

Recommitment Ceremony
Zeta Delta Chapter
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Each member is given a small package consisting of miscellaneous small items tied into a bundle made from a 2 half-sheets of red tissue paper, one laid across the other. The pieces of tissue are gathered around the mass of items and twisted together just above the objects, then tied with strips of narrow red and gold ribbon, which are wrapped around the neck twice and then tied into a double bow, into which is inserted the stem end of a tiny red silk or satin rose. The ends of the tissue paper are then fanned out away from the center to resemble the petals of a flower.

After an introduction in which the leader explains that the items to be found inside the packet symbolize for her some aspect of Delta Kappa Gamma, the participants are told to open the packets to see what is inside and talk in small groups to determine what aspect of Delta Kappa Gamma each item represents to the individual opening the packet. After a few minutes, the leader takes one of the items from the packet and asks a member of each small group to tell what ideas occurred to them concerning that symbol. After each group has had an opportunity to explain the significance of a particular item, the leader explains why she included the item in the packet. [In many cases almost everyone agrees on the reason a given item was included, but in a surprising number of cases, different groups come up with completely different reasons, all of which are valid representations of the various aspects of the Society.] If the participants fail to mention the significance of the tiny rose in the bow and the color of the tissue paper and the ribbons, the leader should also indicate that.

The items included in each packet were the following:

- 1 Hershey's Hug
- 1 Hershey's Kiss
- 3 small golden paper clips, linked together to form a chain
- 1 miniature tassel, as for a graduation cap
- 1 miniature spool of thread taken from a sewing/mending kit for travelers (A small needle may be taped to each one, but it may cause someone to prick themselves, so it may be omitted.)
- 1 individually wrapped Life Saver mint
- 1 small "bouncy" ball
- 1 piece of extremely lightweight cardboard or heavyweight construction paper, cut into the shape of a key
- 1 piece of the same material, cut into the shape of a directional arrow

Following all of the above, the leader may remind the group of the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma and ask the members to reaffirm the pledge of loyalty and cooperation taken at their initiation.