

THETA GAMMA FRATERNITY
ORDER OF FORMAL MEETINGS
ADOPTED BY THE GRAND COUNCIL IN SESSION NOV. 14, 1925, AT
MORRISVILLE, NY

At seven thirty on each Monday evening the Sergeant at Arms shall give the first call for chapter meeting by ringing a gong. At this time the brothers shall enter the chapter room with their robes on, seniors taking their seats as neat the chancel as possible and the juniors and freshman taking their seats toward the back of the room. The Sergeant at Arms shall now give a second call and after two minutes wait the chapter room doors shall be closed. Any brother coming in after the doors have been closed shall give the knock, grip and password to the Sergeant at Arms and shall then take his seat with the class. Immediately before the doors have been closed the Secretary and Chaplain in white robes shall enter and take their places to the left and right of the chancel respectively. The President shall then enter and simultaneously the assembly shall rise with folded arms and remain in that position until he takes his place behind the chancel and gives the signal to be seated by a tap of his gavel. Upon the second rap of his gavel each of the brothers beginning on the extreme left of the president shall rise and approach the chancel from a direct line. On reaching he shall kneel on one knee with his hand behind his back and await the third rap which means to lift his head to receive recognition, if after the President recognizes him, he is allowed to remain in the assembly, the President gives a fourth rap with the gavel and the brother takes his seat. Upon another rap the next brother in line comes forward and repeats the ceremony of the proceeding brother etc... The President shall remain with slightly bowed head during this ceremony and at its termination; he shall raise his head and address the assembly with these words, "BROTHERS ALL".

The Chaplain will then rise and speak, " I beseech thee brethren in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no division among you; that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. As touching brotherly love ye need not that I speak unto you for you yourselves are taught of God to love one another that ye would walk worthy of him. Therefore let us hold a feast in Truth and Worthiness".

Brothers in unison answer: "We shall hold a feast in Truth and Worthiness".

The Chaplain shall lead the assembly in the Theta Gamma prayer: "Almighty god the great architect of the universe, the giver of all good gifts and graces. Thou hast promised that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt be in their midst and bless them. In thy name have we gathered together and in thy name do we desire to proceed with all our doings. Grant that the sublime principles of Theta Gamma may so subdue every discordant passion within us and so harmonize and enrich our hearts with thine own true love and goodness that this meeting in every action may humbly reflect the glory and beauty that is every before thy throne.

AMEN."

The assembly seats itself and the President speaks: "I do now declare the _____ Chapter of Theta Gamma Fraternity to be in session."

Order of Meetings

Secretary's report with the names of absent brothers at this meeting.

Treasurer's report

House Managers report

Committee reports

Miscellaneous reports

Propositions for membership and balloting

Old Business

New Business

Good and Welfare (no voting on motions in this division. If motions need to be made refer to old or new business)

Grievances

President speaks: "If there be no further business (pause) I do now declare this meeting of _____ Chapter of Theta Gamma to be adjourned." (gavel raps) "As we have lived tonight in perfect harmony and brotherly love in a world of strife and mistrust, may we always abide in the true spirit of brotherly love and may these words abide in your hearts. As the vine cannot bear fruit of itself, no more can you, unless you abide in the spirit of Theta Gamma, the mother of Truthful and Worthy men." (gavel falls)

The brothers then rise and sing the Theta Gamma chant. After transparency which hangs above the chancel and speaks: "Brothers, let us renew our oath to Theta Gamma." The brothers, standing and with the right hand extended toward the transparency repeat the following:

"As God as my witness, I pledge allegiance to Theta Gamma and secrecy to her signs, symbols, and services." (gavel falls) Assembly seat themselves and the Chaplain resumes his place.

President speaks: "Go, as ye have come, in secrecy." (gavel falls)

Assembly files out removing their robes

Note: Always address the President as O Bascelus, and the assembly as Ki Attle Foy, during meetings. When a brother addresses the chair he is recognized by a rap of the gavel.