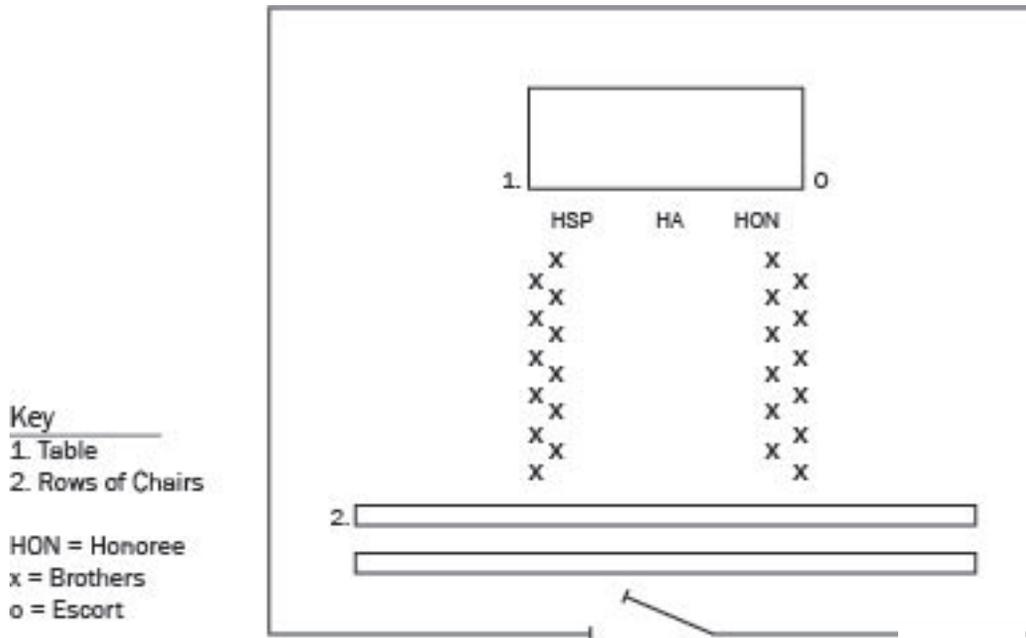


# Instructions – The Scholarship Service

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## EQUIPMENT

- Candles (2 – new tapered)
- Candle Holders (2)
- Coat-of-Arms Replica or Lamp of Learning
- Scholarship Lapel Pin (1 per recipient)

## ROBES

None are used for this ceremony.

## SETTING

- This service may take place outside of chapter quarters.
- A small draped table holds the Coat-of-Arms/Lamp of Learning, the lapel pins, and two candles in holders.
- Brothers are arranged in two lines as an honor guard facing one another.
- The HSP is delegated as an escort for the brother being honored.

## BACKGROUND

Brothers who are active in their support and involvement with the chapter and who bring honor to the chapter for their scholastic achievements as an undergraduate or graduate member are deserving of the brotherhood's recognition. It is recommended that those members on the Dean's list each term or earning above 3.0 GPA receive this recognition pin.

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This is a public ceremony. It is appropriate to hold this service at homecoming, an alumni reunion, a Sig Bust, at Founders' Day, at a Black and White or other event deemed appropriate by the Scholarship Director. The service can also be presented following an evening meal or even following a chapter meeting. Whenever possible, the family, friends, and associates of the brother being honored should be invited.

**PRESENTATION**

Practice the ceremony so it is smooth; those reading should read over the ceremony aloud prior to the ceremony. If possible, all lines should be memorized.

The service may be adapted to honor more than one brother at once should the chapter choose to do so.

# The Scholarship Service

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*At head of the room sits a small draped table. On it stands a replica of the Coat-of-Arms or Lamp of Learning, and laying in front of the replica a scholarship lapel pin (one for each man being recognized). A lighted candle is placed on each side of the Coat-of-Arms or the Lamp of Learning. The Scholarship Director and President stands to one side of the table.*

HSP: Brothers, assist me in saluting a special member of the Mystic Circle.

*The brothers form a line on each side, like an honor guard, facing the center of the room. If possible, the brothers should gather in two equal groups at the back of the room so they can move in an orderly fashion when called to do so. Those being recognized would remain seated at the back of the room until called forward. When called, they should walk down the center with Brothers standing on either side of them and join the President and Scholarship Director at the front of the room.*

HSP: We gather here to recognize [first and last name of Brother] who has brought honor to our chapter, this campus we call home, and to our good name as a Fraternity. He represents our standard for high scholarship for having

*Option A:*

been named to the Dean's List during the [fall/winter/spring] term at this great institution; and/or for

*Option B:*

having achieved a [GPA] grade point average during the [fall/winter/spring] term;

He has have done well to represent our Values and in doing so it is right then that we honor him for his achievement.

HSP Would the Scholarship Director please escort Brother [first and last name] forward.

*The Scholarship Director then escorts the man to be honored to the front of the room, and then takes his place alongside of the President. If there are multiple men, the President would read the same passage for each man deserving of the honor.*

HSP: At Initiation we learn that our Coat-of-Arms is rich in symbolism. It contains representations of many of our teachings, principles, and ideals.

You have honored us by abiding well to those high standards.

HSP

Through your actions, you have put into practice that which our Coat-of-Arms asks us to achieve when joining this this brotherhood.

Specifically, the sinister chief quarter which is found on a field of gold on which reposes the open book, bearing on its pages our five principles of conduct and character, and supporting the pen, all emblematic of our position among men and of the literary purpose of our Society.

There on the dexter base quarter is the ancient lamp of learning which throws out its burning rays, reminding us that we should reflect the light of our Alma Mater and be instruments for transmitting her wisdom and valuable knowledge to those with whom we mingle in life.

*The Scholarship Director then walks to the table, picks up the scholarship lapel pin and reads the following:*

HA

Brother [last name], your decisive worth ethic, steadfastness in belief, fortitude, and capability for not giving up are to be commended.

Our ritual teaches us that a zealous and careful nature in one's actions and work, budgeting one's time, monitoring one's own activities to guard against laziness, and that upholding one's convictions at all times, especially when no one else is watching is a sign of true integrity.

A man, who lives a life of personal integrity, accrues honor.

An honorable man lives up to promises made – to others and to himself. A man of honor is not vain, and is willing to endure scorn or ostracism rather than conform to the pressures of peers, superiors, or the fashion of the day. He is ethical, honest, and trustworthy.

HA

Reflective of the Values and all that our Ritual exemplifies, we present to you this lapel pin which is a sign of your scholastic achievement and your commitment to our Value of Honor. It is an outward symbol that may not always be recognized by the outside world but like so many aspects of our Ritual, the cause is hidden, the results well know.

*The Scholarship Director then pins the Scholarship Lapel Pin on the Brother and returns to his place next to the President.*

## Scholarship Service, cont.

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HSP: Brothers, CAUSA LATET

All Brothers: THE CAUSE IS HIDDEN

HSP: VIS EST NOTISSIMA .

All Brothers: THE RESULTS WELL KNOWN

HSP: Brother (Use full name), you exemplify our motto. We are proud to call you brother.

*President then shakes the hand of the Brother being recognized. Brothers form the lines, alternating left and right, and come forward to shake the hand of the honored brother. As they do so, they go to the end of opposite line. The lines keep moving up until all have congratulated the brother. A chorus of "For He's An Alpha Sig" should be sung while the brotherhood is congratulating the honored brother.*

End of the Scholarship Service.