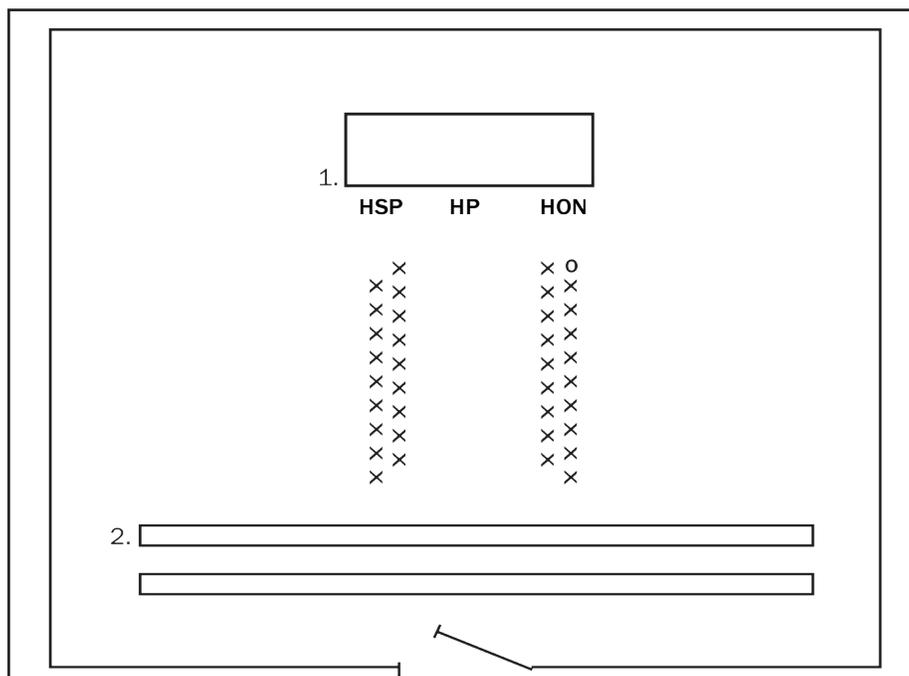


# MILESTONE SERVICE CEREMONY

- KEY**
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- 1. SMALL TABLE
  - 2. ROWS OF CHAIRS
- HON = HONOREE  
 O = ESCORT  
 X = BROTHERS



## EQUIPMENT

- Candles (2 - new tapered)
- Candle Holders (2)
- Coat-of-Arms Replica
- Printed and Framed Citation
- Large Official-Looking Book

## SETTING

- This service may take place outside of chapter quarters.
- A small draped table holds the Coat-of-Arms, the framed citation, a book, and two candles in holders.
- Brothers are arranged in two lines as an honor guard.
- One brother is delegated as an escort for the brother being honored.

## BACKGROUND

Brothers who are active in their support and involvement with the chapter and/or who bring honor to the chapter by their achievements in the outside world are deserving of the brotherhood's recognition. This ceremony can be adapted for use on any number of occasions:

# MILESTONE SERVICE CEREMONY

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- On the anniversary of a brother's initiation into the Mystic Circle.
- Upon the occasion of a brother receiving an advanced degree.
- To note a brother's achievement in personal or professional life, such as, receiving a major promotion, being elected to public office, undertaking or completing a major civic office or project, etc.
- Upon a brother's retirement.
- To mark long and/or outstanding service to the chapter.

This is a public ceremony. It is appropriate to hold this service at homecoming, an alumni reunion, a Sig Bust, at Founders' Day, at a Black and White or other event. The service can also be presented following an evening meal or even following a chapter meeting. Whenever possible, the family, friends, and associates of the brother being honored should be invited.

## **CITATION:**

Prepare a citation in advance to read (a template can be downloaded off the Fraternity's website). This citation should be included in the permanent minutes of the chapter. The citation should include the brother's name, chapter and year of initiation, list of accomplishments, and the specific honor for which he is being recognized.

## **PRESENTATION**

Practice the ceremony so it is smooth; those reading should read over the citation aloud prior to the ceremony. If possible, all lines should be memorized.

The service may be adapted to honor more than one brother at once should the chapter choose.

*At head of the room sits a small draped table. On it stands a replica of the Coat-of-Arms, and lying in front of the replica an official-looking book with a copy of the Milestone Citation inside. A framed copy of the Milestone Citation should also be on the table. A lighted candle is placed on each side of the Coat-of-Arms. The President stands to one side; the VP of Alumni and Family Relations stands on the other.*

HSP: Brothers, assist me in saluting a special member of the Mystic Circle.

*The brothers form a line on each side, like an honor guard, facing the center of the room. If possible, the brothers should gather in two equal groups at the back of the room so they can move in an orderly fashion when called to do so.*

# MILESTONE SERVICE CEREMONY

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HSP: Escort the brother before the Coat-of-Arms.

*A brother escorts the man to be honored to the front, and takes a place in one of the lines.*

HSP: Our Coat-of-Arms is rich in symbolism. It contains representations of many of our teachings, principles, and ideals.

You have honored us by abiding well by those high standards.

The open book on our Coat-of-Arms speaks to principles of conduct and character. It is right that the permanent books of this chapter record your achievements.

*The VP of Alumni and Family Relations takes the book from the table, opens it, and reads the Milestone Citation. Once the VP of Alumni and Family Relations has finished reading the citation, the President then says the following:*

HSP: CAUSA LATET

All Brothers: THE CAUSE IS HIDDEN

HSP: VIS EST NOTISSIMA .

All Brothers: THE RESULTS WELL KNOWN

HSP: Brother (*Use full name*), you exemplify our motto. We are proud to call you brother.

*President presents the framed copy of the Milestone Citation. Brothers form the lines, alternating left and right, and come forward to shake the hand of the honored brother. As they do so, they go to the end of opposite line. The lines keep moving up until all have congratulated the brother. A chorus of "Within the Mystic Circle" should be sung while the brotherhood is congratulating the honored brother. At the conclusion a chorus of "For He's An Alpha Sig" would also be appropriate.*

**END OF THE MILESTONE SERVICE CEREMONY**