

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – NATIONAL COUNCIL

President

INSTALLING OFFICER – Full Name _____, as you have been duly selected by your fellow members to become the next president of this, the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta, it becomes my duty to present for your consideration the responsibilities of the high office you are about to assume. Upon you, in a large degree, rests the success and welfare of Pi Kappa Delta during your term of office and it is you who will be held responsible for them. In light of this fact, it is my duty and my privilege to administer to you the oath of the highest office that Pi Kappa Delta can confer upon you, and to require of you that you shall administer the same oath of office to your successor, and charge upon him or her that same duty in the name of Pi Kappa Delta.

Oath of Office

I, _____, in the presence of these members in Pi Kappa Delta who bear me witness, do solemnly promise and obligate myself to carry out and perform to the best of my knowledge and ability the provisions of the National Constitution of Pi Kappa Delta, to promote as fully as possible the aims and purposes of this organization, to treasure its best interest and to serve in the capacity of National President of the Order as faithfully as I can, dealing justly and impartially, without fear or favor and strive at all times to stimulate and maintain the spirit of co-operation between the local chapters of this our Order.

(INSTALLING OFFICER NOW PRONOUNCES THE PRESIDENT INSTALLED. He/She calls upon the other officers to rise and take the oath of office.)

We, the officers of the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta, do hereby solemnly promise our allegiance and we obligate ourselves to perform faithfully the duties that devolve upon us during our term of office; and we further engage to do all in our power to advance the interest of Pi Kappa Delta in every honorable way.

(INSTALLING OFFICER PRONOUNCES OFFICERS DULY INSTALLED.)

The following rituals and ceremonies are offered to chapters who wish to utilize them. The National Council has authorized the following short term forms: initiation of new members and installation of officers.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS – SHORT FORM

(The chapter president and two other officers or members should stand together, facing the candidates. The two assisting members should have models of the triangle and the Pi Kappa Delta key.)

PRESIDENT: By your activities and interest in the field of communication you have qualified to become a member of the national forensics organization, Pi Kappa Delta. Pi Kappa Delta was founded in 1913 by students and faculty members who recognized the obligation of speakers to use their skills for the betterment of others. Upon you, then rests the responsibility of forensic communication activities at this college (or university) and of maintaining high standards of thought, presentation, fairness and honesty.

SECOND OFFICER: The letters of the name of Pi Kappa Delta have meaning. Peitho (Pie-tho), or Persuasion, indicates the area of our activity. Kale (Kay-Lay), meaning beautiful, reminds us of that artistry which enriches both speech and life itself. Dikaia (Dick-aye-aye) or Just, sets before us the

demand for truth, fairness, and honesty. Thus freely translated, Pi Kappa Delta means “The art of persuasion, beautiful and just.”

PRESIDENT: Pi Kappa Delta also has two symbols, the triangle and the key.

SECOND OFFICER: In architecture, the triangle symbolizes strength and endurance; in music, harmony; and in geometry, accuracy of design. So to Pi Kappa Delta the triangle indicates the strength and endurance of our order, the beauty of our fellowship, and the accuracy with which we pursue truth and justice.

THIRD OFFICER: As a key unlocks and opens, so the Key of Pi Kappa Delta symbolizes the fact that effective forensic activity opens new doors to those who participate. The ring at the top of the key is the symbol of unity, which we seek in our chapter. The upper set, denoting the order to which a member belongs – forensics, communication activities or instruction – is symbolic of our coherence of purpose. The eye is a sign of clearness, an essential quality on those who would persuade others. It also indicates that in our chapter we try to cooperate; seeing eye to eye with one another. The jewel in the eye denotes the degree of membership which the wearer has earned. The heavy point denotes emphasis, both in the presentation of our ideals and in the stressing of high standards of performances and conduct.

PRESIDENT: having heard the explanation of our order, are you willing to promise your allegiance to Pi Kappa Delta, to support its constitution, and to work for the improvement of the art of persuasion, beautiful and just?

CANDIDATES: We are.

PRESIDENT: Hear, then, this charge: Whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there by any praise, think on these things. I now declare you to be a full member of the _____ -

Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and welcome into our order.

(The president should demonstrate the handshake: the double handshake is given with the hands crossed; three shakes are given as the words “Peitho, Kale, Dikaia: are repeated. In giving grip, two members in shaking hands extend their index fingers to one another’s wrists, giving with these fingers three slight taps. Other members should greet the initiates as appropriate. The new members should be provided with a copy of the local and national Constitution.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS - LOCAL CHAPTER – SHORT FORM

(This ceremony can also be used for installation of Province officers, making appropriate modifications on wording.)

PRESIDENT

INSTALLING OFFICER: _____, as you have been duly selected by your fellow members to become the president of this, the _____ Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, it becomes my duty to present for your consideration in all seriousness the responsibility of the position you are now about to assume. Upon you, in a large degree, rests the success and welfare of your chapter as a unit in Pi Kappa Delta during your term of office, and it is you who will be held responsible. In the light of these facts, it is my duty and my privilege to administer to you the oath of the highest office your chapter can confer upon you, and to require of you that you shall administer the same oath of office to your successor and charge upon the new president that the same duty in the name of Pi Kappa Delta.

THE OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____ in the presence of these, the members of the _____ Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, who bear me witness, solemnly pledge myself to carry out and perform to the best of my knowledge and ability the provisions of the National Constitution of Pi Kappa Delta, and the local constitution of the Chapter; to promote as fully as possible the aims and purposes of this organization: to be loyal to the National Council

of the order; and to serve in the capacity of president of this Chapter to the best of my ability, striving at all times to maintain a spirit if cooperation among the members of the Chapter, and to further the spirit of good sportsmanship and honesty in all competition.

OTHER OFFICERS

(Installing officer calls upon other officers to rise and take the oath of office.)

THE OATH OF OFFICE

We, the officers of the _____ Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, do solemnly promise our allegiance to the president and members of this Chapter, and to the National Organization. We obligate ourselves to perform faithfully the duties that shall devolve upon us during our term of office, submitting and maintaining adequately and accurately all such records as may be required. We further engage to do all in our power to advance the interest of Pi Kappa Delta in every honorable way; and we pledge our best efforts to uphold highest standards in communication.

INSTALLING OFFICERS: I now declare the officers of this chapter duly installed.

INSTALLATION OF NEW CHAPTERS

The National President shall appoint the Installing Officer, who shall be an Active member in good standing or a member of the National Council. The new chapter may ask the appointment, as Installing Officer, of any member of Pi Kappa Delta qualified as previously stated herein. The chapter to be installed shall pay the necessary traveling expenses and cost of entertainment of the Installing Officer.

The new chapter should arrange for a banquet or dinner to follow the installation ceremony with a list of appropriate after dinner speeches. It adds greatly to the interest and effectiveness of the installation for the members of the new chapter to invite friends to the banquet. Care should be taken, however, not to allow the occasion to degenerate into a frivolous social affair not in keeping with the purpose of the meeting.

The president of the new chapter should go over the Installation ceremony carefully, commit his speeches and inform the members of the chapter as to their duties during the Installation ceremony. Whether he acts as toastmaster or not, he should take charge of the meeting and introduce the Installing Officer.

THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Address of President of Local Chapter:

_____, the officers and members of this organization, consisting of (give the names of members) have applied to the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta, asking that this organization be recognized as a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and the National Council has granted them a charter authorizing them to become the _____ chapter of Pi Kappa Delta. They now wish that their charter be conferred, their certificates of membership be presented, and their officers installed in due form. For this reason they are met here, and await your pleasure as the representative of the National Forensic Honorary.

(To the group) Ladies and Gentlemen, I now have the honor of introducing to you _____, a member (or an officer) of the _____ chapter of Pi Kappa Delta.

The installation Officer takes the floor, and makes a brief address pertaining to the history, aims, and purposes of Pi Kappa Delta. The Installation Officer will then proceed to conduct the initiation of the members.

ALTERNATE CEREMONY FOR INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

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The officers and the new members will stand in the presence of the members of the chapter during the initiation ceremony.

FIRST OFFICER: (Say the name if each initiate.) We have gathered here so that you may complete your entry into Pi Kappa Delta. Each of you has qualified for membership through participation in collegiate forensic activities or other public speaking activities and has studied the history and constitution of this honorary. Is it now your wish to be initiated as a member of Pi Kappa Delta?

INITIATES: (Singly) It is.

SECOND OFFICER: As one becomes a member of Pi Kappa Delta, the gifts of that membership are evident. One gift is Honor, awarded in recognition of your guest for excellence. Another is the Fellowship of those who share your interests and aspirations. Yet another is Opportunity--the opportunity to play, as a part of this dynamic National Honorary, an active role in promoting, shaping, and strengthening collegiate forensic activities.

FIRST OFFICER: But, before embracing these gifts, reflect upon the Greek phrase represented by the three letters *Pi Kappa Delta: Pietho Kale Dikaia*--"The art of persuasion, beautiful and just."

THIRD OFFICER: Through your participation in communication activities each of you has shown your interest and excellence in influencing the thoughts and actions of others. Thus, each of you is a practitioner of persuasion.

SECOND OFFICER: It is by aspiring to beauty, the perfect union of form and content, that persuasion becomes an art. Persuasion which achieves beauty is pleasing to both the ear and the mind; beauty is, therefore, a goal of every persuader.

THIRD OFFICER: But beauty alone is not enough. The students and teachers who founded our Honorary saw clearly the great power of persuasion and knew that this power can be turned to unworthy ends by those who seek to deceive and control others. Because they recognized the great responsibility borne by those expert in the art of persuasion, they created Pi Kappa Delta as an organization dedicated to fostering persuasion which couples beauty with the qualities of justice, truth, fairness, and honesty.

SECOND OFFICER: That dedication remains unaltered.

FIRST OFFICER: As you become a part of Pi Kappa Delta, do you affirm the ideal of "the art of persuasion, beautiful and just" as your own? Do you pledge to be guided by and to further this ideal in your future endeavors, both within and without our HONORARY.

INITIATES: (Singly) I do.

FIRST OFFICER: Having heard your pledges, we greet you as members of Pi Kappa Delta, certain that you bring strength to our organization. Welcome into our order.

INSTALLATION OF PROVINCE OFFICERS

INSTALLING OFFICER (The outgoing governor)

(New Governor, by Name), as you have been elected by the member schools of the Province of the _____ to become their next governor, it becomes my duty to present for your consideration the responsibilities of the highest office that one can hold at the province level of Pi Kappa Delta.

Upon you, in large degree, rests the success and welfare of the Province of the _____ during the next two years. You must indicate your willingness to accept this responsibility for the Province of the _____. It is my duty and my privilege to administer to you the oath of the highest office that the

province can confer upon you and to require that you shall administer the same oath of office to your successor.

OATH OF OFFICE: (Repeat after me...)

I, (state your name), in the presence of these my fellow members of Pi Kappa Delta who hear me witness, do solemnly promise and obligate myself to carry out and perform to the best of my ability the provisions of the constitution of the Province of the _____, to promote as fully as possible the aims and purposes of Pi Kappa Delta, to treasure its best interests, to serve as Governor of the Province of the - _____ as faithfully as I can, dealing justly and impartially without fear or favor, to strive at all times to stimulate and maintain the spirit of cooperation and honorary among all chapters in the province, and to communicate with the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta so that this province and Pi Kappa Delta may flourish.

INSTALLING OFFICER: I declare you (state name), Governor of the Province of the _____. Will the other elected officers repeat after me...

We, the officers of the Province of the _____, do solemnly promise our allegiance to the Governor of the Province of the _____; and we obligate ourselves to perform faithfully the duties that devolve upon us during our term of office. We further engage to do all in our power to advance the interests of the Province of the _____ and of Pi Kappa Delta in every honorable way.

INSTALLING OFFICER: I present the new officers of the Province of the _____.



THE RITUALS

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