



**Sigma Nu Fraternity**

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# **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**



**THE RITUAL**



**SIGMA NU  
FRATERNITY**

# **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 Ceremony: Part 1

**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**







# The Ceremony: Part 2

## 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.**





# The Ceremony: Part 3

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





## 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](#)**

