

PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION OR CONFERENCE

- Δ **Register** for the National Convention/Regional Conference.
- Δ **Be prepared.** Study the issues and candidates.
- Δ **Have a chapter review session** prior to the Convention/Conference.
- Δ **Make Convention preparation a priority.** Place Convention or Conference preparation information in the chapter newsletter or on the website in a restricted area.
- Δ **Share cell phone numbers** so you can stay connected.
- Δ **Plan your attire:** Refer to the Protocol and Traditions Manual and this document.

AT THE CONVENTION OR CONFERENCE

- Δ **Attend the sessions.**
- Δ **Arrive early.**
- Δ **Wear the proper attire.**
- Δ **Be mindful of Reserved seats** and tables.
- Δ **Be mindful of Delta Dears** and physically challenged sorors.
- Δ Sorors wanting to sit together should arrive together. Don't save seats.
- Δ Network with Sorors by sharing business cards and Delta cards.
- Δ **Introduce yourself to Sorors** you don't know.

DURING THE CEREMONIES AND PLENARY SESSIONS

- Δ **Always show respect** to the presiding officer or speaker.
- Δ **Do not take pictures during ceremonies.**
- Δ **Address the Chair correctly.**

- Δ Raise the appropriate card.
- Δ Wait to be recognized.
- Δ Say "Madam Chair" or "Madam President."
- Δ State your name, Chapter and Region.
- Δ Continue when the chair gives you permission.
- Δ **Be sure to have your cell phone on *Silent*** or turn it off. You will be fined if your phone is heard ringing during a Plenary Session.

DURING MEAL EVENTS

- Δ **Wait until the Invocation is given** before you start to eat.
- Δ **Respect the program participants** by not talking and walking during presentations and speeches.
- Δ **Do not take pictures** of the dais while Sorors are eating.
- Δ Stay until the program ends.
- Δ Take only one favor. **Do not take centerpieces.**
- Δ **Be courteous** to the wait staff.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

- Δ **You must wear your official badge** at all times.
- Δ Leave your badge in the official convention/conference badge holder.
- Δ Put a luggage tag on your convention/conference bag. They all look alike!
- Δ **Be courteous** to all hotel and convention center staff.
- Δ **Be courteous to Sergeant-at-Arms** and hostesses at our functions. These Sorors are serving Grand Chapter.
- Δ **Stay out of aisles** during processions.
- Δ **Be sisterly** at all times!

WHAT DO YOU BRING TO THE CONVENTION OR CONFERENCE?

- Δ **Registration Packet**
- Δ **Photo ID** at Registration.
- Δ **Have your:** Ritual, Penlight, Constitution & Bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order, Sorority pin, Violets, Protocol and Traditions Manual.
- Δ **Constitution and Bylaws.**
- Δ **Camera/film/memory card/charger or extra batteries** – so you can take pictures of all the sorors.

The Proper Attire

- Δ Opening Plenary – White (**No Pants**).
- Δ Ecumenical – Red, White, Black or business attire
- Δ Memorial Service – Red, Black, or White (**No Pants**).
- Δ Closing Banquet – Formal or after-five attire.
- Δ Plenary Sessions – Business attire (**traditional, not casual or anything Denim or Khaki**).
- Δ Gala – Dressy or After 5 attire.
- Δ Step Show – Delta shirts, paraphernalia.
- Δ Gospel Concert – Church attire.

Accessories

- Δ Sorority Pin, Delta recognition pins and jewelry.
- Δ Violet clusters.
- Δ Extra stockings to match several outfits.
- Δ Chapter shirt/Regional shirt
- Δ Comfortable shoes for walking.
- Δ Sweater or wrap for convention halls. (The wrap must be white for the opening.)

NOTE: *You must have a jacket for sleeveless tops or dresses (except for the Closing Banquet or Gala). Your jacket should be a blazer or suit jacket not a jacket that could be described as paraphernalia.*

Other Items

- Δ **Cell Phone and Charger.**
- Δ **Money** – your per diem for food and shopping (over and above housing).
- Δ **Medications** – prescription medications as well as aspirin and antacids.
- Δ **Safety Pins and Band-Aids.**
- Δ **Pocket Bible** – to take to the Ecumenical along with something to take notes.
- Δ **Small sewing kit** for an emergency repair.
- Δ **Toiletries, curling iron, hair spray.**

Food

- Δ Breakfast bars, granola – this is the meal you are usually eating on the run.
- Δ Snacks – cheese and crackers, fruit bars, mints – something you can throw in your bag as a “tide over” until you can get something to eat.

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Delta Spirit!!!***

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