

The Fraternity's goal is to align all Chapters across the Fraternity on as similar a baseline as possible. Rituals are imperative for the continuation of the four ideals that this Fraternity was built on. The goals and objectives that were set forth by this Fraternity's forefathers are what we strive to maintain. The Rituals provide a system of values and are a product of history. These ceremonies move us from a state of friendship to a concept of commitment. As stated by Brother Richard M. Doughty, Grand Ritualist Emeritus, "The Rituals are the stuff which characterizes your Fraternity; without it, your Chapter is just another club". Proper observance of Kappa Psi Rituals is paramount as it sets the precedence for the future classes of your Chapter and ultimately the Fraternity-at-Large. The active observance of our exercises also contributes to the success of your Chapter in regards to the international Collegiate Chapter Progress Report Form as well as the Province Progress Form (if one exists in your respective Province).

"The effectiveness of its message is in direct proportion to the member's knowledge and belief in its values. The indifference to and the ignorance of the essential message of the Ritual stifles the growth of the Chapter."

Dr. Dewey D. Garner, Past Grand Regent (1979-1983), Grand Historian Emeritus

In an effort to assist all Chapters in proper observance of the Rituals, the 2011-2013 International Ritual Committee has developed the following Ritual Checklist (it is strongly suggested that the following Ritual Checklist be reviewed by all Chapter Chaplains at their respective Chapters at least 1-2 times a year especially after initiating new Brothers. Should any Chapter have any specific questions regarding the Ritual, please contact your respective Province Chaplain.)

Chapter Ritual Checklist

- Does your Chapter keep your Ritual Book under lock and key by the Chapter Regent?**
 - The Ritual Book should be kept under lock and key by the Chapter Regent and hand-delivered to the successor in office.
 - Ritual Books should be treated with the utmost respect. Nothing whatsoever shall be written or highlighted in these books or on its cover. Ritual ceremonies should not be electronically distributed to Brothers or non-Brothers.
- Does your Chapter maintain 8 to 10 Ritual Books on hand?**
 - Each Collegiate Chapter should have 8 to 10 Ritual Books on hand. It is the suggested responsibility of the Chapter Regent to ensure that their Chapter has procured the required number of books. The most current Ritual Book is gray with the year "2007" printed in red ink on the cover. Out-of-date Ritual Books should be shredded or burned. Chapters should retain 2-3 old Ritual books for historical purposes.
- Does your Chapter have all Ritual related paraphernalia?**
 - Should a Chapter need to order additional Ritual Books, please call the Central Office directly at 972-479-1879 to order Ritual Books (\$5.00/each). Chapters are strongly encouraged to purchase the "Insignia". The plaque cost is \$395 and can be ordered by going to the national website (www.kappapsi.org), clicking "Shop," then, "All Products". Ritual Regalia can be ordered via "Central Office", then, "Collegiate Chapters", then, "Chapter Forms", then, "Kalamazoo Regalia Order Form". (Please do not wait until a few days before a ceremony to order Ritual paraphernalia as these items take time to process and deliver. Chapters are highly encouraged to order at least 4 weeks in advance).
 - Ritual Books, Insignia, Regalia, and any other paraphernalia should be delivered to a secured address. Please consider having these items delivered to the Chapter's Grand Council Deputy's (GCD's) office or a Graduate Brother's permanent address.

Is your Chapter prepared for the observance of all Ritual Ceremonies?

- Brothers should not only read the Rituals prior to observance of a ceremony, but should be encouraged to study, discuss, and debate the Rituals well in advance. If studied and observed properly by the Brothers, the ceremonies should run smoothly and set the precedent for new initiates to understand the importance of the Rituals. This will instill proper respect for the Chapter and the Fraternity-at-Large. All participating Brothers should refrain from conversation, laughing, or inappropriate gestures during the Rituals.
- The majority of the Rituals are secret and must take place in a restricted area. No photos should be taken or posted to any website or social media site with any Ritual paraphernalia. Specific comments of our ceremonies/characters should not be mentioned online (social media sites, Chapter websites, etc.).

 Do your Chapter have a Ritual DVD to watch the ceremonies?

- Chapters can request a Ritual DVD to be delivered to a secure location. Please keep in mind that only a few ceremonies are taped. DVDs should be returned to the Grand Ritualist within 1-2 months.