

Importance of the Ritual

The Ritual of Alpha Gamma Rho is one of our greatest strengths! Our forefathers clearly outlined the principles and values of our organization. They put these values in the form of our ritual to educate our members from the very beginning what we stand for. The Opening Ceremony reminds us of these values every week, and the Graduation Ceremony reinforces that our values extend beyond graduation.

The ritual must be performed correctly. It should be given the respect and dignity it deserves. When it is done right, it significantly helps engrain AGR values into our members.

There are many ways to make better use of the ritual, but one of the most effective ways is to include it in new member education. In the confusion and concern most new initiates' experience, many do not hear the message about the values of AGR represented in our ritual. Take time as part of your membership education program to review and test your new members on the ritual. This might be a good time to include the thoughts of a well-respected older member on what the ritual means to him.

Besides being memorized, there are a few necessary pieces of equipment to perform the ritual right. You likely already have a blue ritual book, but if you don't, you need one. You can order the ritual book from Home Office for \$5.75. Robes are very important to a proper initiation ceremony. AGR has very attractive new robes for \$85 each or \$80 each for a set (\$560 total). A set includes one Noble Ruler robe, three candidate robes and three officer robes. All officer robes come with a gold cord. Please call Pam at (816) 891-9200 to order a ritual book or robes.

If you have questions about other ritual equipment or how you can make better use of the ritual, please call the Consultant in your area.