



Foundation Ceremony: By the Light of Delta Gamma

The following Foundation ceremony may be used by Delta Gamma chapters or alumnae groups.

First Speaker: A single candle shines as bright as any star. Its tiny light illuminates an area surprisingly large for such a small flame. Delta Gammas strive to be that flame, to light the path and to show the way, for those who cannot see.

Delta Gammas give freely of themselves by volunteering their time and their talents to assist those who are visually impaired. We give of ourselves by donating funds to agencies with vision-related purposes. Our philanthropy since 1936 continues to be Service for Sight.

By the light of Delta Gamma ... others can see.

Second Speaker: Sunrise begins with a single pinpoint of light on the horizon and grows into a new day full of potential. Our lectureships in values and ethics touch the mind and offer promise to our development as individuals.

By finding that potential within ourselves, we can reach out to the community. By touching lives one by one, we can unlock the potential of others as well as our own.

By the light of Delta Gamma ... others gain insight.

Third Speaker: A candle left shining in a window beckons home the traveler, lighting the way to a place of warmth and fellowship. It is the spirit of fellowship that drives Delta Gamma's efforts. It brings together collegians and alumnae to raise funds for the Delta Gamma Foundation, which in turn are given to charities dedicated to helping persons with visual impairment or to preserving sight.

Fundraising events are wonderful times to have fun, spend time with old friends, and make new friends.

By the light of Delta Gamma ... others reach out.

Fourth Speaker: A lighthouse against the night sky is a precious beacon, providing a guide by lighting the way and giving direction.

Delta Gamma provides that beacon for many students. Scholarships, fellowships and loans help light the way for many women to achieve their goals through education. Education is one of the keys to success as we strive for balance and values in our society.

By the light of Delta Gamma ... others may grow.

Fifth Speaker: Alone, each candle provides light, yet as each new flame is added, the circle of light grows ever larger. It is the light that our three Founders may have had in mind when they began their club of “mutual helpfulness.” The motto, “do good” that Anna, Eva and Mary chose in 1873 is still our motto today.

Each Delta Gamma, with her desire to do good adds her own special light. As we reach out to others, we make our world a brighter place.

How bright will the light be when we all kindle a small flame? It only takes a spark to get a flame glowing — we, the women of Delta Gamma, are that spark.

By the light of Delta Gamma, others can see, gain insight, reach out, and grow.

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