National Ritual Celebration Week 2026
Chapter Activity Facilitator Guide

25 minutes

Activity: Ensure members have a blank sheet of paper or a device to make notes for a free writing activity. Give members 3-5 minutes to write freely using the following prompt/questions:

- Ritual, in the fraternity/sorority context, is "a prescribed or established rite, ceremony, proceeding, or service that is reflected in any regular practice or pattern of behavior."
    - What is our Ritual? Is it something you practice every day? Some days? At all?
    - What values stand out to you? Why?
    - What role does Ritual play in our chapter?

Small Group Discussion: After 5 minutes, in small groups (or, if already a small group, as a chapter) ask members to reflect on the free-writing activity. Members can summarize what they've written or general reflections on how it felt to think about values and Ritual. Small group discussions should conclude after 10 minutes.

Large Group Discussion: After members have had some time to discuss in their small groups, use the remaining 10 minutes to lead a large group discussion with the following questions. Be sure to take note of trends or other observations during the discussion.

- Why do you think our founder's selected these values?
- In what ways does our chapter live our organizational values collectively?
- What are examples you've seen of members living our Ritual (an opportunity for a celebration of values in action)?
- How can we begin/continue to live our organizational values regularly?

Closing Thoughts: The purpose of this discussion was to help our members reflect on how we live out our values as part of National Ritual Celebration Week, a nationally observed opportunity to celebrate the values and purpose of fraternal organizations. The program was originally created by Phi Mu Fraternity and has been expanded to allow all fraternities and sororities to reflect on their foundational values as expressed in their Ritual and/or creed. Individual Ritual may vary from chapter to chapter, but it is what makes the fraternity and sorority community unique and deserves to be celebrated. Nationally, Ritual Celebration Week is observed March 2-7, 2026.

The F/S Programming Board is offering several activities on social media and in person throughout the week for chapters and members to celebrate!

- March 2, 2026: International Badge Day!
    - Kick off the week with International Badge Day! Members of our community are invited to proudly display symbols of their organization, such as badges and pins, line jackets, tikis, letters, or organization colors. Show your pride by posting a picture of your organization's symbols on your chapter's official Instagram and sharing what it represents to your members.

- March 3, 2026: Testimonial Tuesday!

    - Stop by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life between 12-2pm and tell the Programming Board about how you live your Ritual! Members will have the option of answering prompts to be displayed on the OFSL window or be interviewed. Programming Board will post your pictures or videos and tag your chapter. Don't forget to have your chapter's official Instagram repost it!

- March 4, 2026: Wear 'Em Wednesday!
    - Show your chapter pride by wearing your letters and be sure to stop by the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life to pick up an exclusive NCRW sticker. Post a picture of your members rocking their letters and sporting their stickers.

- March 5, 2026: Throwback Thursday!
    - Take a trip down memory lane by sharing a historical fact or throwback photo related to your chapter's traditions. This could highlight an event from the past, an element of your Ritual that has evolved over time, or changes made to ensure relevance for today's members. Let's celebrate our history while embracing our growth!

- March 7, 2026: Gameday!
    - Post your CSU gameday pride! Wear green, gold, or orange! We want pictures of you in the Moby Madness at the Men's Basketball Game for FSL Day!

When the chapter completes this activity, the facilitator or another chapter leader should share their thoughts via the online form at: https://fsl.colostate.edu/nrcw-chapter-activity-reflection-form/