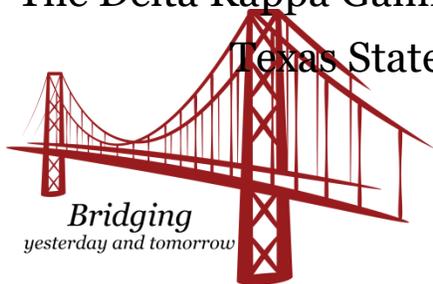


The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Texas State Organization



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Dear 2018-2019 Chapter Ceremonies Chairs,

Congratulations on being appointed Ceremonies Chair of your chapter for 2018-2020. It's now time for you to begin work on planning the chapter Ceremonies for your chapter.

As TSO Ceremonies Chair, I am hoping you will contact me or a member of the committee if you need assistance in planning and conducting the ceremonies for your chapter. We have a wonderful collection of scripts and ideas for the Birthday Celebration, the Founders' tribute, installation of officers and other ceremonies available for your chapter that have been passed down through the years. You may have some original scripts or ideas you would like to send to be shared with other chapters for the various ceremonies. If so, we would welcome a copy for our TSO files with a note of permission for its use so that other chapter Ceremonies chairs can enjoy your creativity.

There are other available resources in addition to the scripts and ideas that have been shared by chapters. One is the DKG Ceremonies book. While you may already have the Ceremonies Book in your chapter files, it is available as a resource for order from International. It can be invaluable as you are seeking to conduct one of the chapter observances.

TSO President Jo Murphy has chosen the symbol of a bridge as our logo for the theme, **"Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow."** Just as bridges connect, offering the perspective to those who cross the bridge that they can cross to a new place, a better place, a stronger place, a healthier place, the ceremonies conducted by your committee will honor our members and our heritage. The ceremonies will strengthen the connections of the past and future, reflecting our willingness to dream big and adopt an attitude of strong, purposeful women who make up strong chapters with successful connections.

The work of the Ceremonies Committee should help to strengthen the chapter. Plan ceremonies to encourage participation of members diverse in age, ethnicity and from a variety work settings. Ceremonies honoring our heritage should help the chapter build membership and embrace new challenges. Use ceremonies to encourage healthy living strategies and to support initiatives enlightening and informing members about education worldwide.

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