

Requirements for Admission

Pi Kappa Delta has endeavored always to keep its standards of admission, those which would be in harmony with the principles of an honor society. In order to do this, certain procedures have been developed which must be allowed by applying institutions.

Any group wishing to petition for a chapter of Pi Kappa Delta should make application to the National Chairman - Charter and Standards Committee. One of the basic factors is that of a local forensic organization upon which the chapter may be built. The chapter committee, headed by a member of the National Council and composed of selected members, will be guided by the governor of the particular province in which the school is located and by the opinion of the schools in the province.

An institution considering application should have had forensic contact with all of the schools in its area, demonstrated interest in and a desire to maintain a sound extracurricular speech program. In keeping with this, the school should have a budget sufficient to assure the continuance of the program as well as qualified faculty leadership for the same reason. Since Pi Kappa Delta is an honorary, applying institutions are expected to be fully accredited. The application should have the unqualified endorsement of the administrative officers. For further indication of strength within the school, a well-defined program of academic speech courses is desirable. No institution which has a chapter of one of the other national forensic honoraries will be considered for membership in Pi Kappa Delta until such association has been clearly terminated with the full understanding of the national officers of both organizations.

Each applicant should be familiar with the requirements as specified in Article 9, New Chapters, of the constitution of Pi Kappa Delta. Upon approval of the charter, a sufficiently large group of initiates should be available to give the new chapter the impetus and continuance which it will need.

RITUALS AND CEREMONIES OF PI KAPPA DELTA

The following rituals were first authorized at the First National Convention held at Topeka, Kansas, March 31 - April 1, 1916.

General Information

The colors of Pi Kappa Delta shall be cherry red and white.
The official flower of Pi Kappa Delta shall be the red carnation.

Installation of Officers - National Council

President

INSTALLING OFFICER - Mr. _____, 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, rest the success and welfare of the Fraternity of Pi Kappa Delta during your term of office and it is you who will be held responsible for them. In the 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 that same duty in the name of Pi Kappa Delta.

Oath of Office

I, _____, in the presence of these my brothers 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 and brotherhood between the local chapters of this our Order.

(INSTALLING OFFICER NOW PRONOUNCES THE PRESIDENT INSTALLED. He 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 to the National President of this our Order, 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 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 forensics, 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 forensics at this college (or university) and of maintaining high standards of thought, presentation, fairness, and honesty.

SECOND OFFICER: The letters of the name 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 symbolized 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 - debate, individual speaking, or instruction - is symbolic of our coherence of purpose. The eye is a sign of clearness, an essential quality in 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 explanations 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 be any praise, think on these things. I now declare you to be full members 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 the 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 in 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 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 of 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 of 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 forensic activity.
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:

Mr. _____, the officers and members of the forensic organization, consisting of (gives 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 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 President of the Fraternity.

(To the group) Ladies and Gentlemen, I now have the honor of introducing to you Mr. _____, 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, ideas and purposes of Pi Kappa Delta. The Installation Officer will then proceed to conduct the initiation of the members, (using either the short form or long form.)

Initiation of New Members - long form

The members of Pi Kappa Delta (preferably wearing black robes or, failing that, dark suits) will form themselves in the shape of a large triangle with one open side. The chapter president, holding a lighted candle and a gavel, will stand at the top of the triangle; a second officer, holding a lighted candle and a triangle, at the point of the triangle to the left of the president; and a third officer, holding a lighted candle and a representation of the Pi Kappa Delta key, at the point of the triangle to the right of the president. The other members of the chapter will stand along the two closed sides of the triangle. A guard will remain outside with the candidates and another guard just inside the door.

When everything is ready for the ceremony, the guard inside the door will knock three times. The guard outside will reply with three soft knocks. The initiates shall then be admitted and led by the guards to the open side of the triangle. The guards shall then join the other members of the order.

After a brief silence, the chapter president will speak:

PRESIDENT: Brothers of Pi Kappa Delta, we are gathered here to receive into our membership these persons: (naming them). In order that they may better understand the ideals for which our order stands, let us explain some of its aims and purposes.

The founders of our fraternity saw clearly that in the instrument of speech man has been granted a great power which from the beginning of history he has exercised whether for the betterment of his fellows or for their destruction. Because they recognized not only the great influence but also the deep responsibility of him who possesses this power, the founders of our order decided to band together those who have not only demonstrated the ability to use effectively this power of speech but have also given evidence of worth of character in their daily living.

Upon those who belong to this order, therefore, rests the duty of furthering in this college (or university), by all lawful means, those great arts of speech which have been practiced to the good of mankind down through the ages. Upon Pi Kappa Delta rests the obligation of setting high standards, of putting them into practice, and of promoting the spirit of fair play and of broadmindedness in all our relations with our fellowmen.

THIRD OFFICER: (addressing the candidates): You have heard from our president of the ideals of our order and of the responsibilities resting upon those who take the vows of its membership. Is it still your desire to be initiated into the meaning and the membership of our order? If so, you will answer, "That is our wish."

CANDIDATES: That is our wish.

SECOND OFFICER: Mr. President, I am satisfied with the qualifications of these candidates (or this candidate), and I have found in their (or his) conduct satisfactory evidence of fitness for membership in our fraternity. I therefore present them (or him) to you for initiation.

PRESIDENT: Brothers, you have heard how these candidates (or candidate) have been questioned by one of our officers and recommended to us by another. If any one of you knows any just reason why these persons (or this person) should not be admitted to our Order, let him speak now.

(Pause. If there is no objection, the president will proceed.)

PRESIDENT: Attend, then, and repeat after me the oath of allegiance to Pi Kappa Delta.

I (and state your name) _____, in the presence of God and these witnesses, solemnly vow upon my honor that I will at all times cheerfully abide by the constitution and regulations of Pi Kappa Delta; that I will neglect no reasonable opportunity to promote forensic activity; that I will be fair, honest, and courteous to all rivals and opponents; and I will work in every laudable way to further the interests of Pi Kappa Delta; that I will respect its members as true friends and that I will always strive to act in accordance with the ideals which it represents.

PRESIDENT: Having taken the vow of membership listen now to the meaning of the triangle, of the three candles, and of the three Greek letters in the name of our order.

SECOND OFFICER: The first candle and letter stand for "Peitho," or the art of persuasion. In joining our order, you pledge yourself to support the great art of human speech, not only in this college (or university), but also in the world at large.

The second candle and letter signify "Kale," or Beautiful, a word which reminds us of Beauty, that perfect union of form and content toward which all the arts strive. In joining our fraternity, you pledge yourself to strive after this ideal in your life and work and to help all those who likewise strive.

The third candle and letter represent "Dikaia," or Just, a word which reminds us of the ideal of Justice. In joining Pi Kappa Delta you have pledged yourself to uphold fair play and tolerance, and to further that ideal wherever you have influence.

Firstly, let me explain the meaning of the triangle. In architectural art it is the symbol of strength and endurance, in music an instrument of beauty and harmony, and in geometry a design, just and accurate. To the members of Pi Kappa Delta, the triangle symbolizes the strength and endurance of our order; the beauty and harmony of its fellowship; and the justice and accuracy with which it honors the followers of the art of persuasion. As the members of Pi Kappa Delta stand before you, they represent a triangle; in joining our order, you are admitted into its design.

PRESIDENT: Listen further now to the meaning and to the symbolism of our key.

THIRD OFFICER: The key, as you know, is that which unlocks and opens. Hence, in our order, it is symbolic of the fact that the forensic activity which we promote opens to those who participate the door of opportunity to enter upon a broader, fuller life.

The parts of the key, also, have significance.

The **ring** is the symbol of unity, the bond of brotherhood. It represents friendship, a tie that gives us the strength to accomplish what none can do alone.

The **upper set**, which denotes the order to which a member belongs, is symbolic of the coherence of purpose by which our actions are harmoniously co-ordinated.

The **eye**, the emblem of vision, is a sign of clearness, an essential quality in those arts which we uphold and practice. It also has fraternal meaning: it means that as brothers we try to see eye to eye with one another, and to fit our joint actions to the ideals we hold in common.

The heavy **point** denotes emphasis, the ability to place first things first. It further signifies that we, the brothers of this order, try constantly to the best of our ability to emphasize those things for which our fraternity stands.

PRESIDENT: (to the candidates): Do you understand, then, the ideals and aims of Peitho Kale Dikaia, to which you have vowed allegiance? You will answer, "We do."

CANDIDATES: We do.

SECOND OFFICER (to candidates): Will you kneel please.

(They drop to one knee.)

PRESIDENT: Finally, brothers, 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 be any praise, think of these things.

(He then gives the gavel to the Second Officer, and, crossing his hands; grasps each candidate by both hands and helps him to his feet, saying:)

Rise, _____, I greet you as our brother in the order of Peitho Kale Dikaia.

PRESIDENT (after all candidates are on their feet): Brothers of our Order, Welcome these brothers

(or this brother) into our order, and give them (him), as I do, the double handshake of affection and honor.

He then goes down the line of new members, giving each the double handshake, and the officers and members follow him. (The double handshake is given with the hands crossed; three shakes are given as the words "Peitho, Kale, Dikaia" are repeated. The grip may also be taught at this time. In giving it, two members in shaking hands extend their index fingers up to one another's wrists, giving with these fingers three slight taps.

Except in cases of chapter installations, this is the end of the ceremony.

Following the initiation of the members of the new chapter the Installation Officer proceeds with the following installation ceremony:

INSTALLING OFFICER: Brothers of Pi Kappa Delta, there now devolves upon me the duty of installing in (name of school) a chapter of our Order.

Let the members of the prospective chapter form a triangle. Installation officer stands at the apex of triangle.

INSTALLING OFFICER: It is your desire as students of (name of school) to have this Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta established in your institution?

ANSWER: It is.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Is the establishment of such an organization in accordance with the wishes of the duly constituted authorities of your institution?

ANSWER: It is.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Do you hereby promise loyalty and faithfully to support this chapter and the organization as a whole?

ANSWER: We do.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Then will you reply to the following obligations with the words, "This we here resolve."

RITUAL OF INSTALLATION

INSTALLING OFFICER: We, as members of Pi Kappa Delta, will strive to promote the highest ideals of forensic art.

ANSWER: This we here resolve.

INSTALLING OFFICER: We will be courteous, generous and fair toward all opponents, even though they be not so to us.

ANSWER: This we here resolve.

INSTALLING OFFICER: We realize the responsibility resting upon those who are given the talent of speech and shall strive to fulfill it.

ANSWER: This we here resolve.

INSTALLING OFFICER: We will be loyal to our Order and to our own institution of learning, and will strive to make our Order serve the highest interests of that institution.

ANSWER: This we here resolve.

INSTALLING OFFICER: We shall strive to promote within the Order Unity, Coherence, Emphasis, Cooperation, and the Spirit of Brotherhood.

ANSWER: This we here resolve.

INSTALLING OFFICER: We shall strive in our own lives for the high ideals of character and conduct, and quietly, unobtrusively, and unostentatiously to influence others by them.

ANSWER: This we here resolve.

INSTALLING OFFICER: Upon this, your acceptance of the obligations of Pi Kappa Delta, and upon your solemn pledge to support it throughout your lives, I, by virtue of the power within me vested, as the representative of the National Organization, declare and pronounce you members in good standing of the (name of state, followed by the Greek letter denoting the number of the chapter, e.g., Oklahoma Beta) Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and extend to you one and all the greetings of all the other chapters and members, and these certificates of membership, signed by the National President and Secretary.

(If any of the new member's keys are ready they will be conferred at this time. The Installing Officer will proceed as follows).

It now becomes my duty to confer upon you the right to the special insignia of Pi Kappa Delta, which

it is the privilege, if not the duty, of all members in good standing to wear. The key of Pi Kappa Delta is intended, as you know, to carry upon its face the record of your achievement and honor in intercollegiate forensics. The privilege of wearing the jewelled key of rank and honor is the highest distinction that Pi Kappa Delta can confer upon you, for it sets you apart as individuals worthy of the attention, honor and respect of your fellow students and fellow men. Let none of you esteem this privilege lightly or slur the dignity of this badge by permitting it to pass from your possession, or to be worn by a person ineligible to its distinction. Guard well the honor of the key of Pi Kappa Delta, and may you here resolve at all times to live up to the honor and distinction which the possession of such an emblem of achievement confers upon you.

(The installing Officer at this time presents each member with his key, calling each name and giving the class, order or orders, and degree in Pi Kappa Delta represented by the key. The temporary president now introduces the president that the chapter has previously chosen to be installed as the first officer under the national organization. Installing officer will then proceed to install the president.)

Installation of Officers - Local Chapter (Long Form)

I. PRESIDENT

INSTALLING OFFICER - Mr. _____, 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, rest the success and the welfare of your chapter as a chapter 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 high 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 him that same duty in the name of Pi Kappa Delta.

THE OATH OF OFFICE

I, _____ in the presence of these, my brothers 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 of the local constitution of the chapter; to promote as fully as possible the aims and purposes of this organization; to be loyal and obedient 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 of cooperation and brotherhood among the chapters of our Order.

(Installing officer now pronounces president installed.)

OTHER OFFICERS

Installing Officer calls upon other officers to rise and take the oath of office.

THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR OTHER OFFICERS

We, the officers of the _____ Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, do hereby solemnly promise our allegiance to the president and members of this Chapter, and to the National Organization, and we obligate ourselves to perform faithfully the duties that shall 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.)

CLOSING SPEECH OF INSTALLING OFFICER

Finally, let me call to your mind once more the noble thoughts embodied in our motto. "Peitho Kale Dikaia, the art of persuasion, beautiful and just." May it be said of us, as the poet said of one,

that we are those "in whom persuasion and belief had ripened into faith and faith became a passionate institution."

May we remember that "the beautiful rests on the foundations of the necessary," and may we pray the prayer of Socrates, "Grant me to become beautiful in the inner man."

And may we ever recall that there is no virtue so truly great and godlike as justice.

Whoever fights, whoever falls,

Justice conquers evermore.

May this Chapter of our Order be a bright and shining light in showing the whole Order how to live and promote these ideals.

Recommendations of the Ritual Committee (optional)

The following recommendations are suggestions that were made many years ago. They do have significant historical value for the organization. It is the option of the local chapter to use these recommendations.

1. It is recommended that in the case of the installation of a new chapter, the installing officer shall be allowed to choose two assistants from nearby chapters, and that they accompany him and aid him in the installation and initiation ceremony.
2. That in the matter of members at large, the persons elected should be urged to visit the nearest chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, where they may be initiated according to the full ceremony, or that in case they merely fill out the obligation blanks the same shall be witnessed before a notary public or in the presence of two members of Pi Kappa Delta. Individual members of Pi Kappa Delta or unorganized groups of members of the Order may be authorized by the National President to initiate members at large. Any such may be initiated by a national officer.

To the local chapters of the Fraternity the committee recommends:

1. That some pledging ceremony be observed.
2. That in the use of initiation ritual and installation ceremony for officers to be used annually by the chapter, every reasonable effort should be made to make the ceremony as solemn as possible, and that no jests or "horse play" shall be closely associated with the actual ceremony.

The committee also recommends certain features, the use of which is optional with the local chapter.

That the candidates be brought into the room blindfolded.

That the room be darkened except for the three candles.

That all members wear black robes or gowns.

That a symbol of representation of the Pi Kappa Delta key, some ten or fifteen inches long, be made of brass, wood, or cardboard and used in the ceremony, especially to make plainer the key lecture.

SUGGESTED PLEDGE CEREMONY [Optional]

Many of our chapters for years now have followed the plan for holding some kind of pledge ceremony for newly elected members of Pi Kappa Delta. This ceremony has, of course, been held at some time previous to the regular initiation.

It has been suggested that in this connection each candidate should be required to pass an examination on the history, purpose and constitution of the Order. This suggestion meets with the hearty approval of the National Council. They propose the following method of procedure:

When a number of students have become eligible to membership, have their names voted upon by the chapter at a regular meeting, or if necessary at a called meeting. Then set a date for the examination and the pledge ceremony. The two may be combined or held separately. Notify the newly elected members of their election and tell them they are to appear for examination and pledge ceremony at a certain time and place.

Tell them to come prepared to fill out the membership application blank and to pay the initiation fee, the \$15.00 national fee and any additional fee required by the local chapter. (Forward the national fee and the membership application blank to the National Secretary at once.)

At the same time tell the pledges that they will be expected to pass a creditable examination on the history, purpose and constitution of Pi Kappa Delta. Warn them to give particular attention to the requirements for the different degrees and orders in the society and the significance of the different jewels in the key.

When the tests have been completed and graded call the candidates before the chapter one at a time and question them about their errors, possibly having them look up, then and there, the answers to some of the questions they missed. When this is finished call all the candidates and proceed with the pledge ceremony. It is important to see that no copies of the questions are allowed to get away from the chapter officers, otherwise the examination could not be used more than once.

This procedure, of course, can be modified to suit the plans of the local chapters, accompanied by one or more members of the chapter.

OFFICER - Mr. _____, by virtue of your interest and participation in forensic work in this institution you have been invited to join the honorary forensic society known as Pi Kappa Delta. We understand that you have expressed your willingness to accept this invitation. Is our understanding in this respect correct?

CANDIDATE - It is.

OFFICER - Previous to the final ceremony of initiation, it is customary in this Order, as in many other orders, for the candidate to remain for a period of time in the condition of a pledge. In this condition, like the squires of old who had to endure trials which should determine their worthiness to be initiated into the mysteries of knighthood, he may be required to do the bidding of members of our Order and to submit to tests of fidelity, intelligence, disposition and character. Are you, therefore, willing during such a period to submit yourself to all reasonable behests of the Order?

CANDIDATE - I am.

OFFICER - In token of this willingness, I do here attach to you this ribbon which is to be worn by you on all public occasions until time when you are finally initiated into our Order: (Officer pins the pledge ribbon to lapel of candidate's coat) and I hereby greet you as a pledge of the honorary forensic society of Pi Kappa Delta.

(Note: If the local chapter holds a mock initiation in addition to the real one, it is earnestly requested that it be separated in time sufficiently from the serious initiation that the dignity and beauty of the latter be not impaired.)

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