

Affirmation of Knighthood Ceremony



Today's Presenters

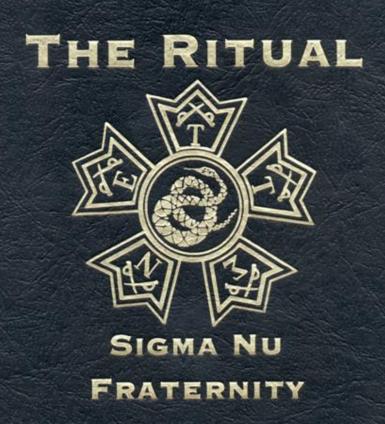
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Objectives

- Have a better understanding of the Affirmation of Knighthood and its Ceremony
- Understand the importance of the Affirmation of Knighthood
- Recognize the impact the Affirmation of Knighthood can have on your chapter



Affirmation of Knighthood: The What

Underutilized Ceremony in The Ritual

Initiation into the alumni ranks

Sigma Nu's transition from "emerging adulthood" to full adulthood



The World Needs Men of Principle



The Affirmation Ceremony will require:

- Ritual Team (Commander, Lt. Commander, Chaplain, Marshal, Sentinel)
- Two (2) alumni (Worthy Commander and Marshal)
- Four candles One (1) Large White, Gold, & Black and one (1) small gold candle
- List of the graduating/departing brothers in badge number order
- (Optional) White Star Lapel Pins





Actual, ceremonial transition occurs

- Rekindling the spark of their fraternal lives as alumni, symbolized in the lighting of candles.
- Consent of both the collegiate chapter and alumni chapter that the participating brothers are qualified to continue as alumni.
- Affirmation by the brothers of their knightly vows.
- Dubbing of each man as a worthy knight.





Emphasizes that graduating brothers have learned what they can and the time has come for them to put into practice what they have learned – they will be tested and their brothers will be there to support them.





Fraternal obligation of alumni

Lifetime commitment







Fraternal Obligations

- To be faithful to the Fraternity.
- Continue to support the chapter and General Fraternity.
- Promote the five objects of the Fraternity throughout his life.
- Demonstrate one's allegiance to the Fraternity at every available opportunity.
- "The deed is Valor's praise"



Make it Matter

- □ Culmination of collegiate experience
- ☐ Introduction to the rest of their life in Sigma Nu
- □ Alumni attendance/ involvement is crucial
- □ Engage them early



Make it Matter



Alumni Welcome

- Alumni Welcome Reception and State of the Chapter Update – Alumni and all chapter members.
- Alumni panel with graduating brothers "Stuff I wish I had known when I graduated."
- Affirmation of Knighthood Ceremony
- "Welcome New Alumni" Dinner Dinner with graduating brothers and alumni.



Benefits

- Pipeline of future alumni leaders
- Formalizes and strengthens new alumni connection
- Relationship building among generations





Questions?



Thank You!

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Resources

Best Practice Library - Alumni Engagement
Best Practice Library - Alumni Development
Engage - A Guide to Alumni Chapter Events