

The Ritual

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The International Honor Society for Professions in Technology



Promoting Excellence in Preparation and Excellence In Practice

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FOREWORD

With this very special edition produced as part of Epsilon Pi Tau's 75th Anniversary celebration, it is pleasing to reproduce, with only seven additional words, the "Foreword" statement that appeared in previous editions:

The Ritual endures as both an instrument and a symbol that unifies individuals in the professions in technology. Since the early 1930's there have been periodic reviews and occasional editing, all with an eye to the changing profile of our membership, the international scene, the dynamics of a democratic society, and of technology itself. The commonly shared experience of the initiation is a foundation of professional as well as individual strength and pride. The truths and beliefs contained within this ceremony form a common bond that has been tested for generations. The temper improves with age.

The original language and style of *The Ritual* as conceived by the framers and founder have been faithfully preserved with the knowledge that they provide an atmosphere and tone that is essential for the ceremony.

While programs and organizations change in their reflections of society and technology, human ideals are perpetuated through traditions. *The Ritual* is one such tradition. It is also a tribute to the quality, imagination and foresight of its originators.

PRELIMINARIES

The initiation ceremony is a cherished occasion for all members of the Honor Society; therefore, preparations should be carefully made to insure its success. The following suggestions will be found useful:

Preparing the Team

After team members are identified and selected, and at a reasonable time prior to the initiation, each should be given a copy of the Ritual for study and familiarization with the ceremony and the part they will recite. They should also carefully note stage directions and cues (beginning and ending statements of others and of stage directions that lead to their statement).

1. If possible, one or two weeks prior to the initiation the Trustee or Co-Trustee should arrange one or more rehearsals at which correct terminology, pronunciation, phraseology, and diction should be emphasized. The Glossary should be examined frequently for correct pronunciation of certain words in the text. Presentations from memory are more effective, but are not required.

Note that the Ritual is in the form of a script. The names that are capitalized and **Bold** should not be read aloud, as they indicate the speaker's title.

Emphasize to the team that the three counselors (Texnikh, Pragmateia, and Exetasis) and Historiographos are playing the roles of teacher/advisors and should direct their remarks to the initiates in a conversational manner, using good eye contact. Speaking slowly and deliberately, and loud enough to be heard by the entire audience. At the same time, there needs to be a careful blend of ceremonial speech, particularly on the part of Hegemon, Phylax and Basileus, but they direct their remarks to all in the room.

2. A dress rehearsal including actual assembly of the triangle at the table of Basileus should be planned in the final setting, usually prior to the initiation. The arrangement of tables, table covers, and seating for the team, apprentices, honored guests, members, and qualified visitors should be observed as depicted in Figure 1. Modifications may be made but only to accommodate room size and shape. Checked or arrange lighting for greatest effect.

3. Dress at the initiation team should reflect the mood of the occasion.

Casual clothing should be discouraged, and where feasible, appropriate uniform attire *or* academic robes should be worn.

4. A brief biography of academic and/or professional and/or community achievements and recognition's for each initiate may be provided for Hegemon. The completed "Who's Who in Epsilon Pi Tau" forms for the candidates are an excellent source for preparing this biographic data which may be presented by Hegemon as each candidate is introduced during the initiation ceremony. Hegemon will use pertinent information from these materials when the initiates are presented to The Honorable Basileus.

5. When there are several apprentices, each counselor (Texnikh, Pragmateia, and Exetasis) selects the name of a different apprentice who they will call to bear their bar to Basileus' table. If possible, the background of the bearer should reflect the ideal they are chosen to represent.

6. Plan the procedure for presenting the membership pins and certificates to assure an effective climax to the occasion.

Preparing the Apprentices

1. After the dress rehearsal, Hegemon should assemble the apprentices in an outer room or hallway, establish the order in which they will enter (alphabetical order of last name, for example), clarify and become familiar with Apprentices' names and preferred pronunciation and their background information. Hegemon should also instruct the group about where they will be led, when and where to stop, when to remain standing and how they will be instructed to be seated.

2. After the group has been prepared for entry and just before the start of the ceremony, Hegemon or a chapter officer or the Trustee may join the group to make a brief statement of welcome and to encourage them to listen carefully to the lessons of professionalism and life that they will hear. The Apprentices should also be informed that the ceremonial structure and sometimes archaic language is intentional to maintain the tradition of the 75 year old ceremony, which itself is based on centuries-old traditions of European guilds and knighthood.

At this time also, Apprentices may also be assured that they will experience no physical or mental discomfort and any commitment they may be asked to make to the precepts of EPSILON PI TAU will not impinge upon their personal, political or religious values.

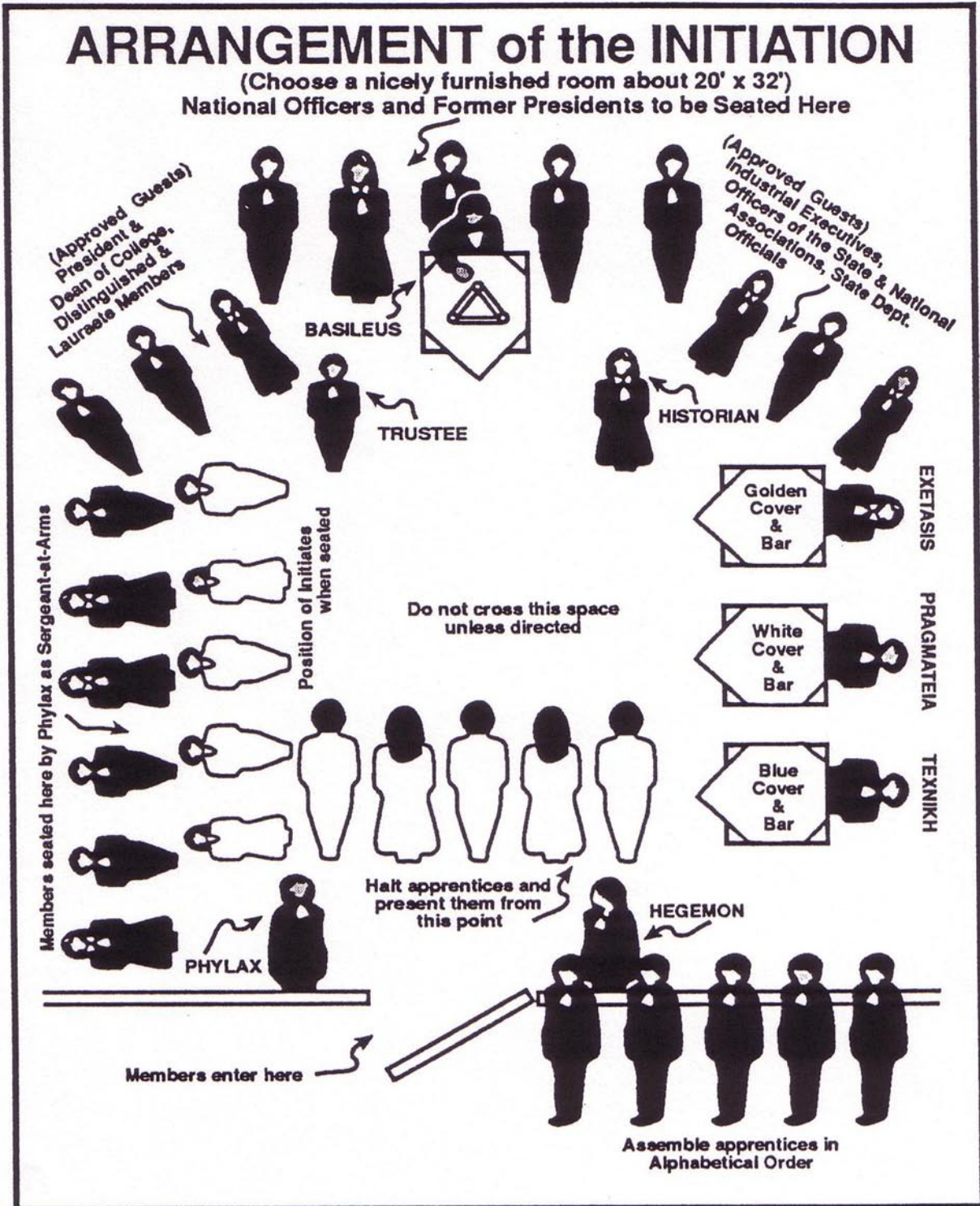


Figure 1. Arrangement of the Initiation

GLOSSARY

ALETHEIA (ǎ - lä - thī' - a) (alla - THIGH - uh) Truth as contrasted to falsehood.

BASILEUS (bäh' - sa - lūs') (BAH - suh - LOOSE)

DEMAGOGUE (dēm' - ā - gōg) (DEM - uh - gog) A leader who exploits passions and prejudices.

EPSILON PI TAU (ep' - si - lon pī' taw') (EP - sillon PIE TAW)

EXETASIS (ěx - sět - ā - sīs) (ex - SET - a - sis)

FRUITION (frōō - ǎ - shūn) (frue - ISH - un) Realization.

HEGEMON (hāg - è - mōan') (haig - uh MOAN)

HISTORIOGRAPHOS (his - tor'' - eo - grǎf' - os) (his - TOREO - GRAPH - ose)

INVULNERABLE (in - vŭl' - ner - a - bl) (in - VUL - ner - uh - bull) Incapable of being harmed.

PHOENICIAN (fě - nī' - shan) (feh - NISH - an) Pertaining to Phoenicia, an ancient country of the eastern Mediterranean.

PHLYAX (fī' - lǎx) (FIE - lax)

POSTULATED (pös' - tū - lāt - ed) (PAHST - u - lated) Assumed without proof.

PRAGMATEIA (prāg - ma - tī' - ǎ) (PRAG - m - TIE - a)

PYTHAGORAS (pī - thǎg' - o - rǎs) (pi - THAG - o - russ) Greek philosopher of sixth century B.C.

RESEARCH (rī - surch') (rih - SURCH)

SINE DIE (sīn' dī') (SIGN DIE) Without setting a day for reassembling.

TENTATIVE (těn' - ta - tīv) (TEN - ta - tiv) Preliminary.

TEXNIKH (těk - nī - kāy') (tek - ni - KAY)

TRIUNITY (trī - yū' - nī - tē) (try - YUNE - atee) Concept of three beings in one.

UNBIASED (ŭn - bī' - ǎst) (un - BYE - ast) Impartial; without prejudice.

THE HONORABLE BASILEUS PRESIDES

Following the dress rehearsal and after members and guests have been seated, **HEGEMON** is instructed to prepare the apprentices. The Honorable **BASILEUS** then calls the team and the guests to order. **HEGEMON** starts the initiation by providing two loud but deliberate knocks on the portal to advise of readiness and desire to enter with the apprentices.

PHYLAX GUARDS PORTAL

PHYLAX *rising at station
looking mildly surprised,
speaking deliberately and
with a hint of caution in voice*

PHYLAX Honorable **BASILEUS**,
someone seeks admittance from the
apprentices' room.

BASILEUS Give attention to the
seeker.

PHYLAX *opens door part
way so that HEGEMON will
be heard by those in the
initiation room but is not visible
to them*

PHYLAX Who seeks to be admitted?

HEGEMON **HEGEMON**, with
apprentices who, having studied, served,
and searched for new knowledge, now
seek to participate in the work and ideals
of this Honor Society.

PHYLAX Have their past records
been thoroughly evaluated?

HEGEMON Their records have been
thoroughly investigated and appraised.

PHYLAX Are they deemed worthy
of membership in EPSILON PI TAU?

HEGEMON They are recommended for this honor.

PHYLAX *addressing the Apprentices*

PHYLAX Apprentices, if you desire to become members of this Honor Society answer "I do."

PHYLAX *after answer*

PHYLAX The answer is satisfactory. I will make your request known to the Honorable BASILEUS.

PHYLAX *closes the door, approaches the center of the room, stops in front of the station of TEXNIKH, and faces BASILEUS*

PHYLAX Honorable BASILEUS, HEGEMON awaits at the threshold with apprentices who desire to be admitted.

BASILEUS Have you ascertained the worthiness of these apprentices?

PHYLAX All preliminaries leading to the admittance of the apprentices have been satisfactorily completed.

BASILEUS Order them admitted that we may proceed with their enlightenment.

PHYLAX *returns to the door and opens it wide so that HEGEMON and the apprentices may enter. Should the door open outward, PHYLAX should open it wide and then step back inside the room before extending the invitation. HEGEMON should not appear in the doorway until the invitation is finished.*

PHYLAX The Honorable BASILEUS commands you to present the apprentices.

HEGEMON *enters with apprentices and conducts them to a place in front of BASILEUS but no further forward than opposite the table of TEXNIKH so all may see*

BASILEUS *rises*

BASILEUS What strangers have crossed our threshold?

HEGEMON PRESENTS APPRENTICES

HEGEMON Apprentices who desire to participate in the work and benefits of our Honorary. By your leave Honorable BASILEUS, I present the following apprentices:

HEGEMON *calls the name of each apprentice in alphabetical order. As each name is called, the apprentice should step one pace forward to be recognized. At that time, important items about the apprentice may be read from Who's Who Forms or prepared cards*

Following the Apprentices' response and speaking very deliberately

BASILEUS *sits*

HEGEMON *conducts the apprentices and asks them to take their seats...after which BASILEUS rises*

BASILEUS *gestures toward HISTORIOGRAPHOS*

BASILEUS *sits*

BASILEUS The report will suffice. Apprentices, if you desire to become members, answer, "I do."

I know of no reason why the apprentices should not be advanced in EPSILON PI TAU. HEGEMON, conduct the apprentices to the learners' seats where they will be given further instruction.

BASILEUS Give heed, O seekers of enlightenment, to HISTORIOGRAPHOS who will unfold for you the record of EPSILON PI TAU.

HISTORIOGRAPHOS REVIEWS RECORD

HISTORIOGRAPHOS *rises*
and steps to a position
midway between the tables of
BASILEUS and EXETASIS

HISTORIOGRAPHOS Friends, it is my pleasure and opportunity as Historian to reveal to you the story of the development of Epsilon Pi Tau.

Since the dawn of civilization, people of like minds and kindred purposes have banded together for the advancement of their common welfare and the more complete integration of the social structure.

Noble minds have brought forth noble professional organizations that have fostered ideals to fruition and have spurred into action those retiring souls whom the world might have suffered to pass, unheard and unsung. These bonds among kindred minds have vanquished the tyrant, enlightened the masses, elevated right above might, deposed the demagogue, and imparted to each individual the wisdom that formerly abided only in the favored few. In no less lofty ideals was EPSILON PI TAU Honorary conceived and born.

Early in the year one thousand nine hundred twenty-eight, a small group of scholars gathered periodically about a seminar table at The Ohio State University. Visioning a need for an organization of mutually interested minds, they began to study the feasibility of a Greek-letter Honorary for the academic fields and professional practice areas we now associate with technology. The seed thus sown germinated into a tentative organization that undertook to prepare a statement of ideals and to recommend ways and means by which these ideals might be fostered and perpetuated. Many and vigorous were the discussions before an agreement was reached. The tangible results of these deliberations may be seen in the dynamic history of this Honor Society.

While three generations have passed since this committee reflected so profoundly, its ideals apply even as new professional fields emerge and existing fields are reconceived. The ideals are also appropriate to new and emerging professions that continue to evolve in every area of the enterprise and service sectors of society in response to technological developments. In fact, Epsilon Pi Tau currently enjoys a unique place in the annual conference programs of several professional organizations and is recognized as the official

Honor Society of The International Technology and Engineering Educators Association, The International Association for Science, Technology and Society, the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering, and The World Council of Associations in Technology Education, and is welcomed by many other state, national and international organizations. The ideals of this Honorary will assuredly endure. Listen well, Apprentices, as the ideals are disclosed to you.

HISTORIOGRAPHOS *speaks the following slowly and impressively. These ideals furnish the reason for the lessons which follow - in fact, are the philosophy of the Honorary*

The first of these is to esteem the function of TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY AND SKILL as it applies in the professions in technology.

The second, is to promote SOCIAL and PROFESSIONAL PROFICIENCY not only in the more restricted contacts of the individual with others, but also in the broader relationships of our professions in the whole of society.

The third, is to foster and reward RESEARCH and to respect, value and use the products of scholarly endeavor.

These ideals, with all that they mean, have been bequeathed to you by the founders of EPSILON PI TAU. The consuming desire of this early committee was to lay a sound foundation for the building of a stable organization through which our members and professions might be stimulated to healthy growth and continuous progress.

Apprentices, we believe that these ideals will attract and inspire any person who is to contribute to the leadership of our programs. They may be summed up in three cardinal concepts: first, the capability to appreciate the role and implications of technology and to use its products judiciously and skillfully; second, a disposition and ability to achieve professional ideals; and third, a desire and capacity to engage in or benefit from the search for truth. These three concepts are expressed by the Greek words: TEXNIKH, PRAGMATEIA, and EXETASIS. They constitute the philosophy of EPSILON PI TAU.

And now, my friends, as Historian, I challenge you to develop and make the most of your capacities through the years, and to be ever mindful of the philosophy just unfolded in the ideals of EPSILON PI TAU. Through them it is your opportunity to go far.

HISTORIOGRAPHOS *sits*
BASILEUS *rises and*
addresses the apprentices

BASILEUS HISTORIOGRAPHOS has revealed in part the history of our Honorary. Listen now to the lesson of our first counselor **TEXNIKH**.

BASILEUS *gestures toward*
TEXNIKH, *sits*

TEXNIKH, THE IDEAL OF TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY

TEXNIKH, rises, and picks up the blue bar, and holds it so that the apprentices may read the name on it and says

TEXNIKH Behold Texnikh: It represents the ideal of Technological Capability and Skill and the use of technology to utilize resources for the extension of human potential.

Then replaces bar on the table and continues

Soon after humans inhabited the Earth, Technological Capability and Skill were born. When the first stone was used as a tool, **TEXNIKH** began to develop. The molding of bronze and iron to our will was a significant advancement for **TEXNIKH**.

Today **TEXNIKH** is manifest in systems and processes related to information, organizations and materials. Through its magic, materials are shaped into countless objects of beauty and utility. The wealth of the land, the sea, and the sky is developed. Life is improved and extended, and we undertake the challenges presented by new frontiers that evolve out of existing fields such as wireless communication, nanotechnology, biomedicine and space.

The achievements of TEXNIKH are many, and no person has yet foreseen their end. I counsel you to cultivate TEXNIKH with diligence.

TEXNIKH *will call the previously selected name and signal the person to approach the table, hands the bar to the apprentice right side up so the name may be read.*

TEXNIKH Apprentice ...(Insert family name) take this emblem of TEXNIKH and place it on the table of the Honorable BASILEUS as commanded.

TEXNIKH *is seated as the apprentice takes the bar to the table of BASILEUS*

BASILEUS *directs the Apprentice who will place the bar on the table, as nearly as possible in the position which it will assume in the completed triangle...then directs the apprentice to be seated...*

when the apprentice is seated

BASILEUS *rises and addresses the apprentices*

BASILEUS Consider the place of TEXNIKH and what it brings. Those who have learned the power of technological capability may be confident that they now possess the sole key to success, and may believe that this alone will win. But experience teaches us that other characteristics are essential to a well-rounded life. So give heed to our second counselor, PRAGMATEIA, who will instruct you further.

BASILEUS *gestures toward PRAGMATEIA, sits*

PRAGMATEIA, THE PROFESSIONAL IDEAL

PRAGMATEIA *rises and holds the white bar so that the apprentices can read the name*

PRAGMATEIA Listen to PRAGMATEIA, to Social and Professional Proficiency.

replaces bar on the table gestures toward the previous counselor

Though TEXNIKH has enabled us to creatively use the resources of nature. PRAGMATEIA was also needed if the desire for growth and service was to be realized.

When we have learned the lesson of PRAGMATEIA, we are able to live in peace and with profit among ourselves and to assume an effective place in our society. When we take PRAGMATEIA to heart, we are armored with an invulnerable defense against defeat and the frustration of our ideals. Only then are we able in truly great measure to reap the rewards of our skill.

But PRAGMATEIA is not lightly won. To achieve it, you must know and respect others and must subordinate self in showing consideration for them. Remember that you profit most when you further the interests of your profession and contribute to the advancement of society. Stern, unremitting effort is required to hold one's self in check and to think of professional and social needs first. Yet, if you would learn by trial and error, by observation and practice, by taking thought and seeking truth, how you may become an effective member of this Honorary, and of other groups, remember always that if you would succeed, you must achieve PRAGMATEIA.

PRAGMATEIA *signals the named one to approach the table*

PRAGMATEIA Apprentice...(Insert family name) bear this white bar to the table of the Honorable BASILEUS for further directions.

PRAGMATEIA *hands the bar to the apprentice and resumes seat*

BASILEUS *tells the Apprentice about the proper place and assembly of the bars, which the Apprentice should without assistance.*

when apprentice is seated,
BASILEUS *rises holding up the assembled parts of the triangle*

demonstrates

gestures to void where third bar should be

gestures toward EXETASIS,
sits

EXETASIS, THE TECHNOLOGIST'S IDEAL

EXETASIS *rises and holds the golden bar so that the apprentices can read the name*

BASILEUS Apprentice, since you have learned that for success you must unite PRAGMATEIA with TEXNIKH, even so with this golden pin, join the emblems of the two counselors who have spoken.

BASILEUS You may be seated.

Behold, apprentices, the added extent and power of the two bars. With two precepts we can progress further than with one. Yet there is something missing that would insure completeness and stability in our symbolism of these principles of life. Listen, therefore, to our third counselor EXETASIS.

EXETASIS This is the golden bar of EXETASIS, or Research and its uses. It is emblematic of the search for truth and represents the chief instrument of progress, not only for our Honorary, but also for the whole human race.

replaces bar on the table

gestures toward TEXNIKH

*gestures toward
PRAGMATEIA*

Long after we had achieved the molding of Nature to our desire through the exercise of Technological Capability and Skill, or TEXNIKH; long after we had learned to live in a society through the practice of Social and Professional Proficiency, or PRAGMATEIA; we learned the power of EXETASIS.

To what ends do people toil? For what purposes do they participate in social groups? The best means of achieving those ends, of fulfilling those purposes, is through EXETASIS, or Research. To those who come with open minds and seek by objective methods, EXETASIS slowly but surely reveals the precious grains of truth that lead the way from darkness to light. Less and less shall the will of the tyrant, or the glittering generalities of the demagogue, direct our destinies. The seeker, the thinker, is more and more the one who leads... Listen to the words of Berton Braley, selected from his poem, "The Thinker." Although the imagery depicts our technological heritage, the message of the power of research endures.

recites slowly but avoids sing-song recitation

Back of the beating hammer
 By which the steel is wrought
 Back of the workshop's clamor
 The seeker may find the Thought-
 The Thought that is ever master
 of iron and steam and steel,
 That rises above disaster
 And tramples it under heel!

. . .

Might of the roaring boiler,
 Force of the engine's thrust,
 Strength of the sweating toiler,
 Greatly in these we trust.
 But back of them stands the Schemer,
 The Thinker who drives things through;
 Back of the Job-the Dreamer
 Who's making the dream come true!

Apprentices, this poem is a miniature of the function and place of EXETASIS: to dream the dream that Truth reveals, and then work to make that dream come true.

And equal to that, I counsel you to make EXETASIS your constant companion. Strive diligently to be objective, to suspend judgment until all facts are known, and to support assertions with data and factual information. This wins admiration of colleagues and contributes mightily to successful leadership. Master the ways of Research and use them honestly, for through EXETASIS comes the Truth, the supreme Aletheia.

EXETASIS *signals the named one to approach the table*

EXETASIS Apprentice....(Insert family name) take this emblem, the symbol of EXETASIS, and place it in position before the Honorable BASILEUS.

EXETASIS *hands the bar to the apprentice and resumes seat*

BASILEUS Apprentice, even as was linked TEXNIKH to PRAGMATEIA with these golden pins now link EXETASIS TO TEKNIKH and PRAGMATEIA.

BASILEUS *remains seated*

apprentice pins the proper joints as directed

BASILEUS You may be seated.

*when the apprentice is seated, **BASILEUS** rises, holds up the completed triangle for all to see, and demonstrates its strength.*

You will now observe the stability that is the result of the interlocking of Technological Capability and Skill, Social and Professional Proficiency, and Research.

Points to
HISTORIOGRAPHOS

BASILEUS *sits*

Nothing can shake the strength of these three; they mutually reinforce one another. Moreover, that which was without significant form is now imbued with all the attributes of the triangle. That you may better understand the significance of this symbol, give heed Apprentices, to HISTORIOGRAPHOS as the history of triunity in the development of humanity is unfolded to you.

HISTORIOGRAPHOS, SYMBOLISM OF TRIANGLE

HISTORIOGRAPHOS *rises*
and gestures toward the
triangle.

HISTORIOGRAPHOS The concept of three, or triunity, was a potent factor in the early history of humanity, but the origin of the triangle is shrouded in the mists of dim antiquity.

The properties of the triangle must have been known about 3700 B.C., for the first king of the Fourth Dynasty of Egypt used it in designing and constructing the Great Pyramid.

The triangle ranks as a most important figure. It is the simplest that can be drawn with straight lines. Without knowledge of the properties of the triangle, the science of geometry would have been impossible.

At one time, the equilateral triangle was considered a sacred symbol. It was common in the Phoenician, Egyptian, Greek, and other ancient languages. Whenever an oath of importance was taken in the days of Pythagoras, it was administered on the equilateral triangle.

Our Honorary has chosen to reflect the constructive and stable qualities of this ancient symbol as emblematic of the ideals of EPSILON PI TAU as presented to you by the three counselors, TEXNIKH, PRAGMATEIA, and EXETASIS.

HISTORIOGRAPHOS *sits*

BASILEUS ADMINISTERS OBLIGATION

BASILEUS *rises*

BASILEUS And so, if you would develop your potentialities to the utmost, you must cultivate and maintain within you TEXNIKH, PRAGMATEIA, and EXETASIS. This Honorary will assist you in the process of your personal and professional development. Its members have chosen to admit you to their number because of their belief in your ability to grow. Do not disappoint them! Put forth your best efforts; strive and succeed. The opportunity is yours...And now, one ceremony remains. Will all members and apprentices please stand.

BASILEUS *pauses as
apprentices and members rise*

BASILEUS Repeat after me the
Obligation of EPSILON PI TAU.
It will not conflict with your
obligations to your God, your
country, or other people.

*Then Leads the group in
reciting the obligation with
appropriate pauses allowing
the members of the group to respond*

Say "I" and pronounce your full name; / on
my honor / do solemnly promise / in the presence of the members of this
Honorary, / to respect, uphold, and defend / the ideals of EPSILON PI TAU. /
I agree to abide by the laws, / rules, / decrees, / and actions of the Honorary. /
I pledge my word / to endeavor to perfect myself / in TEXNIKH, / in
PRAGMATEIA, / in EXETASIS; / to honor and respect these three / in works
and efforts of others, / whether members of the Honorary or not. / To all this,
/ I pledge my solemn word. (*pause*)

You may all be seated. We shall now hear from our Trustee concerning the international program of the Honorary.

BASILEUS *sits*

TRUSTEE REPORTS ON THE HONORARY

(Trustees have the option of using the following script or to draw from items on the list beginning on page 17. **Whichever is chosen, be sure to complete the ceremony with the BASILEUS STATEMENT, PP. 18 AND 19)**

TRUSTEE *rises*

TRUSTEE Honorable BASILEUS,
members of the Honorary, and

Apprentices: When the Ritual was first prepared, the trustee was given a set part along with the other members of the team. As the Honorary grew, however, it became a function of the trustee to report on the more significant aspects of the international program.

Each of our chapters is equipped with table covers such as you see here.

*gestures toward table cover
when each color is mentioned*

The BLUE was chosen to represent technological capability and skill, the WHITE to represent social and professional proficiency, and the GOLD to represent our paramount goal, the eternal search for truth. Blue, white, and gold have therefore become the colors of EPSILON PI TAU. The colors used on the table of the Honorable BASILEUS are different in each of our chapters because they represent the colors of the college or region. Our members live in many parts of the world...

*The number of individuals who
have been initiated in the local
chapter may also be mentioned*

*Although this is frequently
reserved for a banquet feature,
the trustee may next introduce
and compliment the members
of the team. Any former
presidents of the chapter or
other distinguished guests
should always be introduced. If
the list of chapters is not printed
in the banquet program of the*

*evening, the trustee may
next identify and give their
geographical locations.*

There are three levels of membership: general, laureate, and distinguished service. Each of us is initiated as a general member. The laureate membership is reserved for those who have demonstrated notable achievement in the three ideals of the Honor Society. The distinguished service membership is limited to persons who have long distinguished themselves as leaders in their profession and in the ideals and work of the Honorary.

*Identifies local or regional
members - Laureate and
Distinguished - if there is
Time*

The Honor Society is governed by The Code which includes the Constitution and By Laws and operating procedures for the chapters and provides guidelines for the Board of Directors, Executive Director and chapter Trustees. Regional Directors, nominated by Trustees and co-Trustees of the respected Region and elected by the members in the Region, form the Board which appoints the Executive Director.

In fulfilling its purpose of advancing the professions in technology, Epsilon Pi Tau supports several professional associations and encourages the expression and sharing of various interests and views. As noted in the ceremony, Epsilon Pi Tau is the official honor society of the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association, the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering, and the Society and the World Council of Associations for Technology Education. EPSILON PI TAU usually conducts Exemplary Initiations at the conferences of these organizations as well as of the American Technical Education Association, the Association for Career and Technical Education and several state and regional organizations. These special initiations are sponsored by the Board to induct professional leaders who have not been previously recognized.

The organization of which you've just become a member also serves as a forum for professionals in technology and also holds breakfasts during association conferences at which noted individuals speak on subjects reflecting the leadership role of the Honorary. One can ill afford to miss these meetings. The speeches as well as other topics of interest to members are attractively presented in the JOURNAL OF TECHNOLOGY STUDIES, copies of which you

will receive, in addition to THE EPSILON PI TAU PRECEPTOR, our periodic newsmagazine.

Special mention must be made of The Epsilon Pi Tau web site that provides significant member services and advances the concept of a forum and communication device.

The Epsilon Pi Tau Fund supports recognition and professional development ideals of the Honorary. Through its independent fundraising efforts it maintains a corpus, the earnings from which support three targeted funds:

W. E. Warner Awards Program Fund

Recognizes students, scholars, exemplary chapters and exemplary research products.

*Identifies local winners,
if time permits*

Paul E. Hiser Exemplary Publication Award Fund

Recognizes the best article of the year appearing in the Journal of Technology Studies, the refereed publication of Epsilon Pi Tau.

The General Fund

Supports activities of individuals and professional organizations which serve to advance and strengthen the professions in technology.

And now, I close with the admonition that whenever you find yourself in a locality where a member is known to live or a chapter is located, make yourself known so that you may mutually share the benefits and pleasures of association with other members of this Honorary.

Trustee sits

THE ALTERNATIVE THAT A TRUSTEE MAY CHOOSE

Trustee rises:

Trustee addresses his/her remarks to all in attendance and may cover any and all of the following facets of the Honor Society as well as any points of local chapter interest deemed appropriate.

History of the Trustee's role in the Ritual

Introduce the Ritual Team and address each role

Outline the symbolism of the colors of the table cover: blue for Texnikh, white for pragmateia, gold for exetasis, and the Basileus table cover representing the institution's colors or those chosen by the field chapter,

Review the scope of total EPT membership and number of chapter members as of the most recent date and local chapter number, if desired.

Reveal the three levels of membership as General, Laureate, and Distinguished Service and identify any Laureate or Distinguished Service recipients in attendance.

Review the code and outline the organization of the Honor Society with local chapter trustees, Board of Directors, Executive and Associate Executive Directors. May reveal the history of only three Executive Directors -William E. Warner, Delmar W. Olson, and Jerry Streichler.

Outline the publications of EPT, The Journal of Technology Studies and The Preceptor all paid members receive.

Provide an overview of the Epsilon Pi Tau Fund and the work accomplished as the:
William E. Warner Award Program which recognizes outstanding student, scholars, chapters and projects.

Paul E. Hiser Exemplary Publications Award which recognizes the best article appearing in the Journal of Technology Studies.

Any local chapter news, activities, etc. deemed appropriate.

Closing: The Trustee may wish to close with an uplifting challenge for the new members or other appropriate closure.

BASILEUS ADJOURNS THE MEETING

BASILEUS *rises. Then,
addressing the apprentices*

BASILEUS Thank you,
Trustee....(Insert family name)

I now declare you members in full standing of the International Honor Society for Professions in Technology, EPSILON PI TAU, with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining. I counsel you to look well to your development that you may become still more worthy members of the Honorary.

*If pins and certificates are
presented at initiation*

Your EPSILON PI TAU pins
and membership certificates
will be presented at this time

(or)

*If pins and certificates will be
presented at a banquet, if one
follows*

Your EPSILON PI TAU pins and
membership certificates will be presented
at the (banquet/luncheon/ dinner) which
will follow this ceremony.

*Following presentation or
announcement about banquet*

Our members will now greet you, if you
will remain in your places. I now declare
this meeting of EPSILON PI TAU to be
adjourned, sine die.

*Raps gavel twice in slow
tempo*