

# **Honorary Membership & Distinguished Service Membership Guidelines**

## **Honorary Membership**

Honorary Membership in Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity is given to individuals who are devout supporters of the Fraternity and who were, for some reason, not initiated as collegiate undergraduates.

Individuals who are candidates for this honor must have attended college, must not be members of any other social or professional/social fraternity and must be elected by the unanimous vote of the undergraduate chapter proposing initiation.

As a minimum, each candidate should be presented a "Golden Crescent", AGR National Constitution & Statutes booklet, a recent SICKLE & SHEAF and familiarized with the SICKLE & SHEAF and Chapter Crescent.

It is recommended that the initiation take place during an appropriate chapter function. Alumni, university personnel, family and associates of the initiate should be invited to a dinner or gathering to honor the individual. The initiation itself is the full Alpha Gamma Rho ritual ceremony, with references to collegiate status suitably altered.

The shingle and badge should be ordered in advance for immediate presentation to the honoree. Need to pay \$195 initiation fee, which can be paid prior to actual initiation.

Refer to Alpha Gamma Rho's National Constitution and Statutes, Article V, Section 1, Subsection B for further details.

## **Distinguished Service Membership**

Distinguished Service Membership is given only to recognize service to agriculture, Alpha Gamma Rho, or mankind above and beyond the call of duty. It is the highest honor that Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity can bestow upon any non-member.

The Distinguished Service Membership may be awarded only by unanimous vote of the National Board of Directors or by two-thirds vote of the National Convention. The award is only made at a National Convention or other general meeting of Fraternity members having nationwide representation. It is limited to no more than two individuals at any one such event.

Any individual member, collegiate chapter or alumni chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho may place a name in nomination at any time by notifying the Executive Director in writing and by providing a resume of the nominee's accomplishments. The Executive Director accumulates the nominations and refers them to the National Board of Directors for final consideration prior to the proposed initiation date.

The physical award presented to Distinguished Service Members is a bronze medal, approximately three inches in diameter. It is designed appropriately for the honor it symbolizes and is suitably engraved with the name of the recipient and the date and place of award.

Refer to Alpha Gamma Rho's National Constitution and Statutes, Article V, Section 1, Subsection C for further details.

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