

# RITUAL ENGAGEMENT

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## Component

## Documentation

<p>Chapter conducts rehearsals of the following ceremonies of the Ritual, as they are printed in the Ritual Book provided by the National HQ, one (1) or more times annually:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- New Member Pinning Ceremony</li><li>- Informal &amp; Formal Initiation Ceremonies</li><li>- Officer Transition Ceremony</li><li>- Graduating Senior Ceremony</li><li>- Bond Eternal Ceremony</li></ul> <p>Ritual education and analysis is conducted for all members of the chapter two (2) or more times throughout the academic year and incorporates the “Q&amp;A” and “History of the Ritual” sections of the Ritual Book.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A letter signed by the Sergeant at Arms and Chapter Advisor (or two [2] separate letters) confirming the dates at which rehearsals have taken place for each ceremony.</li><li>2. An outline of the education/analysis and the dates/time periods in which they took place.</li></ol>
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## About This Component

Ritual is the defining quality of the fraternity experience. Incorporating Ritual into the meetings of the chapter encourages members to follow its lessons. Practicing ceremonies before performing them creates a better experience for the men going through them. Finally, having an opportunity to discuss and learn more about the Ritual can help members better connect to the meaning behind the words.

## Best Practices

- Plan for the education/analysis of Ritual to take place immediately after initiation. New initiates will appreciate the background and most members will learn something new. The Ritual Book contains resources for learning and discussion.
- Practice ceremonies before they are performed to ensure that the room(s) is(are) set properly and that the ceremony runs smoothly.
- Incorporate one or two questions about Ritual as discussion topics during chapter meetings.
- Keep your Ritual equipment in a safe, secure space. If you make your Ritual Book accessible to initiated members to read through, be sure that the Sergeant at Arms has a check out policy and other safeguards in place to ensure that it is not lost or stolen.