

RITUAL
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ALPHA TAU OMEGA FRATERNITY



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To Revised Eta Epsilon
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I hereby certify, that the following is a true and correct copy of the Ritual and Secret Work of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

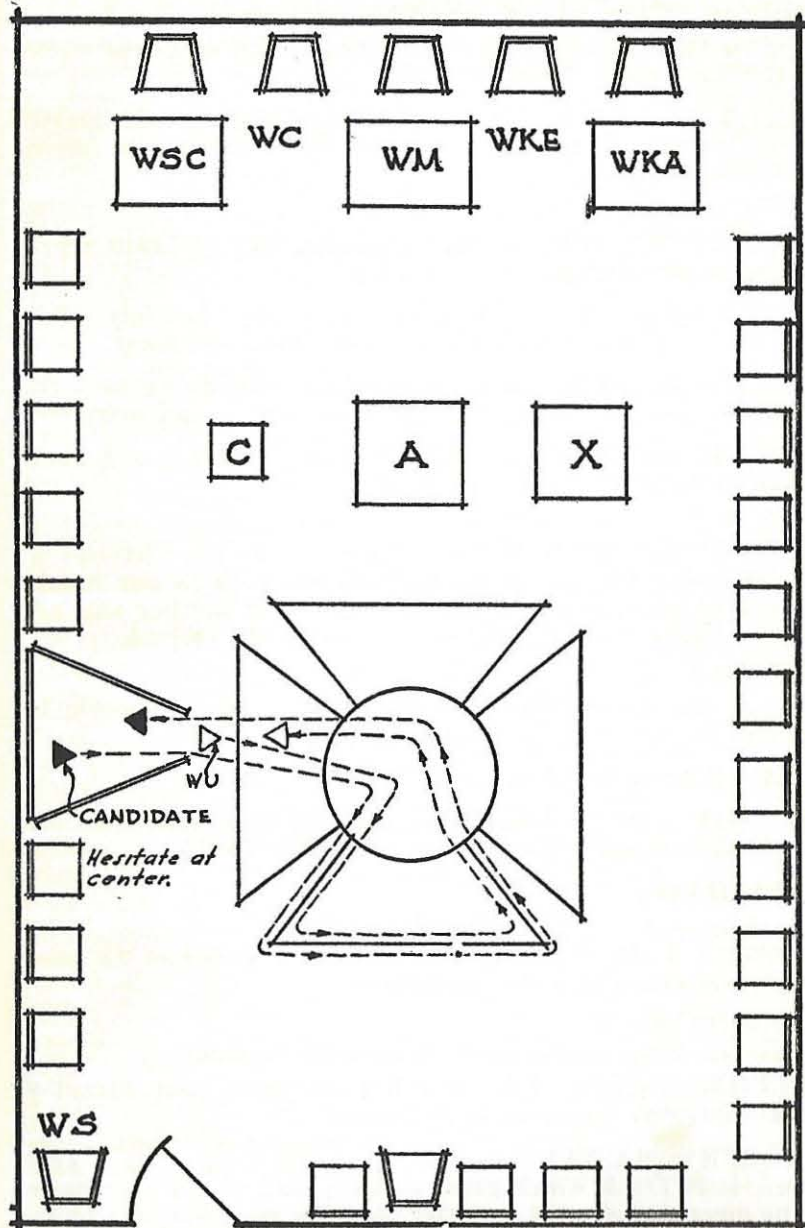
Witness my hand and the Grand Seal of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

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ILLUSTRATION - 8



May it occupy as high a place in our estimation and be as distinctly emphasized in our lives.

Brother Officers, how only can we be worthy members of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity?

OFFICERS: Worthy Master, by being true to our convictions, true to our principles, true to our dealings with aliens, and true to God.

Officers, except Worthy Chaplain, sit down.

WORTHY MASTER: Worthy Chaplain, how is Truth represented in our Temple of Friendship?

WORTHY CHAPLAIN: Worthy Master, by the Holy Bible, the Word of God, which always rests upon our Altar.

WORTHY MASTER: Worthy Chaplain, why do we take the Word of God as the representation of our second principle?

WORTHY CHAPLAIN: Worthy Master, because it is divinely declared that "Thy Word is Truth."

Worthy Chaplain sits down.

WORTHY MASTER: Onward, Brothers, to the victories of a true and noble life, with the lamp of truth in our hands. In the brightness of its light our feet will neither slip nor wander from the path which leads unto life eternal.

Pause.

This is the second lesson we bring to those who would be members of our Brotherhood.

CHAPTER: So be it, so be it.

WORTHY USHER: Companion, did you hear what was said about the second principle of our Brotherhood?

CANDIDATE:

Answers. Usher suggest answer if Candidate hesitates.

WORTHY USHER: Companion, will you endeavor to heed what was said about this principle?

CANDIDATE:

Answers. Usher suggest answer if Candidate hesitates.

WORTHY USHER: Then I will place upon your breast a badge of green, emblematic of Truth.

Pin a green ribbon $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8" on the left breast of the Candidate next to and to the front of the white ribbon, then blindfold him. Music interlude No. 1 is started. Usher with Candidate on his right moves directly to the center of the Badge and hesitates momentarily facing the lower Omega arm, then walks in counter-clockwise direction over the lower Omega arm and to the screen saying: (See illustration No. 8.)

Companion, I now guide you over the third arm of our sacred Badge and to the third degree of your initiation.

Conduct the Candidate directly to the screen within which is displayed the third motto; await conclusion of music and remove the blindfold.

Companion, you are face to face with the third cardinal principle of our Brotherhood. We inculcate three great principles, Virtue, Truth and Love, but the greatest of these is Love. Therefore, Companion, fix your eyes on Love and listen well.

WORTHY MASTER: Brothers one and all,

Rap twice, calling up Chapter and hesitate until all Brothers arise and salute.

what is the third and greatest principle of our Brotherhood?

BROTHERS: Worthy Master, it is Love.

WORTHY MASTER: Brothers, among aliens the word Love often means no more than a mere sentiment. What does it mean among us?

BROTHERS: Worthy Master, an affection which shows itself in acts.

WORTHY MASTER: Brothers, what is the criterion of our Brotherhood, as to the worthiness of any of its members?

BROTHERS: Worthy Master, the bringing forth of the fruits of Love in our relationship one with another.

WORTHY MASTER: Brothers, what are those fruits?

BROTHERS: Worthy Master, they are Forbearance, Relief, Integrity, Esteem, Nearness, Defence.

WORTHY MASTER: Brothers, what do the initial letters of these words in the order here given, spell?

BROTHERS: Worthy Master, the word Friend.

WORTHY MASTER: Brothers, let that word "Friend" ever recall what one Brother owes to all the Brothers and what all the Brothers owe to one and every Brother. Worthy Chaplain,

Hesitate until Worthy Chaplain salutes.

what are the teachings of the Word of God as to the nature of brotherly love?

WORTHY CHAPLAIN: Worthy Master,

Reading directly from the Bible, I Corinthians 13:4-8a, is very effective.

love suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth.

WORTHY MASTER: Worthy Chaplain, how do we ever keep this principle before the eyes of our Brothers?

WORTHY CHAPLAIN: Worthy Master, by the cross which always stands at the left of our Altar.

WORTHY MASTER: Worthy Chaplain, what is the special significance of the cross to us?

WORTHY CHAPLAIN: Worthy Master, self-sacrifice for the good of others, in imitation of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

WORTHY MASTER: Worthy Chaplain, is self-sacrifice the highest manifestation of Love?

WORTHY CHAPLAIN: Worthy Master, greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

WORTHY MASTER: Brothers, let us catch the spirit of the Cross, and may its significance be realized in our lives.

Pause.

This is the third lesson we bring to those who would be members of our Brotherhood.

CHAPTER: So be it, so be it, so be it.

WORTHY MASTER:

Rap once, seating the Chapter.

WORTHY USHER: Companion, did you hear what was said about the third principle of our Brotherhood?

CANDIDATE:

Answers. Usher suggest answer if Candidate hesitates.

WORTHY USHER: Companion, will you endeavor to heed what was said about this principle?

CANDIDATE:

Answers. Usher suggest answer if Candidate hesitates.

WORTHY USHER: Then, I will place upon your breast a badge of blue, emblematic of Love.