

Candlelight Banquet



71ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016

SAN DIEGO

Toastmistress

AMELIA MCCORMICK

KANSAS STATE

Kappa Blessing

Dinner

Introductions

“The Heart of Kappa”

Banquet Song

Passing of the Light

Closing Service



Banquet Song

Air: "In The Gloaming"

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On the banquet board the candles
now are burning dim and low,
As they flicker, fondest mem'ries
softly come and softly go,
And we think of other Kappas,
who in friendship long ago,
Drew a circle so we love them,
Love those girls we may not know.
When again the circle opens
and the future candles burn,
Other daughters of Minerva
will in thought to us return,
May they find us still as loyal
to the emblem that we bear,
Find the bond of Kappa stronger,
Find the name of Gamma fair.

History

This service began in 1935, when Charlotte Barrell Ware, *Boston*, Grand President, 1884–1888, was attending the Alpha Province Convention. At the banquet, she spontaneously passed one of her candlesticks (since left to the Fraternity) to the delegate from the oldest chapter in the province and one to the youngest, to hold as a symbol of the eternal flame which lights the way for each generation to seek the attainment of Kappa's high ideals. Inscribed on the candlesticks is, "How far that little candle throws his beams. So shines a good deed in a naughty world." The Ware Candlesticks were retired after the 1998 General Convention because of their fragile condition. The Wells Candlesticks, given by the Atlanta Alumnae Association in memory and honor of Jean Hess Wells, *Georgia*, Fraternity President, 1976–1980, are now used for the Candlelight Banquet.

