

# Orientation & Initiation



Chapter members suggest names for membership. Prospective members are sent the “prospect letter” from our Membership chair which includes information about the Society and our chapter’s meetings and projects. They are contacted by the Membership chair who suggests they view the chapter’s website “DKG New Member Orientation” section. The chair explains the relationship between the levels of the Society: chapter – state organization – international. She tells them the benefits of DKG and what

DKG can offer members. She explains DKG’s purposes. She lets the prospective member know that chapters are vital to the Society, but are part of a bigger picture. She invites them to attend a meeting. When and if the prospective member accepts the invitation to join the chapter, an initiation is planned and scheduled. We use the Ceremonies manual for initiation. The table is arranged with the needlepoint crest and key, candles, Gamma Alpha registry book, and a red rose for each new member as suggested in the Ceremonies manual. Following the ceremony, new initiates sign the registry. Then they are given a name badge with the keypin. (The chapter purchases these for the new members.) After the ceremony and signing of the registry, new initiates meet the chapter members in a receiving line. Before they leave the meeting, they fill out information card for the treasurer.

