

## **A Suggested Initiation Ceremony for Alpha Kappa Delta Chapters**

Students to be inducted should stand or sit together, while the following brief induction talk is read by the faculty moderator:

*Faculty Moderator:*

For each of you, this year's initiates in Alpha Kappa Delta, the Sociology Faculty of [name of school] join today to induct you as lifetime members of Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Honor Society in Sociology. Alpha Kappa Delta derives its name from the first letters of the three Greek words that together signify the Society's goal: To study humankind for the purpose of service. The purpose of Alpha Kappa Delta is to promote human welfare through the association of a fellowship group interested in developing scientific knowledge that may be applied to the solution of social problems.

AKD was founded in 1920 at the University of Southern California by Dr. Emory Bogardus, other sociology faculty, and fourteen graduate students. In the following year, Dr. Bogardus invited other sociology departments to establish chapters of Alpha Kappa Delta. Our chapter, [name of chapter], was founded in [year]. (Moderator now provides information about the history and current activities of the chapter and may wish to acknowledge the contributions of particular members.) On behalf of the faculty and membership of Alpha Kappa Delta, I congratulate each of you on your accomplishments and welcome you to the Society. As I call your name, please come forward to accept the certificate [pin and/or honor cord, if given] that certifies your membership in Alpha Kappa Delta.

The moderator then reads each initiate's name and presents the certificate [pin and/or honor cord] to each new member. Many chapters follow the induction ceremony with a reception, party, dinner, or luncheon, to which some chapters also invite a guest speaker.