

They Tried It: They Liked it! You Will, Too!

Contemporary Initiation Ceremony

The International Membership Committee hopes that you have had an opportunity to review the new Contemporary Initiation Ceremony, which is available on the DKG website. We are receiving

great reviews from many chapters that have actually *used* the ceremony to initiate new

members into their chapters. Their positive comments have identified various aspects of the new ceremony that hold special meaning for their chapters!

Chapter members from **Beta Sigma Chapter, TN**, stressed the use of key phrases from the orientation materials that are “echoed” in the initiation, reaffirming the honor of membership. In particular,

they appreciated the following:

Someone:

- *noticed your work,*
- *noted your standards,*
- *believed in your potential,*
- *sought your association,*
- *held you in high esteem, and*
- *honored you by sponsoring you for membership.*

Beta Sigma Chapter members also stressed that the initiation ceremony provides opportunity for **both initiates and members** to affirm their commitment to one another and to the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. This allows all members the opportunity to participate actively in the ceremony.

Share YOUR Ideas

Appreciation and thanks are extended to Dr. Dorrie Powell of Beta Sigma, TN, who informed us that her chapter “loved using the new *Pride in the Big Picture* orientation materials, including the Contemporary Initiation Ceremony.”

According to Beta Sigma Chapter, the options incorporated into the new ceremony offer “**just the right degree of latitude to make it a perfect fit for each chapter.**” The ceremony is **rooted in the Society’s history even as it focuses on the future!**

We hope you will take time to review the new *Contemporary Initiation Ceremony* on the DKG Web site. Go to www.dkg.org, click on *Committees* and then on the *Membership* icon to access the ceremony.

After you have had an opportunity to plan and use it, please let us know what **YOUR** chapter thinks!

