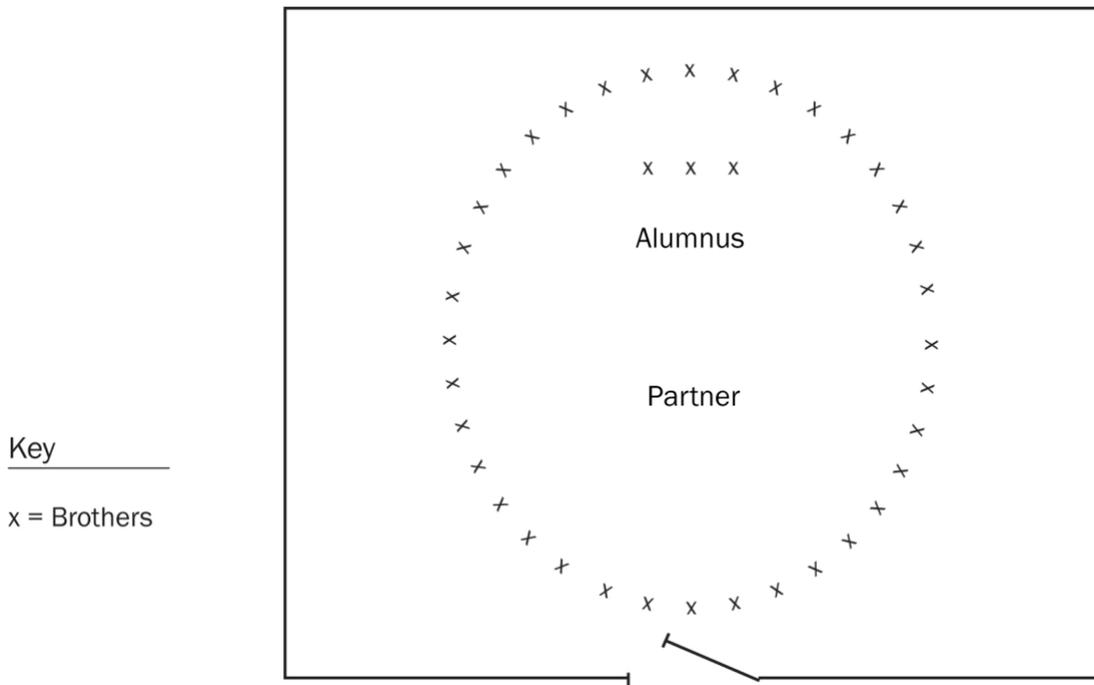


Instructions – The Wedding Service



EQUIPMENT

- Cardinal Rose and Yellow Tea Rose
- Cardinal & Stone Ribbons

ROBES

None are used for this ceremony.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- This ceremony can be presented at a wedding reception, the first chapter event the couple attends following the wedding, or any other appropriate time.
- The ceremony can also be used in recognition of a wedding anniversary.
- Contact a florist well in advance to secure flowers and 12 inches of Cardinal and Stone ribbon. Although only one of each type of rose is used in the service, a larger quantity of each may be purchased and presented to the brother's partner after the ceremony. Each brother may also walk up during the singing of the "Sweetheart Song" and present a single rose in turn.

PRESENTATION

- The Alumnus should speak clearly and loud enough to be heard by all. If available, a public-address system may be useful.
- One brother should be ready at the appropriate moment to start the singing of the "Sweetheart Song."

The Wedding Service

The brothers gather in a circle around the brother's partner who is seated in the middle of the circle. Those carrying flowers and ribbon are scattered throughout the circle. An alumnus speaks from the circle, so the partner and the audience can hear the proceedings.

Alumnus: Brothers of Alpha · Sigma · Phi, let us celebrate the joy of the marriage of (name of brother) and (name of brother's partner).

Alumnus: The original flower of Alpha Sigma Phi was the cardinal rose, symbolizing the deep and abiding friendships fostered within the Mystic Circle.

Brother #1 walks forward, presents a single cardinal rose to the partner, and returns to the circle.

Alumnus: The flower of Alpha Kappa Pi was the yellow tea rose, symbolic of the fragrance and the purity of life that is lived in honor and fair dealing with our fellow man.

Brother #2 walks forward, presents a single yellow tea rose to the partner, and returns to the circle.

Alumnus: Alpha Kappa Pi and Alpha Sigma Phi joined to become one Fraternity. We bind the cardinal rose and the yellow tea rose together with the colors of the fraternity – Cardinal and Stone – forming the twin roses of Alpha Sigma Phi. Together the roses are a symbol of endless life and emblematic of the continuing vitality and heritage of our Fraternity.

While this passage is read, Brother #3 walks forward and with the length of cardinal and stone ribbon ties the roses together and returns to the circle.

Alumnus: As our history has taught us, a good union results in special and lasting beauty. This is the wish of Alpha · Sigma · Phi for the both of you.

As the Alumnus finishes speaking, the group sings the "Sweetheart Song."

End of the Wedding Service