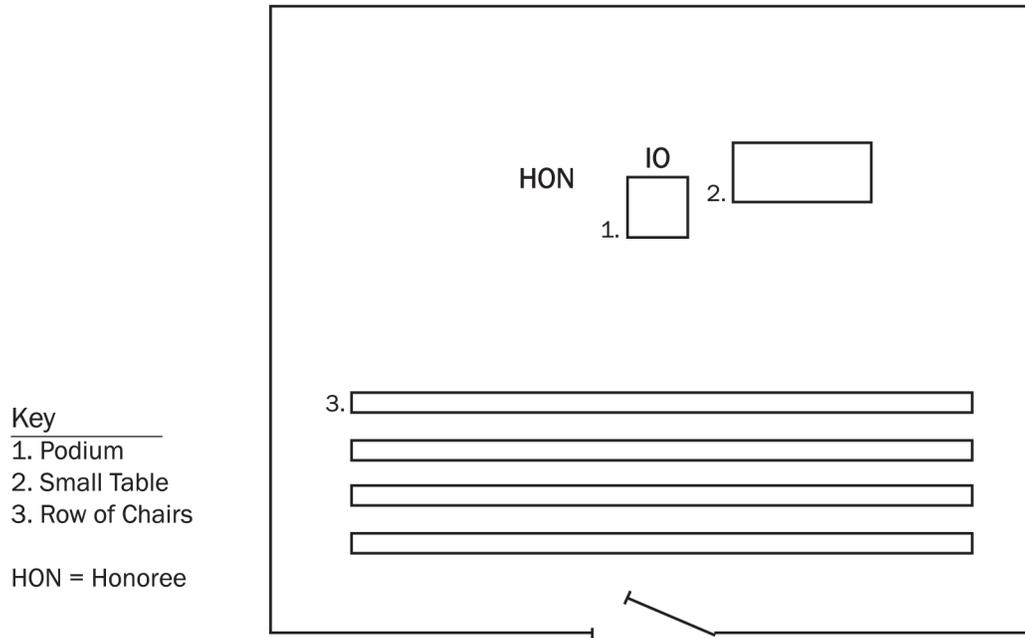


Delta Beta Xi Award Ceremony



*This is a solemn ceremony and must be conducted with proper dignity. The Delta Beta Xi Award recognizes an alumnus for distinguished service to the Fraternity and bestows one of the highest honors the Fraternity has to give. The award ceremony should be carefully planned with attention to details. **Tradition suggests we attempt to keep the identity of the recipient secret until the ceremony.** The recipient's attendance and induction materials must be coordinated with Fraternity Headquarters. The chapter should invite all other Delta Beta Xi recipients in the area to the ceremony. The Delta Beta Xi key, shingle, and membership card, all of which must be received from Fraternity Headquarters prior to ceremony, should be placed on a podium or small draped table beforehand. When all is ready and the recipient is present, the Installing Officer (IO) begins speaking:*

IO: Brothers, in 1864, at Yale University, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity successfully met the challenge of imminent suppression, which threatened the sophomore society. By their adoption of a tri-lateral alias, Delta Beta Xi was born and thus Alpha · Sigma · Phi was permitted to live.

For twelve years, from 1864 until 1876, the traditions of Alpha Sigma Phi were continued on the Yale campus by successive sophomore classes who operated under this mask, secretly pledging their allegiance to the Fraternity that Delta Beta Xi was created to perpetuate.

When the Grand Council wished to express formal recognition to those alumni giving distinguished service to the Fraternity, it was natural that such an award reflect the early days at Yale when the spirit of strength, assistance, and friendship marked the motto and activity of Delta Beta Xi as it fostered Alpha · Sigma · Phi.

When the Delta Beta Xi Award was created in 1938, one hundred brothers were selected as recipients. From that point forward, each year the Grand Council selects no more than ten men deemed worthy of this coveted award, which is granted to an alumnus “in honor and recognition of loyal and distinguished service to the Fraternity.” The Delta Beta Xi key is an exact replica of the badge worn by the members of the Alpha Chapter from 1864 until 1876.

IO: Those alumni who wear this key have served the Fraternity faithfully and have largely contributed to her strength. Today, another Brother of our Fraternity will receive this distinguished award.

If there are past Delta Beta Xi recipients present, ask that those who have received the Delta Beta Xi key please stand and be recognized – allow for applause. At this time it is appropriate to pontificate the Brother’s fraternal accomplishments. These are listed without mentioning the name of the acknowledged brother. When completed, the IO continues:

IO: It is my pleasure to present the award of Delta Beta Xi to Brother [Recipient’s full name, including institution and initiation year].

The Brother is then escorted to one side of the IO, where brothers may shake his hand and extend congratulations.

IO: Brother [name the recipient by last name] - Please raise your right hand, and repeat the following:

IO: I, (and give your full name), / do here before my assembled brothers in Alpha · Sigma · Phi / renew again my oaths taken during initiation / into our great Fraternity.

As a loyal member of this Fraternity of ours, / I also pledge, upon my honor as a man / before you assembled brothers /

that I will always value the key of Delta Beta Xi / that is hereby granted to me / and will endeavor by my loyalty and service / to Alpha · Sigma · Phi / to be worthy of this award.

To Alpha · Sigma · Phi / as a newly initiated member of Delta Beta Xi, / I again reaffirm my pledge / of loyalty and service to our great Fraternity.

IO: Brothers, do you affirm and agree to support this brother in his efforts to uphold the honor of Delta Beta Xi? If so, say “We do.”

All: We do!

IO: Brother [Names the recipient by last name], in the name of the Founders, and on behalf of the Grand Council of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, I hereby proclaim that you have been duly installed in all due form and ceremony and are now recognized as a member of Delta Beta Xi. I present you the symbols of your position: The Key of Delta Beta Xi, by which you will hereafter be recognized, the membership certificate properly signed by the Grand Senior President, and your personal membership card.

As each of the above items is mentioned, they are passed from the IO to the brother. The Delta Beta Xi key should be pinned on the left side of his jacket or sweater. When all is complete, the IO continues:

IO: Brothers! CAUSA LATET

ALL: THE CAUSE IS HIDDEN

IO: VIS EST NOTISSIMA

ALL: THE RESULTS WELL KNOWN!

IO: My Brothers, it is with great pleasure I present the latest Delta Beta Xi Award winner: Brother [Names the brother by full name].

Allow time for applause and to shake hands. A chorus of “For He’s an Alpha Sig” is also appropriate. Afterward, music may be used to signal the end of the ceremony as members file out of the room.

End of the Delta Beta Xi Award Ceremony