



Ceremonies Committee

***“Just what does the
Ceremonies Committee do?”***



Agenda

- ❖ Purpose and Role of Ceremonies
Committee
- ❖ **Goal:** to Prepare You for Your
Exciting Role
- ❖ **Timeline** of Ceremonies
- ❖ **Ideas** for Each
- ❖ **Summary**



Introduction

The purpose of this presentation is to help you as you gear up for the exciting role of chapter **ceremonies chair** or **member**.

We will give you information and ideas for each DKG **ceremony**.

You will learn to access and use the **ceremonies webpage** located on www.dkgtexas.org

Time will be left for questions at the end.



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Ceremonies Webpage

www.dkgtexas.org

→ Committees

→ Society Business

→ Ceremonies (3rd Committee Listed)



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Why have a **Ceremonies Committee**?

“The **Ceremonies Committee** promotes an appreciation of the heritage and traditions of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.”

(Texas State Rules, adopted 2018).





State vs. Chapter

OUR ROLE:

It is the task of the **State Committee** to act as a resource to chapters as they prepare and present various **ceremonies** throughout the year.

YOUR ROLE:

When thinking of your **Chapter's Birthday, Tribute to the Founders, Induction of New Members, Remembrance of a Lost Sister,** and other times the **Ceremonies Committee** oversees the provision of meaningful programs/ceremonies for their chapter.





“ Business opportunities are like buses.
There's always another one coming. ”

Richard Branson

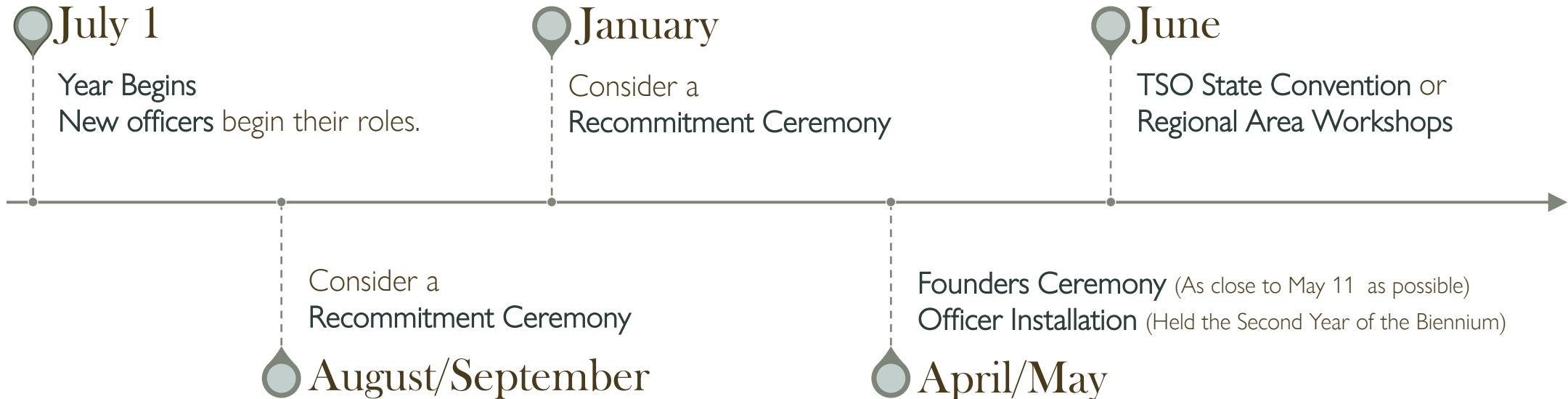
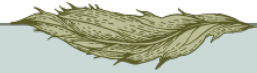




DKG Chapter Ceremonies Timeline



Ceremonies Timeline



Other Ceremonies to be conducted when they best fit Chapter timelines:

- ❖ Chapter Birthday (Should be celebrated during the chartered month)
- ❖ Induction of New Members (Can be conducted any time and multiple times per year)
- ❖ Necrology/Remembrance (Required when a member passes)
- ❖ Recognition of 25, 50, and 50+ Members



Recommitment Ceremony

- ❖ A time for a member to **reflect** on the purposes of the Society
- ❖ A time to **consider why** she has remained a part of this professional organization
- ❖ A **pledge to continue** to fulfill the purposes of DKG through renewed determination to involve herself in the functions of the chapter





Recommitment Ceremony

It is appropriate to conduct Recommitment Ceremonies at several points throughout the year:

- ❖ At the **first chapter meeting** of the year in August or September
- ❖ In **January** when thoughts are naturally turned toward new beginnings
- ❖ During the **Induction Ceremony** of new members
- ❖ At the time of **Installation of Officers**





Recommitment Ceremony

There are samples of **Recommitment Ceremonies** on both the **International** and **DKG Texas** websites, or one can create a ceremony to provide individuality for her chapter. In addition, the TSO committee chair can pull together ideas from the wonderful archives in the state ceremonies file.





Birthday Ceremony

-A Celebration!-

Who doesn't love a **Birthday Party?**

- ❖ Each year all DKG chapters celebrate **when they were chartered** with a Birthday Celebration.
- ❖ This practice was created and started by Founder **Mamie Sue Bastian**.
- ❖ Today chapters continue to **honor the beginning** and founding of their chapters.



Birthday Ceremony

-Types of Parties-

As ceremonies chair, you decide how you want to celebrate this milestone in your chapter.

Start with your chartered / founding month.

Options could include:

- ❖ Formal... Quite impressive
- ❖ Lighthearted... Lots of Fun
- ❖ Adventurous... Imaginative
- ❖ Celebrate your way... Make it personal

Above all, HAVE FUN!



Induction Ceremony

This is when we **extend** invitations to **key women** educators, inviting them to membership in our **chapter, state, and International Society.**

This can happen **any time** and **multiple times** per year.



Induction

- ❖ May induct members **once a year**, or the chapter may decide to do **more often**
- ❖ The **ceremony** can be **simple** or **formal**
- ❖ Can be a **shared ceremony** with another DKG chapter

An important part of the ceremony is the placement and use of an **Induction Table**.

A picture can be found on the **TSO website** under

➔ Ceremonies ➔ Inductions ➔ Induction Table.





Induction Table





Installation of Officers

- ❖ Held the **second year** of the biennium
- ❖ Usually takes place in **April or May**
- ❖ Ceremony can be **simple or formal**
- ❖ Can be held **in conjunction with other** chapter ceremonies





Consider These Added Touches:

- ❖ Incoming and outgoing officers march in side by side
- ❖ A table covered with a white cloth
- ❖ Use your DKG red, silk scarf
- ❖ Include red roses for outgoing and incoming officers
- ❖ Officers install each other or have an installation leader
- ❖ Be sure to include a commitment of all members to support these officers



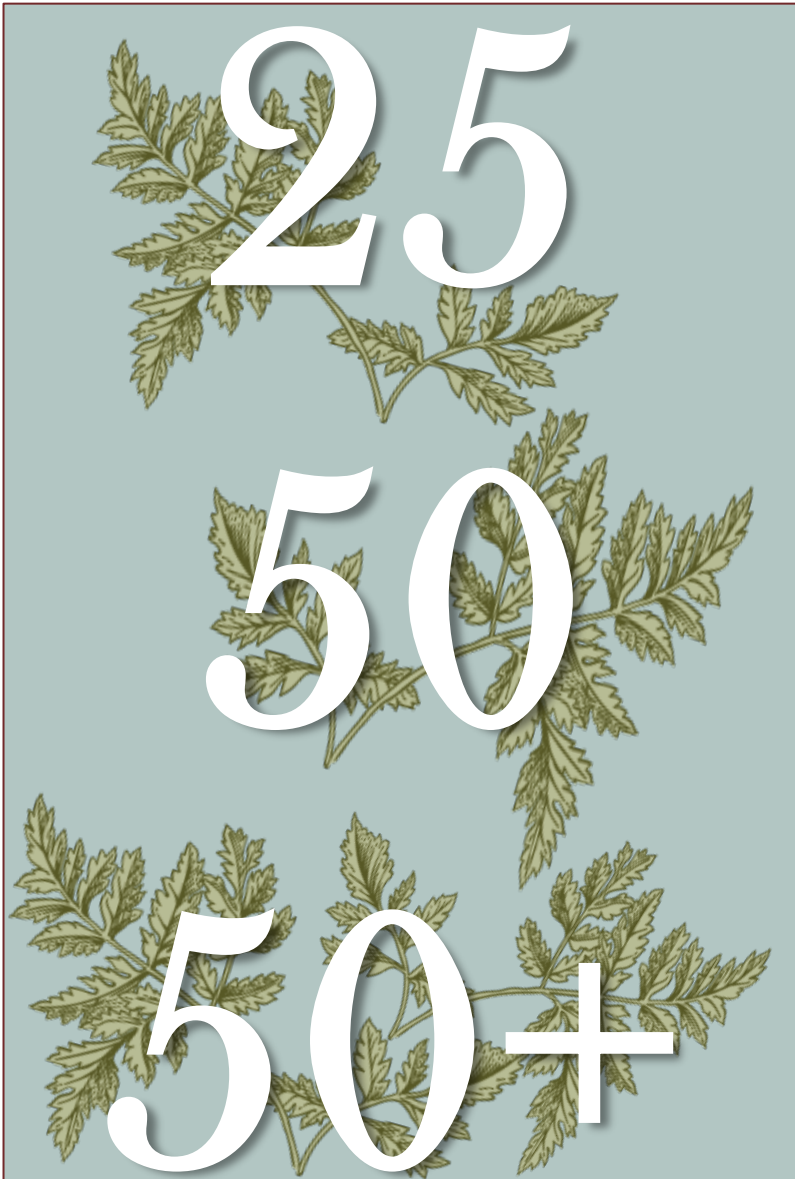
Membership Recognition

Celebrating Membership Milestones

- ❖ 25 years of membership
- ❖ 50 years of membership
- ❖ 50+ years of membership
- ❖ If you have a younger chapter, your milestones may need to be adjusted.

For example: 5, 10, 15

Everyone loves to be recognized!



How Can We Celebrate?



25 Years

- ❖ Flowers to represent the years
- ❖ Playing a “Remember When” game

50 Years

- ❖ Notecards with memories about the recipient that can be made into a book
- ❖ Asking recipient members for their favorite stories about why they joined DKG

Other Milestones

- ❖ Pins, ribbons, or stickers
- ❖ Cake, snacks, and party drinks

Necrology/Remembrance Ceremony



When a DKG member passes we **honor her** with a **Celebration of Life** either at the **chapter** level or if requested by the **family** at the funeral.



Necrology/Remembrance Ceremony

- ❖ A **Ceremony of Remembrance** may be used in remembrance of a deceased member. A chapter **officer** may read the service, and **someone who knew the member very well** may present the eulogy.
- ❖ A **Celebration of Life** - consider who they are. Reader/response readings may be used.
- ❖ Often each member attending the **funeral** will place a **red rose** with the last person presenting a **single white rose**.





Necrology/Remembrance Ceremony

- ❖ **Necrology** readings such as poems can be used to remember the sister.
- ❖ At the chapter level **candles, brass, a portrait** of the sister, etc. may be used.
- ❖ The **family** may be invited to attend.





Founders' Tribute



Founders' Tribute honors
our Founders by
remembering their
dedication and sacrifices
made in founding
**The Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International.**



Founders' Tribute

This ceremony should be held as close to May 11 as possible.

Tributes can be found on the **Ceremonies** webpage.

Tributes can be formal or lighthearted.

Tributes might include **skits, readings, displays, PowerPoint presentations**, using personal facts about each **Founder**.

Consider **collaborating with other Chapters** in your area.

Take the time to **honor these 12 courageous women**.





Questions

How can we help?

Comments? Suggestions?

Don't forget:

Submit your ceremonies for inclusion on the webpage.

AND

Be creative and have FUN!





Thank you

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