Illinois Lambda State Organization

To: Chapter Presidents
From: Sue Dion, Alpha Lambda
Corresponding Secretary/Visitation Chair

Re: Chapter Visitation

March 2016

Dear Chapter Presidents,



Greetings! We are Growing, Changing, Standing Strong as we make preparations for visits to chapters in the fall. You and your chapter have probably begun preparing for the 2016 – 2018 biennium. One of your remaining tasks is to mentor the incoming president so that the transition is smooth. One thing that the new president is asked to focus on very early is the planning for the new biennium and for chapter visitation.

Although chapter visits can take place between July 1, 2016 and March 1, 2017, I would encourage you to complete your visit in the fall to be more helpful to the chapter. As a result of changes in the Standing Rules at the Lambda State Convention 2015, our visitors for the upcoming visitation schedule will be limited to elected state officers, treasurer, executive assistant, editor, parliamentarian, historian, webmaster, past state presidents, state chairs, and Chair of the Foundation Board. A list of the thirty-two visitors who will be representing Lambda State as visitors is attached.

The visitors will be assigned to at least two chapters based on proximity. As a result of changes made by the Ad Hoc Visitation Committee in 2015, there will be less paper work for both the visitors and chapter presidents. Most of the forms are familiar to you. They will be available on the website within the next couple of months. Chapter presidents will receive the visitation forms and information to prepare them for the chapter visit at the Training for Chapter Leaders on Saturday June 11, 2016 in Mt. Vernon or Saturday June 18, 2016 in Ottawa. Visitors will receive forms and training at a meeting on June 29, 2016.

To assist in scheduling chapter visits please complete the form for chapter visitation scheduling and return it to me by April 5, 2016. You may e-mail the form to sddion56@gmail.com or mail it to Sue Dion, 139 Barrington Lane, East Peoria, IL 61611. Dates to be excluded from your choices are:

Monday, July 4, 2016 – Fourth of July Sunday, July 5, 2016 – Saturday, July 9, 2016 – International Convention Monday, September 5, 2016 – Labor Day Friday, September 16, 2016 – Saturday, September 17, 2016 – Lambda State Executive Board Meeting Friday, October 7, 2016 – Sunday, October 9, 2016 – Creative Arts Retreat Thursday, November 24–27, 2016 – Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend Saturday, December 24–31, 2016 – Christmas Holiday Break Sunday, January 1–2, 2017 – New Year's Holiday

Visitors and incoming chapter presidents will know their matches prior to the Lambda State Convention in April. The Lambda State Convention is an excellent opportunity for visitors to reach out to chapter presidents and begin the journey together! I look forward to all of us working together during this biennium.

Sincerely,

Sue Dion, Lambda State Corresponding Secretary/Visitation Chair

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