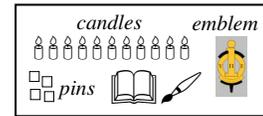


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1. Setup

The chapter key (large brass UPE emblem) shall be prominently visible. Eleven white candles are arranged near the key with the first 4, the middle, and last 4 lit: 11110101111 (corresponding to the 11 binary bits on the key. Lighted candles are the 1's, unlit candles are the 0's).



The chapter's roll book is placed in front of the candles, with a pen adjacent. Lapel pins to be given to new members are also placed nearby.

2. UPE Faculty Representative opening remarks.

(Introduce yourself as the Upsilon Pi Epsilon faculty representative.)

(Introduce the Upsilon Pi Epsilon officer representative.)

"For those of you who are not familiar with Upsilon Pi Epsilon ("UPE"), I'd like to take a few moments to describe it.

Upsilon Pi Epsilon is an international honor society whose mission is to recognize academic excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in the Computing and Information disciplines. It is the first and only existing international honor society that does so. Only schools that offer a degree in the Computing and Information Disciplines can be chartered.

Members of the honor society are chosen not only for their scholastic achievement in a computing or information program, but also for distinguishing themselves as true professionals by meeting the standards of the society. Membership is limited to those who can effectively achieve the original goals of the society. These goals include:

- The recognition of outstanding talent in the field of computer science and information disciplines.
- The promotion of high scholarship in those fields.
- The establishment and maintenance of high standards in computer science and information disciplines, and
- The encouragement of individual contributions to society through these disciplines.

UPE is endorsed by the two largest computer organizations in the world, the Association for Computing Machinery, and the IEEE Computer Society.

UPE was founded in 1967 at Texas A&M University, and currently (March 2006) there are 221 chapters in 45 states and 4 countries.

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We are the fifth chapter to be chartered in the state of Maryland (the Greek letter *epsilon* being the 5th letter of the Greek alphabet, we are also known as the Epsilon Chapter of Maryland). Our chapter was chartered in 1994, and has inducted 232 members.

The undergraduate membership criteria is quite selective. To be eligible, a midshipman must have completed at least 18 credit hours of work in the major with at least a 3.25 grade point average, must have an overall grade point average of at least 3.0, and must stand in the upper half of their class in military order of merit. In practical terms, this usually corresponds to the upper 5 to 7% of all Computer Science and Information Technology majors.

Faculty members must have been in responsible charge of undergraduate courses or research work at the institution for at least ½ year.

A number of current members of our chapter are present today. All of these individuals have met these criteria - would the current members of UPE please raise your hand to be recognized for your achievement?

(Pause for applause)

The ceremony will be conducted by the chapter officers:

Midn 1/C Packard , President
Midn 1/C Watt , Vice President
Midn 1/C Holbrook , Secretary

Following the ceremony, all 2/C student members of UPE will vote to elect new chapter officers.

Before the ceremony begins, the Chapter Vice President will describe the history, ideals, and emblems of our honor society.

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3. History, ideals and emblems of UPE

(Chapter Secretary points out features of the Key as the Vice President talks ...)

Vice President:

"It is customary and proper that people unite with common bonds of interest. To display these bonds, characteristic symbols are used as identification. To the world, the symbols represent a society with particular goals and interests; to the membership however, the symbols have more significant meaning.

The Emblem of UPE takes the general form of a Key. The Greek characters spanning the Key identify the Society to the world as Upsilon Pi Epsilon. The Key itself represents the entry of today's candidates into professional association in our honor society.

The Computing and Information Disciplines are relatively young disciplines, first recognized in the mid-twentieth century. The heritage of computing, however, is drawn from the origins of humanity. Pride in our heritage is self-evident in the great advances made in the Computing and Information Disciplines. UPE members recognize and honor those previous contributions, and pledge to build upon that foundation.

In the Computing and Information Disciplines two symbols of special significance are the numbers **Zero** and **One**.

Zero and **One** form the binary character set. **Zero** with its circular shape is symbolic of the encompassing nature of the Computing and Information Disciplines.

One signifies the unity of purpose of UPE, the united effort to promote our discipline and its contributions to society. **One** also characterizes the individual effort each member of UPE has personally made. **One** is the positive symbol of Truth, Integrity, and Maturity that are basic to the strength of UPE and its members.

The binary digits on the Key, and the candles you see before you, represent the number ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN, the date of our founding."

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4. Induction ceremony

President:

"Thank you very much. We will now begin the initiation ceremony.
Dr. Stahl , please present the faculty candidates."

Faculty representative:

"Faculty candidates, I will call each of you by name into membership in the Upsilon Pi Epsilon honor society. Please stand and remain standing when your name is called, if you accept this invitation.

Chapter President, I have the honor and pleasure of presenting the following faculty candidate(s) for initiation:

(Announce each candidate's full name and title)

Capt Brian Balazs, USAF
Cdr Thomas Logue, USN
Dr. Luke McDowell, Assistant Professor
Cdr Brian Osborn, USN

President: "Chapter Vice President, please present the student candidates."

Vice President:

"Student candidates, I will call each of you by name into membership in the Upsilon Pi Epsilon honor society. Please stand and remain standing when your name is called, if you accept this invitation.

Chapter President, I have the honor and pleasure of presenting the following student candidate(s) for initiation:

(Announce each candidate's full name)

<i>Alex Runyan</i>	<i>Jace Mirmak</i>	<i>Michael Molloy</i>	<i>Matthew Simmons</i>
<i>Jeffery Milota</i>	<i>Matthew Austin</i>	<i>Jamie Bradley</i>	<i>Grant Gehrke</i>
<i>Philip Roman</i>	<i>Benjamin Kroll</i>	<i>David Underhill</i>	<i>Andrew Nelson</i>
<i>William Sauer</i>	<i>Jeffrey Dawson</i>	<i>Alison Teoh</i>	<i>Sean Sullivan</i>

President:

"By their Scholarship, Leadership, and Integrity, have these candidates fulfilled all the requirements for membership in our society?"

Chapter Vice President and Faculty Representative (in unison): "They have."

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President:

"Candidates, raise your right hand and repeat this pledge after me ...

"Having heard and understood ... " (*response*)

"the purpose and tenets of Upsilon Pi Epsilon ... " (*response*)

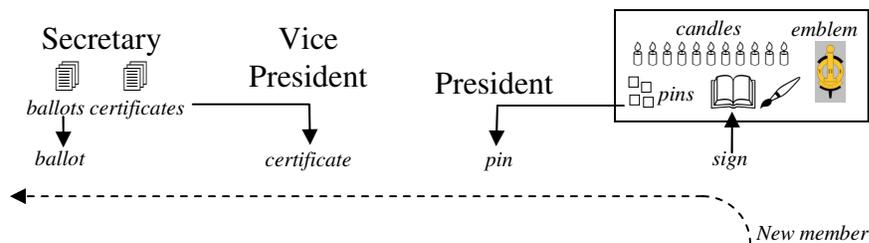
"I pledge to honor, respect and promote ... " (*response*)

"the aims and ideals of this Society" (*response*)

President: "Congratulations, and welcome to the UPE Honor Society."

(Pause for applause)

President: "New members of our society, please confirm your pledge by coming forward to sign our chapter register as your name is called, then you may be seated."



1. Secretary announce each new member's name: **read from the certificates!**
2. Member comes forward and signs the register
3. President hands a **pin** to the member.
4. Vice President hands a **certificate** to the member.
5. Secretary gives 2/C members a **ballot**.
6. Member is seated.

President: (After last new member is seated...)

"This concludes our ceremony. 2/C members of UPE please vote for new officers on the ballot you have been given, and return it to the Chapter Secretary"

Secretary:

1. Close the chapter register, blow out the candles.
2. Collect ballots and tabulate results
3. Report results to the Faculty Representative.