

# **MOST COMMON** **CHAPTER INITIATION PROBLEMS**

## **I LACK OF PREPARATION BY CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

The chapter president should read all the way through the initiation ritual before having a dress rehearsal with the other actives participating in the initiation ritual. This will insure the:

1. Correct pronunciation of certain difficult words in the initiation ritual;
2. Proper administration of the pledge; and,
3. Proper administration of having initiates sitting and/or standing.

## **II CELL PHONES & PAGERS RINGING**

Make sure one of the last things you do before the initiation ritual begins is to **tell all actives and electives to turn off the ringers** on their cell phones and pagers.

## **III IMPROPER DRESS BY INITIATES**

Strongly encourage all participants in the initiation ritual to wear clothing that they would consider to be appropriate for a job interview.

## **IV GUESTS DENIED ATTENDANCE**

The initiation ritual is only open to actives and electees because our founding fathers wished to preserve the “charm of privacy” of the initiation ritual.

## **V LATEST COPY OF INITIATION RITUAL NOT USED**

You can call the national headquarters and have them send you the latest version of the initiation ritual which is FREE.

## **VI NO COMPLETE TESTING OF RITUAL EQUIPMENT**

Test all of the initiation ritual equipment at least one day **before** the initiation ritual begins.

## **VII IMPROPER LAYOUT OF READERS' TABLE**

Be sure and follow the diagram given at the front of the initiation ritual as to the proper layout of the readers' table.

## **VIII INADEQUATE USE OF FLASHLIGHTS**

Use an adequate number of initiation helpers with flashlights to insure that actives and electees alike do not fall down stairs or over furniture at the beginning of the initiation ritual.

## **IX LACK OF SOMEONE TO SECURE INITIATION ROOM DOOR**

Have someone stationed on the outside of the initiation room door to insure that **no one** (late arriving actives, electees, faculty, or deans) enters the initiation room once the initiation ritual has begun.

## **X CANDIDATES NOT IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER**

The **last task** that Gamma does is to bring to Alpha the alphabetical listing of those electees that have arrived for the initiation ceremony.

**XI LAST, BUT NOT LEAST! PRIOR TO THE INITIATION CEREMONY, YOU MUST HAVE RECEIVED PROPER APPROVAL FROM NAT. HDQTRS. TO HOLD THE INITIATION OF ALL THE UNDERGRADUATE, GRADUATE, AND EMINENT ENGINEER ELECTEES!**