So, this was included in the chart. I also thought these province charts might be helpful for the Province officers while working with the chapters. Especially knowing when they install new officers (and therefore when to look for new officers from the chapter).
 - Worked with Province VII chaplain to distribute a shorter version of the ritual survey within Province VII and collaborated results that were displayed at the Province VII meeting February 2008.
6. Consider the possibility of filming a "Ritual Demonstration" similar to the one preformed at the 52nd G.C.C. (old versus current first degree), with a discussion following of the transformation and original meaning of our first degree.

- I think the current DVDs are outdated and would love to re-film the entire video (all three degrees). We could also include the graduation ritual at that time (and some other rituals that may need to be included that are often points of confusion). I've watched the video and noted all the updates to the ritual that have been made since the video was filmed. It would be great for the video to be current with the ritual book.
 - There is a ritual workshop scheduled during this GCC. A powerpoint slide show was developed, including a discussion of how the ritual has changed and why. This ritual workshop was given at the Spring 2009 Province VII meeting and was scheduled for the Spring 2009 Province II meeting. The information for the workshop was also emailed to the other provinces to be available for a possible workshop for them. A shorter workshop, more of a discussion type workshop, was included at the Province meetings during 2007-2008.
 - The executive committee did not feel logistics allow for an actual taping of the full ritual at this time.
7. Create a Ritual Committee Internet Group to assist in communications and committee interaction.
- Created Ritual Committee Google Group 10/1/07
 - Uploaded Committee Charges
 - Emailed Committee with goals and initial communication

I would like to thank my committee for their hard work, input and support over the past two years.

Respectfully Submitted on behave of the committee,

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Possible Profitable Fundraising Options

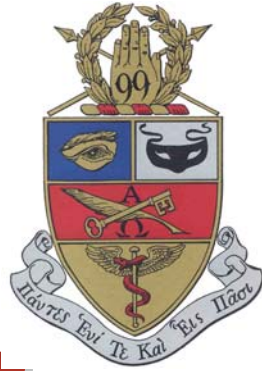
- Tupperware party
 - Any party where the consultant will give money, instead of free product
- T-shirt sales
 - T-shirts that can be sold to the entire pharmacy school make a larger customer base
 - Tailgating T-shirts: "We count by 7's on Saturdays"
- Kappa Psi Flags
- Wing-A-Thon (heart burn awareness)
- Drug Name Spelling Bee
- Yard Sale
- Clean up after sporting events
- Concession Sales
 - Most profitable at major league venues
 - Also good at your college's sporting events
 - Or motor speedways
- Rose or candy sale for Valentines Day
- Scrub Sale on campus
- Hot chocolate sales at football games
- Test packets for first year students
- Drug Information handbook sale
- Class study guide sales (provided by instructor in advance for entire semester)
- Soup in a bread bowl sales (soup made in crock pots by brothers; bread bowls left over from the day before donated from Panera or another bread company)
- Pizza sales (\$5 Little Caesar pizzas)
- Dodge ball, volleyball, broomball (or any other sporting event) tournament
- Dating game
- Brother auction
- Hat sales (fishing hats or baseball hats)

- Stethoscope sales
- Dance marathon
- Hoola hoop contest
- Wristband sales
- Battle of the Bands
- Discount card sales
- Paid surveys
- Golf Tournament
- 50/50 raffles at sporting events
- Calendar sales
- Bingo night
- Magazine sales
- Spring Break fundraisers (through certain companies)
- Buy textbooks at www.half.com
- Have an event at a restaurant where they donate a portion of the proceeds to your organization
- Carwash
- Pizza card sales
- Scratch card sales
- Cookie dough fundraiser
- Cup or coozie sales
- Bake sale (especially puppy chow & drinks- during finals- study while you sell)
- Candy grams
- Silent auction
- Collect cans from side of road (also serves as community service)
- Can return drive
- Recycle old cell phones
- Penny wars

- Inventory & date checking at local hospitals
- Pick up cigarette butts on campus (promote smoke free campus)
- BBQ Sing-a-long
- License plate sales
- Blankets (especially during football season)
- Donut sales (especially during finals)
- Jambalya (made in a crock pot by the brothers)
- Alumni support



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Ritual Survey Results 2009

The following survey contains questions about your chapter's use of the Ritual. Please answer honestly and completely.

Use of the Ritual:

1. How often does your chapter conduct meetings using the Ritual?
13__Never
38__5-10 meetings/year
49__More than 15 meetings/year
27__1-5 meetings/year
70__10-15 meetings/year
2. Do you open and close meetings using the ritual? Yes- 110 No-41
3. How many meetings a year do you use the formal ritual? 0(7), 1(17), 3(3), 4(2), 2(21), 5(7), 6(4), 8(9),9(2), 10(6), 11(2), 12(4),14, 15, 16, 18, 30, once a week, once a semester (2), every meeting (13), alternate at every meeting (2), use opening, but not closing at ever meeting
4. Do you have phulaxes at the door? Yes-110 No-36
5. Do Brothers give the knock and grip of the order? Yes-106 No-30
6. Do Brothers give the countersign to the Regent upon entering a meeting? Yes-24 No-119
7. Does your chapter use the Ritual to initiate new brothers? Yes-46 No-3
8. How many times a year does your chapter initiate new brothers?
 - a. One-11 (Spring-39 or Fall-66) please circle which one
 - b. Two-19
 - c. Other: _____
9. Does your chapter do all three degrees on the same day? Yes-80 No-54
 - a. If not, when do you do the first degree? Scav night (3), Friday before, last night of pledging (3), night before (16), 2nd night of interrogation, didn't list when, 1/2 way (9), week before (2), 3rd week, formal rush (2), week 6 of pledging
10. Does your chapter install new officers with the Ritual? Yes -119 No-20
11. What month does your chapter install new officers? Jan (17), Feb, March (6), April (65), May (24), Aug, Sept, Nov (18), Dec (5)
12. Does your chapter have all the required Ritual officers pre-assigned? Yes-78 No-47
13. Does your chapter have an annual memorial exercise using the Ritual? Yes-25 No-77
14. What month do you conduct the memorial exercise? Spring (4), Jan (3), Feb, March (3), April (3), Aug (2), Nov (3), Dec, varies, no brothers have passed away yet
15. How does your chapter keep track of Brothers that need to be recognized during this exercise? Corresponding secretary, Recording secretary (3), GCD, Obituaries, Alumni database, no system, "we base it off of what officers hold which office", if we hear someone passed away we make a note of it, through who you know, "Through their pledge pop", no system, in process of collecting info, searching online obituaries, no grads yet, grads do it
16. If your chapter does not use the ritual, what is preventing you from using the ritual? *(many Brothers answered this question as if it were referring to the memorial exercise and not the ritual in general);* lack of tradition that had been passed along- though we intend to use it in the near future; time constraints (5), lack of knowledge, didn't get new ritual book with memorial exercise, don't know about this ritual, informal meetings, time is an issue with re-educating grads to the ritual, informal, tradition of not using is difficult to overcome, inadequate info and material, ignorance (2), chapter size, never done it before, understanding its importance, lazy, not enough people at meetings, not knowing what we should do, lack of contact with grads (didn't list chapter name), unaware, not sure what it is, knowledge of how it is done, Lack of knowledge about it, sometimes brothers only here about the countersign during initiation and then not again, we dont really enforce it, ritual hasn't been done with previous KY members, small grad chapter that just re-activated so meetings are informal and we're just glad we get 3 people to show up, limited time in meetings, precedent set by previous brothers, no grads, adequate instruction, time restraints, unaware
What might influence you to use the ritual? The thought that ritual is what unifies all chapters; enthusiasm, new chapter learning how to use the ritual, more knowledge about how to use the ritual and its history, we use occasionally; we are going to start using asap; more active participation; organization; inservices; more education and history; no regalia; informal; hands on ritual workshop; need book; knowing what it is; more national officers showing up; this province meeting (3- at province VII where a ritual workshop was conducted); increased knowledge, more info, national visit, 1st province meeting- returning to chapter to educate; multiple people working on it; correspondence from province officers; education from central office about how the memorial is done; within chapters officers need to be shown the importance of the ritual in strengthening brotherhood; Our chapter doesn't have an elected ritualist- maybe if such a position existed we could do more rituals; A direct order

from the Grand Ritualist and Province Chaplain- asking the chapters isn't enough you have to demand it; regularly scheduled meetings that are well-attended so ritual becomes expected (grad chapter); educate- not performing the ritual is detrimental- some newer chapters don't even know that they aren't doing it; more correspondence with province chaplain and grand ritualist

17. Do you have any suggestions for increasing ritual use? No; shorten; edit language so easier to understand; use it at every meeting and every event- make them come early; require more ritual meetings per year to increase comfort with roles and rituals; encouragement from high officers; incentives; improve grammar; workshops; how and when to use; more workshops; educating chapters; education on meaning; suggestions for ritual via video conference meetings between campuses; every chapter should get an updated ritual DVD; have a sign off sheet for officers involved; increased awareness; decreased amount of officers and regalia- overwhelming; education to regents and chaplains to ensure it is done right- through the satrap or province chaplain

Ritual Books:

18. How many copies of the current Ritual book (grey with red writing and the year 2007 on the front) does your chapter have? 0, 1(4), 3, 4(3), 5(3), 6(3), 7 (3), 9, 10 (40), 12 (4), 15 (2), 20 [Each collegiate chapter should have 10 copies, graduate chapters 2 copies, provinces 1.]
19. If you do not have this version, have you checked with your GCD? Yes / No (*This question was filed out randomly and only rarely had all sections with answers. It was meant only for those chapters that did not think they have the most current version of the ritual as a tool to help them find the ritual books.*)
- Have you checked with the last year's officers? Yes / No
 - Has your GCD changed since 2007? Yes / No
- [If you still cannot locate them, please contact the central office (580) 774-7171.]
- Does your chapter have any copies of old Ritual books? Yes-17 / No16
If so, how many and of which versions?
Red: 1 (7), 2, 5(2), 20
Previous Grey: 1 (8), 2(4), 5 (2), 8, 14, 20, 10-15, 18, a lot (3), yes (2), many
Other (please describe): _____
20. Do any of the 2007 Ritual books have errors (misprints, missing pages, etc)? Yes-3 No-21
- If yes, what flaws do they have (please be specific)? Grammatical errors in initiation (no specifics), most didn't list specifics
Chapter closing – pg 29- 18. "...strong Kappa Psi hands are always ready to help us." Vs alternate closing- pg 31- 9. "...strong Kappa Psi hands are already to help us."
 - Have you contacted the Central Office regarding these flaws? Yes No-1
[Please contact the Grand Ritualist and Central Office to inform them of errors.]

Ritual Regalia:

21. Does your chapter own Ritual regalia? Yes-68 No-17
If YES, what type of regalia do you own (check all that apply)?
- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 48__ Altar | 75__ Altar cloth |
| 97__ Square | 83__ Insignia |
| 55__ Ritual sashes | 38__ Ritual robes |
| __ Other: _____ | |
- If your chapter does NOT own the regalia, what do you think are the reasons your chapter does not have these items?
- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| 7__ Did not know about the regalia items | 42__ Too expensive |
| 7__ Too overwhelming | 10__ No one to take care of it |
| 9__ Don't know where to get it | 3__ Don't use the ritual |
| __ Other: _____ | |
22. Would your chapter be interested in buying ritual sashes or robes (circle one)? Yes-32 No-48
23. Would your chapter be interested in purchasing ritual sashes or robes in conjunction with another chapter? Yes-24 No-63
If yes, do you already have a chapter in mind? Do you have any requests for a chapter or criteria for the chapter that you would share the robes or sashes with? (Delta Eta- LA Grad); (Beta Upsilon- Pi); (Delta Nu- Chi)
24. Do you have any suggestions for fundraisers to help earn money toward purchasing the ritual regalia? What type of fundraisers would your chapter be interested in doing specifically for this purpose? All fundraisers are listed in a separate file

Learning more about the Ritual:

25. Would you be interested in viewing the ritual DVD? Yes-60 No-15

26. What do you consider an appropriate amount of time for your chapter to have the ritual DVD?

20__2 weeks 55__1 month

18__2 months 8__3 months

__Other: _____

27. Would you be interested in a ritual workshop? Yes-51 No-17

45___ At your Chapter

65___At a Province meeting

46___At GCC

28. What would you like included in a ritual workshop?

How to handle situations that are not specifically detailed in the ritual book (no examples); practice; have officer with us to go through the rituals and help us go through them; general walk through; overview of meeting and initiation; reasons behind the rituals, official regalia; ritual meeting and initiation; purpose; ritual process; common open/close; when 2nd and third; demonstrations; basics; history/current; character origins; how and when to use the rituals; formal meetings; everything; history; which ritual is which; step by step manual; show DVD; clarify ambiguous rituals (didn't list); When not to perform certain rituals (grip, countersign, etc); make sure they understand why it is so important so they will want to take the time; when differences exist between chapters, how chapters perform the different rituals (initiation); mock meeting; explain officers roles; general outline of how rituals run; how often different rituals should be done; general discussion; history (2); hidden meaning behind things; Q/A session; basics; run through each ritual; 1-2 hours in length

29. What questions do you have regarding the ritual?

how do you clean the robes? (dry clean only); why things are done and what they mean; countersign; purpose; which are more important or necessary than others; why are hoodwinks required in the ritual, but not considered hazing; What is with the Grand Regent in the Universe in the memorial exercise?- sounds corny; 1) Who wrote it? What influenced them? How was its original version different from that used today? When have those changes been made? Why have they been made? What is the minimum number of Brothers needed to appropriately perform the Ritual of Initiation? If we had to design a completely new Ritual today (from scratch), what values/symbols would we try to incorporate, and how do these relate to the KY Ritual?; room set up; how to adapt to larger chapters; clarifications as we go through the ritual

Please return this survey to Grand Ritualist Melissa O'Neill at moneill_15@hotmail.com . Please contact her with any questions or comments.

Thank you for your time and cooperation to help us better use the ritual within the Fraternity.

Ritual Survey Results 2009

One answer per chapter

The following survey contains questions about your chapter's use of the Ritual. Please answer honestly and completely.

Use of the Ritual:

30. How often does your chapter conduct meetings using the Ritual?
5__Never
8__5-10 meetings/year
13__More than 15 meetings/year
11__1-5 meetings/year
6__10-15 meetings/year
31. Do you open and close meetings using the ritual? Yes-31 No-15
32. How many meetings a year do you use the formal ritual? Alt. ritual at every mtg (2); Formal once per month (2); Once a week; all meetings (4); 0 (3); 1 (15); 4, 8, 9 (2); 10 (3); 12 (1)
33. Do you have phulaxes at the door? Yes-37 No-16 (sergeant at arms_- can play the role of phulax)
34. Do Brothers give the knock and grip of the order? Yes-38 No-10
35. Do Brothers give the countersign to the Regent upon entering a meeting? Yes-7 No-39
36. Does your chapter use the Ritual to initiate new brothers? Yes-45 No-0
37. How many times a year does your chapter initiate new brothers?
a. One (Spring-14 or Fall-21) please circle which one
b. Two-8
c. Other: _____
38. Does your chapter do all three degrees on the same day? Yes-32 No-14
a. If not, when do you do the first degree? Day before (3); scav night; Friday; 2nd night of interrogation; week before; ½ way night
39. Does your chapter install new officers with the Ritual? Yes-36 No-6
40. What month does your chapter install new officers? Jan (5); March (5); April (16); May (10); Nov (1); December (1)
41. Does your chapter have all the required Ritual officers preassigned? Yes-33 No-11
42. Does your chapter have an annual memorial exercise using the Ritual? Yes-9 No-26
43. What month do you conduct the memorial exercise? Jan, March, April, Aug, Dec, Spring
44. How does your chapter keep track of Brothers that need to be recognized during this exercise? (answers included in full survey results)
45. If your chapter does not use the ritual, what is preventing you from using the ritual?
(answers included in full survey results) What might influence you to use the ritual?
46. (answers included in full survey results) Do you have any suggestions for increasing ritual use?
(answers included in full survey results)

Ritual Books:

47. How many copies of the current Ritual book (grey with red writing and the year 2007 on the front) does your chapter have? 10 (18), 1 (2), 4, 6 (2), 7, 12 (2), 15 (3), 0
48. If you do not have this version, have you checked with your GCD? Yes / No
a. Have you checked with the last year's officers? Yes / No
b. Has your GCD changed since 2007? Yes / No
[If you still cannot locate them, please contact the central office (972) 479-1879.]
49. Does your chapter have any copies of old Ritual books? Yes-1 / No-1
a. If so, how many and of which versions?
Red: 5,1,1,1
Previous Grey: 8,2,1,1,1,5,10
Other (please describe): _____
50. Do any of the 2007 Ritual books have errors (misprints, missing pages, etc)? Yes-1 No-11
a. If yes, what flaws do they have (please be specific)? (answers included in full survey results)
b. Have you contacted the Central Office regarding these flaws? Yes / No
[Please contact the Grand Ritualist and Central Office to inform them of errors.]

Ritual Regalia:

51. Does your chapter own Ritual regalia? Yes-17 No-10
If YES, what type of regalia do you own (check all that apply)?
18__Altar
24__Altar cloth

27__ Square 25__ Insignia
14__ Ritual sashes 10__ Ritual robes

__ Other: _____

If your chapter does NOT own the regalia, what do you think are the reasons your chapter does not have these items?

2__ Did not know about the regalia items 19__ Too expensive
5__ Too overwhelming 3__ No one to take care of it
4__ Don't know where to get it 2__ Don't use the ritual

__ Other: _____

52. Would your chapter be interested in buying ritual sashes or robes (circle one)? Yes-20 No-18
53. Would your chapter be interested in purchasing ritual sashes or robes in conjunction with another chapter? Yes-13 No-21
 If yes, do you already have a chapter in mind? Do you have any requests for a chapter or criteria for the chapter that you would share the robes or sashes with? (Delta Eta- LA Grad); (Beta Upsilon- Pi); (Delta Nu- Chi)
54. Do you have any suggestions for fundraisers to help earn money toward purchasing the ritual regalia? What type of fundraisers would your chapter be interested in doing specifically for this purpose? All fundraisers are listed in a separate file

Learning more about the Ritual:

55. Would you be interested in viewing the ritual DVD? Yes-32 No-6 (several listed that they had already seen the DVD and that is why they said no)
56. What do you consider an appropriate amount of time for your chapter to have the ritual DVD?
 6__ 2 weeks 24__ 1 month
 5__ 2 months 3__ 3 months
 __ Other: _____
57. Would you be interested in a ritual workshop? Yes-28 No-5
 18__ At your Chapter
 28__ At a Province meeting
 22__ At GCC
58. What would you like included in a ritual workshop?
 _(answers included in full survey results)
59. What questions do you have regarding the ritual?
 _(answers included in full survey results)

Chapter specific information is included, by each province, for those that submitted surveys and listed their chapter name.

Ritual Survey Results with Chapter Specific Information Divided by Province

Province I

Chapter	Book	Sashes	Robes	Insignia	1 st Degree	Initiate	Officers	# Mtgs
Mu	?							
Nu	X	-	-	-	Same	Both	Jan	1-5
Beta Epsilon	?							

Province II

Chapter	Book	Sashes	Robes	Insignia	1 st Degree	Initiate	Officers	# Mtgs
Beta Eta	0	-	-	x	Same	Fall	April	1-5
Beta Kappa	X	X	X	X	Scav Night	Fall	Jan	>15
Beta Omega	?			?				
Delta Epsilon	X	X	-	X	Fri	Both	Dec	>15
Delta Omicron	X	X	-	X	Same	Fall	April	>15

Province III

Chapter	Book	Sashes	Robes	Insignia	1 st Degree	Initiate	Officers	# Mtgs
Theta	X	-	-	x	Same	Spring	April	>15
Iota	X	X ?	X	X	Same	Fall	April	>15
Sigma	X	-	-	?	Same	Fall	May	5-10
Beta Xi	X	-	X	X	2 nd night	Both	April	5-10
Gamma Xi	?			?				
Delta Kappa	X			?				
Delta Lambda	X	X ?	X	X	Day before	Both	Nov	>15
Delta Xi	X	X (made)	-	X	Same	Spring	April	>15
Epsilon Delta	x	-	-	-	No-?when	both	may	1

Province IV

Chapter	Book	Sashes	Robes	Insignia	1 st Degree	Initiate	Officers	# Mtgs
Gamma Zeta	X	x	-	X	Same	Fall	April	0-1
Gamma Sigma	X	X	X	X	Same	Fall	March	1-5
Gamma Phi	X			?				
Gamma Psi	X	-	-	X	Same	Spring	May	0
Delta Gamma	?			?				
Delta Iota	X	-	-	X	No-when	Both	March	1-5
Delta Rho	?	X	-	X	Same	Spring	April	>15
Delta Upsilon	X	-	-	X	Same	Spring		10-15
Delta Omega	?	-	-	?	Day before	1-didn't say	Jan	1-5
Epsilon Eta	?			?				

Province V

Chapter	Book	Sashes	Robes	Insignia	1 st Degree	Initiate	Officers	# Mtgs
Xi	?			?				
Pi	X	-	X	x	½ way	fall	April	10-15
Upsilon	?	X	-	X		Spring	March	1-5
Chi	?	X	-	-		Fall	April	5-10
Beta Lambda	X			?				
Beta Upsilon	X	-	X	X	Wk before	Fall	March	>15
Beta Phi	X	X		?				
Beta Psi	X	X	-	X	½ way	Both	May	5-10
Gamma Iota	X	X		X	½ way	Fall	April	5-10
Gamma Chi	X	X	-	X	Same	Both	May	5-10
Delta Nu	?	-	-	-	same	Fall	march	5-10
Mu Omicron Pi	?			?				

Province VII

Chapter	Book	Sashes	Robes	Insignia	1 st Degree	Initiate	Officers	# Mtgs
Rho	X	-	-	?	Same	Fall	april	1-5
Psi	X	X	-	X	Same	Spring	March	1-5
Beta Rho	X	X	-	X	Same	Both	April	1-5
Gamma Theta	X	-	-	X	Same	Spring	April	0
Gamma Omicron	X	2	X	X	Same	Fall	Jan	10-15
Gamma Pi	X	X	-	X	Same	Fall	April	>15
Gamma Omega	?			?				
Delta Beta	?			?				
Delta Delta	X	X	-	X	Same	Fall	April	>15
Delta Eta	X	-	-	X	Same	Spring	April	1-5
Delta Theta	?			?				
Delta Pi	X	Silver & white	Black	X	Same	Fall	April	5-10
Epsilon Beta	X	-	-	?	Day before	Spring	April	10-15
Epsilon Epsilon	?	-	-	?	Day before	Fall	April	1-5
Epsilon Zeta	?			?				

