41st WESTERN AREA CONFERENCE

JUNE 19 – 22, 2013

Committee Name: Rituals

Committee Chair: Marsha Webb

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2011 – 2013 GOALS

GOAL 1: a. To promote the appreciation, importance and relevance of rituals in the life of every chapter in the Western Area. 
   b. To encourage chapters to explore and familiarize themselves with all rituals and when they should be utilized.

GOAL 2: To assist chapters in performing rituals with uniformity. An updated Rituals Manual with a pictorial guide is being completed.

GOAL 3: To stress the importance of each chapter having all properties and contacts needed thus enabling them to perform a ceremony at a moment’s notice.
SUMMATION NEXT STEPS

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1. Assist with development of a pictorial guide for ceremonial tablescapes which will be included in the new Rituals Manual.

2. Help provide clarity to terms in the Rituals Manual which currently have ambiguity (Example: the term “highest ranking officer”)

3. Compile a list of properties that every chapter (Rituals committee) should own. Emphasize the importance of each chapter keeping an inventory (for content and quality) of said properties in one designated location which is secure yet easily accessible to the committee when needed.

4. Encourage local Rituals Committees to familiarize themselves with the entire offering of rituals and when they are appropriate.
5. Continually assure chapters that their Western Area Rituals Chair is always available and ready to assist wherever possible.

6. Perform (with excellence) all tasks requested of the Western Area Rituals Chair by our Western Area Director and the National Rituals Committee
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (IF ANY)

List Recommendations here:
Sincere appreciation is expressed to the Executive Council for acknowledging the importance of rituals in the life of linkdom. We always strive to perform them with “Excellence and Grace.”

It is my hope that the importance and relevance of rituals will continue to be acknowledged and promoted. Rituals help seize the moment and definitely promote “strengthening the chain.”

Linking in Friendship, Service and Appreciation,
Marsha Webb,
Western Area Rituals Chair