Slide #1

The name of our organization is itself symbolic. **Delta, Kappa, and Gamma** mean teacher, key, and women. The original Greek name the Founders selected was Kappa Gamma Delta, but they soon discovered a sorority already existed with that name, so they changed the order of the Greek letters to Delta Kappa Gamma. When we learn about our crest, colors, key, and flowers, we learn that our symbols mirror the character of our Founders at the very genesis of our organization. [80 words]

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The crest is a coat of arms with a red shield crossed with a band of gold.  The red band symbolizes courage, fearlessness, and power while the band of gold represents the way of faithfulness. Three Tutor roses on the band symbolize the Society's ideals of friendship, loyalty, and helpfulness.  The flaming lamp and the open book on the shield signify scholarship putting ignorance to flight and knowledge which provides food for the soul. The laurel sprays are the traditional symbols of achievement and represent the motto “Work of each for all.” The scyphus as a symbol of inspiration crowns the crest with the cup of knowledge and a wreath of laurels. The official coat of arms is displayed on the Society flag. [123 words]

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The colors of the Society are crimson and gold. Crimson represent courage, success, and leadership. Gold stands for the faith and loyalty we pledge to our fellow members and to the high ideals of our Society. Thekeypin is the official symbol of membership. The key is a vertical ellipse. Across its center the DKG shall signify key women educators.  Above the letters a wreath of laurel leaves shall signify honor. Below the letters a cup shall signify knowledge.  Members may wear the keypin as soon as they pay their dues. It is the emblem of Society membership and is worn only over the heart. No other pin, piece of jewelry, or name tag may be worn above the keypin. It is not to be worn pinned to scarves or on collars. Upon resignation or other situation which results in non-membership, the pin should no longer be worn. [148 words]

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The red roseis the official flower of the Society and is used in all ceremonies and for special occasions. Each member is presented a red rose upon her induction. The purple iris was designated as the state cultivated flower for Tennessee in 1974. Past Tennessee State Organization Presidents become members of the Iris Circle once they complete their biennium of service and are presented with a special pin by the new state organization president at the International Conference immediately following the end of their terms. [86 words]

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So what have we learned about our Society’s Symbols? We now know the meaning of our name, Delta Kappa Gamma, as well as our crest, colors, key, and flowers. Complete the five-question activity for module six: “Society Symbols” and submit to DKG.member.edu@gmail.com for credit. [34 words]