



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

### **CEREMONIES IN YOUR CHAPTER**

Ceremonies are a very important part of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. They inspire those who are being honored, as well as those who are in attendance, by making each event one of special significance.

It is very important for each Chapter to have the red **Ceremonies** booklet. This booklet can be ordered from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The item number on the price list is 5320. A **Ceremonies** booklet is often needed by each of the speakers who are participants in a particular Chapter ceremony. The cost is nominal. Check on-line at [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

The booklet contains information, scripts and diagrams that may be used for Chapter ceremonies. Though it is not necessary to follow the ceremonies exactly as written in the booklet, it is often helpful to know how a ceremony is performed. Each Chapter is encouraged to adapt ceremonies to meet its needs. The important thing is to make the ceremony as beautiful and memorable as possible.

**Ceremonial Materials:** Each Chapter should have all the materials necessary to conduct ceremonies. The materials should be kept in good repair and always look their best. The materials needed include the official red Delta Kappa Gamma scarf, three tall candlesticks and candles, small candleholders and candles for the new initiates, an official register for new initiates to sign, and pictures or facsimiles of reasonable size of the Key and Crest. Chapters that do not have a complete inventory can contact the Chi State Ceremonials Chairman (see the Chi State Directory) for assistance. Many used and donated items are available for sale at the Chi State Education Center through the Chi State Education Center Management Chairman or new items may be ordered from International.

The ceremonies that are used most often are:

**Initiation:** It is important to have *current* Invitations to Membership (item 5750) and *current* Certificates of Membership (item 5900 Membership Supplies). Please note that there is a New Member Information Kit (item 9326) that is very useful for Orientation.

**Installation of Officers:** It is very nice if each participant has a **Ceremonies** booklet to read her part or you can reproduce the parts with the script from your master **Ceremonies** booklet.

**Recommitment:** This ceremony may be used within the Chapter when members feel it is appropriate to renew or refocus on the Society's traditions. Some Chapters will use this ceremony on the Chapter's anniversary or as a part of the Founders' Day remembrance.

**Remembrance:** Each year at the Chi State Convention the Celebration of Life is held to remember and honor those members in Chi State who have died during the year. A Celebration of Life may also be conducted at the Chapter level for the deceased members for the year. This ceremony is very moving. Another way to do the Celebration of Life is to honor all deceased members since the Chapter was chartered.

There are several other ceremonies that are used at the Chapter level and are not included in the current red **Ceremonies** booklet. A new **Ceremonies** booklet from International will be published in 2012.

**Anniversary Pin Ceremony:** Chapters may wish to honor members who have been in Delta Kappa Gamma for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50 years or longer. Copies of this ceremony are available from the Chi State Ceremonies Chairman and the pins for these increments can be purchased from the Chi State Store.

**Chapter/Chi State/International Anniversaries:** Many Chapters choose to celebrate when their Chapter was chartered. All Chapters are encouraged to celebrate significant anniversaries of Chi State and International.

**Founders' Day:** Founders' Day is May 11, 1929. There are scripts and ideas available on the Chi State and International websites.

**Accomplishments:** Many Chapters have ceremonies to honor their Chapter's and/or member's accomplishments and awards. This might be the time to present a plaque, certificate of achievement or verbal recognition of members. When you hold ceremonies to honor the members, this indeed helps to give true meaning to the goals of our Society and binds us purposefully together in fellowship and friendship.

Celebrate! Enjoy ceremonies in your Chapter.

