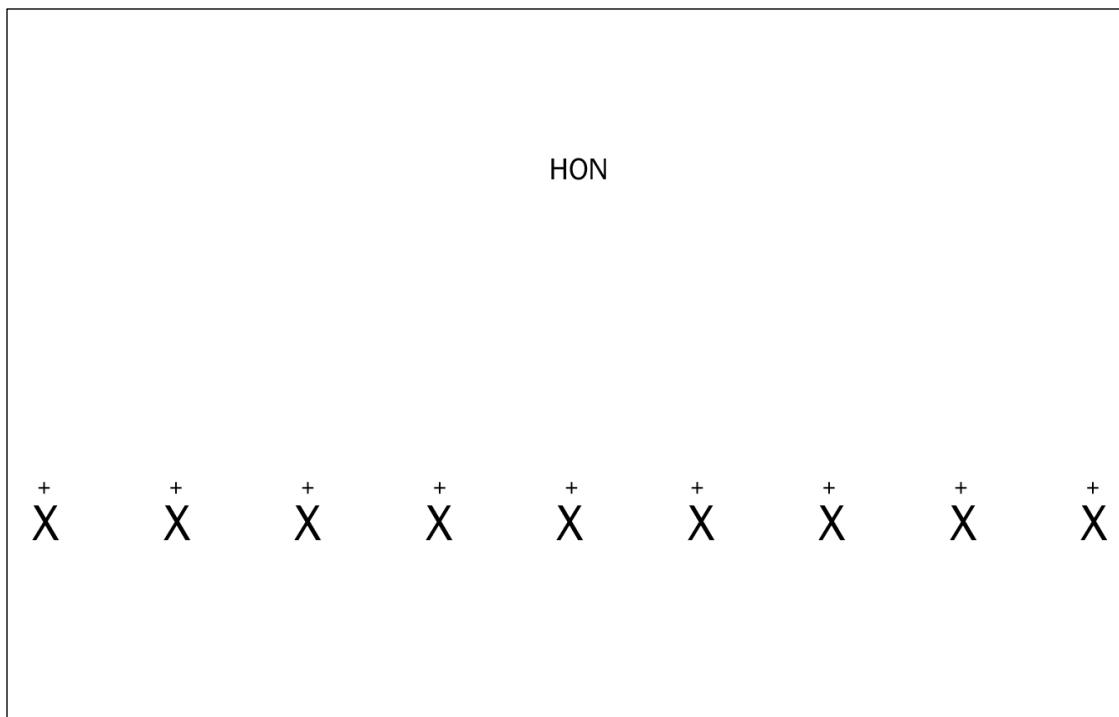


Instructions – Lavalier Ceremony



Key | X – Brother // + - Red/Yellow Rose // HON - Honoree

EQUIPMENT

- Red and Yellow Roses (1 per brother)
- Song Cards with Sweetheart Song
- Lavalier Pendant

The Lavalier Ceremony is an **EXOTERIC CEREMONY** and can be conducted in front of non-initiated guests of the Fraternity.

ROBES

- None

BACKGROUND

In advance of the Fraternity's 175th anniversary, the undergraduate delegates at the 53rd Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida voted to create a ceremony that could be conducted to lavalier the significant other of an initiated Brother.

PURPOSE

The Lavalier Ceremony is conducted to symbolize a member's involvement in an ongoing romantic relationship, which may have been a long-term relationship, resulting in becoming "pinned" (a woman receiving the man's fraternity badge or a lavalier necklace that contains the fraternity letters as part of or within a pendant) to signify that he plans to propose and someday marry the woman receiving his letters.

SETTING

- Ideally the ceremony would take place at a park, memorable campus location, or the fraternity house.
- To signify a new beginning, she should start at one place and walk to the presenting member after a few minutes. He should not be within her sight when she arrives.
- The statements being made during the ceremony by 'members' can be the ones provided in the ritual or could be created by the presenting member to add more personalization.
- Ideally there would be at least nine (9) members that would be asked participate in the ceremony. When possible, each man in the chapter could be used for the ceremony to present a flower to the woman being lavaliered.
- Brothers participating in the ceremony should be in a shirt and tie.
- Please allow 10-14 days for the Lavalier to be shipped.

The Lavalier Ceremony

Each Brother participating in the ceremony would be given a red or yellow rose prior to the ceremony. Additionally, each man should come up with a unique statement (see below for suggested statements). A friend of the woman being lavaliered would bring her to the location where the ceremony is going to take place. The President is the first person she is greeted by when she arrives. Guests, should be waiting at the end with the presenting member.

HSP: Hello [insert name of woman].

I present to you this rose; it represents the kindness that you have shown to him again and again.

The President then hands the woman a red or yellow rose and then opens the door where she is greeted by another member of the chapter. That member makes a statement; similar to one of the examples provided below. She then stops at every brother collecting one rose until she makes her way outside to face the Brother presenting her with a lavalier.

MEMBER: I present to you this rose; it represents the joy you've brought to his life.

MEMBER: I present to you this rose; it represents each discussion you've had about the future together.

MEMBER: I present to you this rose; it represents the thoughtfulness you've brought to his life.

MEMBER: I present to you this rose; it represents the magic that can happen when two amazing people are brought together.

MEMBER: I present to you this rose; it represents the each moment you've had that has brought you to this moment.

MEMBER: I present to you this rose; it represents the happiness you've brought to his life.

MEMBER: I present to you this rose; it represents the laughter you've shared together.

MEMBER: I present to you this rose; it represents the moment you met.

The last person to hand her a rose should say the following:

MEMBER: This rose combined with all of the roses you have been given come from [insert man's name] Brothers. Yellow represents his friendship and red is symbolic of our brotherhood... [Name of woman], together the roses are a symbol of endless life and emblematic of the continuing vitality and heritage of our relationships formed through fraternity... which is now being extended to you.

The last member then shows the woman to where the Brother presenting the lavalier is standing. All of the Brothers present follow her to the Brother and then stand behind him.

PRESENTING MEMBER: [Name of woman], today I stand before you and my brothers filled with joy, hope, and love.

As a sign of my loyalty and respect for you, I would like to present you the letters of my fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi. The meaning of the Greek letters is a closely guarded secret within our brotherhood, but our ideals are best exemplified in the words of our open motto: *Causa Latet Vis Est Notissima* – the cause is hidden, the results well known.

You and they (signaling to the Brothers gathered) have helped me become the man I am today, for which I am so thankful, so in front of them, I give to you this lavalier which reflects all that I have learned to make me the man you've fallen in love with and outwardly signifies my love and devotion to you.

The presenting member then takes the lavalier and places it around the neck of his girlfriend, fiance, etc. Once the necklace is placed, he gives her a kiss and then says...

PRESENTING MEMBER: Brothers, please do me the honor of singing to *my girl*, the sweetheart song of our fraternity.

The Brothers then take a knee and sing the Sweetheart Song.

End of the Lavalier Ceremony.