INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The members of Pi Kappa Delta, all wearing black masks, will assemble themselves in the form of a large triangle (with one open side); the Cancellarius holding a lighted candle, at the top of the triangle; the Triangularius, holding a lighted candle at the angle to the left of the Cancellarius; the Malleatorius, holding a lighted candle, at the angle to the right of the Cancellarius. The Triangularius will also hold in one hand a triangle (and the Malleatorius a representation of the Pi Kappa Delta key. The Cancellarius shall hold a gavel.) Seats for the candidates, to the required number will be placed (just outside of the lines of the triangle between the Malleatorius and the Triangularius). The other brethren of the Order will seat themselves along the (other two) sides of the triangle. Two guards will remain without with the candidates and will blindfold them.

When all is in readiness, let deep silence fall upon the Order. After a due pause, let the Malleatorius give three slow knocks upon the door to signify that all is in readiness. The guards without will reply with three soft knocks. The Triangularius will open the door. The guards will lead the candidates slowly to their appointed places ,after which they will mask themselves and take their places in the triangle. Silence will be observed for a little time. Then will follow in order this ritual:

Cancellarius—Hear ye the words of the Philosopher.

"Persuasion is the chief end of Rhetoric. The art of the lawyer, of the orator, and the art of the conversationalist, may be called in one word the art of Persuasion. This Persuasion, or faith, is one of the faculties of the soul."

"Yet hold it more humane, more heavenly, first,
By winning words to conquer willing hearts,
And make persuasion do the work of fear."

Malleatorius—Hear ye the words of the Poet:

"A thing of Beauty is a joy forever;
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness; but still will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.
"Beauty is truth, and truth beauty—that is all
Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know."

Triangularius—Hear ye the words of the Sage:

"Justice is a virtue of the soul distributing that which each person deserves. Justice is Truth in action. There is no virtue so truly great and godlike as Justice."

"But the sunshine aye shall light the sky,
As round and round we run;
Truth shall ever come uppermost,
And Justice shall be done."

At the conclusion of the reading of these passages, let there be a pause, during which Malleatorius and Triangularius will remove the bandages from the eyes of the candidates.

Cancellarius—Brethren of our beloved Order, we are assembled together for the purpose of receiving into our number these persons (naming them). That they may know better the high ideals for which our Order stands, let us rehearse in your and their presence some of its aims and purposes.

Recognizing that in the instrument of speech man has been granted a wondrous power which from time immemorial he has exercised either for the betterment of his fellows or for their destruction; and realizing the great influence that he wields and the deep responsibility resting upon him who possesses in high degree this power, it has seemed good to the founders of this Order to band together into one group such men (and women) in this our beloved Alma Mater as have demonstrated their ability to use effectively this gift, and such as at the same time by their walk and conservation have given evidence of sterling worth of character and of high ideals in life.

Upon such as belong to the Order, therefore, rests the duty of furthering within our collegiate halls, by all lawful means in their power, the advancement of those great arts of speech practiced in high perfection down through the ages. Upon us rests the obligation of raising high standards and of maintaining worthy ideals; of promoting the spirit of fair play and broad-mindedness in all our relations; and of being to our own best selves true that we may not then be false to any man.

I have spoken.

Brethren—Thou hast spoken.

Malleatorius (addressing the candidates)—Ye have heard from the most eminent, the Cancellarius, of the high ideals of our Order, and of the deep responsibilities resting upon those who take the vows of entrance into its ranks. Is it, therefore, your desire to be initiated further into the mysteries and into the full membership of the Order?

Candidates—That is our desire.

Triangularius (addressing the candidates)—Most eminent and worthy Cancellarius, having duly investigated, I am satisfied as to the sound principles and high ideals of this neophyte (or these neophytes), and have found in his (or their) past conduct evidence of fitness for membership in our Order. Therefore, I do hereby present them to you for initiation into our most solemn mysteries and to take the vow required for membership.

(Triangularius and Malleatorius bring the candidates forward.)

Cancellarius—Brethren of our Order, ye have heard how these persons have been (questioned by our brother Malleatorius and) commended to us by (our brother) Triangularius. If any one of you knows any just reason why these persons should not be admitted to our Order, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

Pause. If there be no objection, Cancellarius will proceed.

Cancellarius—Attend then and repeat this vow of obligation and allegiance to Pi Kappa Delta:

I, ———, in the presence of the Great Unseen, and these my visible witnesses, solemnly vow upon my sacred honor that I will at all times cheerfully abide by the constitution and the rules and regulations of Pi Kappa Delta, that I will neglect no reasonable opportunity to promote forensic endeavor, that I will be fair, honest, and courteous toward all rivals and opponents, that I will work in every laudable way to

further the interests of Pi Kappa Delta, that I will cherish its members in bonds of truest friendship, and that I will ever strive in a manner worthy of the high ideals of character which it represents.

(**Cancellarius**—Brethren of our noble Order, the neophytes have spoken the vow of obligation.

Brethren—They have spoken.

Cancellarius—Hear, now, from our brother Triangularius, the mystery of the triangle, of the three candles, and of the three letters.

Triangularius—Attend, O neophytes.)—The first candle and letter signify Peitho, or the art of Persuasion, that greatest of arts wielded by the tongue of man. In joining our Order you do pledge yourself to use your influence to promote the arts of human speech, more especially in this your Alma Mater, for the edifying of your fellows and for the well-being of the community.

The second candle and letter signify Kale, or beautiful, which reminds us of Beauty, the greatest of all arts, the ideal whose ultimate realization will be found only in Heaven. In joining our Order you do pledge yourself so far as in you lies, to strive after this ideal in your life and in your work, and to help those who likewise strive.

The third candle and letter signify Dikaia, or Just, which reminds us of Justice. In joining our Order you do pledge yourself to stand for fair play and broadmindedness, and to promote that spirit as far as your influence may extend.

(Hear ye further the significance of the triangle. The triangle is in architectural art the symbol of strength and endurance, in musical art an instrument of beauty and harmony, and in mathematical science 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 just and accurate design upon which it honors the followers of persuasion. Behold the brethren of Pi Kappa Delta stand before you and represent the triangle. You stand without the triangle,but in becoming a member of Pi Kappa Delta you are admitted into it.

I have spoken.

Brethren—Thou hast spoken.

Cancellarius—The mystery of the three letters Pi Kappa Delta, the initial letters of Peitho Kale Dikaia, the Greek phrase signifying the art of persuasion, beautiful and just, and of the triangle has now been revealed in your hearing. Attend again and hear from our brother Malleatorius the signification and deep symbolism of our key.)

Malleatorius—Attend, O neophytes.—This, the key, as ye well know, is that which unlocks or opens, so in our high Order it is symbolic of the fact that the forensic endeavor which we promote opens, to those who engage therein, the door of opportunity to enter upon a broader, fuller life, and to use their influence toward the realization of high ideals.

The parts of the key have also deep significance. Mark ye this well.

The **ring** is a symbol of Unity, of the bond of brotherhood. By it we are drawn together in truest friendship, being thereby given strength to accomplish things which none can do alone. The ring also symbolizes eternity, signifying that the influence of endeavor toward high ideals can never die.

The **upper** set which denotes the order to which a brother belongs is symbolic of Coherence. By this symbol are our actions harmoniously co-ordinated.

The **Eye**, the emblem of vision, is the symbol of Clearness, an essen-

tial quality in those arts which we practice and uphold. It also has deep fraternal meaning. As brethren it means that we do highly endeavor to see eye to eye with one another ,and that we cultivate that sympathy and breadth of mental and spiritual vision which will lead us individually and corporately to a higher plane of thought and action. Inasmuch as the Diamond is the brightest and clearest of all gems, it is fitting that it should be worn only by those who have farthest advanced in our great Order.

The heavy **Point** denotes Emphasis. It further signifies that we, the brethren of this Order do endeavor, so far as in us lies, to emphasize those things for which the Order stands.

Hence you see that in this our key we have united all those qualities which are the foundation stones of the Art of Rhetoric as expounded by that Ancient Sage of Greece, Aristotle—may his name be held in veneration by our Order. Ye do likewise understand that these symbols relate most weightily to ourselves as brethren of the Order, and that he who pronounces the vows of Pi Kappa Delta highly resolves to live his life in accordance with its ideals.

I have spoken.

Brethren—Thou hast spoken.

Cancellarius—Do ye understand, then, the high ideals and aims of Peitho Kale Dikaia, to which you have vowed allegiance?

Candidates—We do.

They drop on one knee, holding both hands out with palms upward. (Cancellarius comes down.) Triangularius and Malleatorius go to right and left of Cancellarius. They give the triangle and the key to the candidates for careful inspection. Cancellarius lays gavel in the open left hand of candidate and then placing tips of fingers on candidate's shoulders says:)

Cancellarius—Finally, brother, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Taking gavel he touches candidate's left hand, saying, "Peitho"; touching his head, he says "Kale"; touching his right hand, he says "Dikaia." He then gives gavel to Triangularius, and taking the candidate by the right hand, he helps him to his feet, saying:

Rise,———, I greet thee as my brother and as a brother of the Order of Peitho Kale Dikaia. I have spoken.

Brethren—Thou hast spoken.

Cancellarius (after all candidates are upon their feet)—Brethren of the Order, welcome this brother (these brethren) and give him (them) the double handshake of love and honor. I have spoken.

Brethren—Thou hast spoken.

Triangularius and Malleatorius take each new brother around to each of the brethren for greeting and the double handshake, repeating Peitho, Kale, Dikaia They then take the new member back to a seat. Lights are extinguished, masks removed, lights turned on.

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

Installing Officer—Brethren 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 apex of triangle.

Installing Officer—Is it 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 accord with the wishes of the duly constituted authorities of your institution?
Answer—It is.
Installing Officer—Do you hereby promise to do your best to support this chapter and the organization as a whole, loyally and faithfully?
Answer—We do.
Installing Officer—Then will ye reply to the following obligations with the words, "This we here highly 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 highly 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 highly 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 highly 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 highly resolve.
Installing Officer—We shall strive to promote within the Order, Unity, Coherence, Emphasis, Cooperation, and the spirit of brotherhood.
Answer—This we here highly resolve.
Installing Officer—We shall strive in our own lives for high ideals of character and conduct, and quietly, unobtrusively, and unostentatiously to influence others by them.
Answer—This we here highly resolve.
Installing Officer—Upon this, your acceptance of the Obligation 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 ——— Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, and extend to you one and all the greetings of all the other chapters and members, together with this charter 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 highly resolve at all times to live up to the high honor and distinction which the possession of such an emblem of scholarship and achievement confers upon you.

(The Installing Officer at this time presents each member with his key, calling each by 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 president.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—LOCAL CHAPTER

1. 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, rests the success and the welfare of your chapter as a chapter in Pi Kappa Delta during your term of office, and it is you that 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 brethren of the ——— Chapter of 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, 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 as faithfully as lies within my power, dealing justly and impartially, without fear or favor, and striving at all times to stimulate and maintain the spirit of cooperation and brotherhood among the chapters of this 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 interests 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 become 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 fails,
Justice conquers evermore.

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

I have spoken.

Suggestions and Recommendations of the National Ritual Committee

In the formation of these rituals, the committee has endeavored to remain carefully within its authority, but it desires to recommend for the consideration of the National Council a few matters of importance.

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.

To the local chapters of the Fraternity, the committee recommends:

1. That some pledging ceremony be observed.

2. That in the use of the 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 masks throughout the ceremony, and that the three officials also 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.

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 in all seriousness the responsibilities of the high office you are about to assume. Upon you, in a large degree, rests the success and welfare of the Fraternity of Pi Kappa Delta during your term of office and it is you that will be held responsible. In the light of this fact, it is my duty and my high 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 brethren in Pi Kappa Delta who bear me witness, do solemly 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 interests always in my heart, and to serve in the capacity of National President of the Order as faithfully as lies within my power, dealing justly and impartially, without fear or favor, and striving 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 president installed.)

Calls upon 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 interests of Pi Kappa Delta in every honorable way.

Installing officer pronounces officers duly installed.

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COMMENT AND NEWS NOTES

It is fair to all members of the organization to know that after the vote of the convention provisionally accepting the petition of the Fairmount chapter, for which result the delegate of the Southwestern chapter worked enthusiastically, that a quarrel arose between the Southwestern debaters and the Fairmount debaters because the latter went to Winfield to visit a debate between Kansas Wesleyan and Southwestern colleges on the same subject that Fairmount was to meet Southwestern on later in the month, and that the Southwestern chapter entered a protest against the acceptance of the Fairmount petitioners. The National President appointed E. D. Schonberger, Province President of this jurisdiction, to umpire the controversy, expressing at the same time his disapproval of this sort of unsportsmanlike conduct. Happily the matter has been adjusted and the Fairmount chapter was installed by Mr. Schonberger on the evening of May 21st. It is to be hoped that this matter will not come up again and that all chapters will heed the National Council recommendendation that the practice of spying be absolutely discontinued.

Another matter of note and concern to all members is the refusal of the faculty of Kansas Wesleyan to let the local organization accepted there be installed into Pi Kappa Delta. The Editor was informed that this action was taken as the authorities feared that the entrance of Pi Kappa Delta would lead to the coming of social fraternities. Much as we regret and disapprove of the action taken, there is nothing that we can do as an organization about the matter except to put the members taken from this institution into the Kansas General chapter and take no more steps toward entering Kansas Wesleyan.

The loss of the Nebraska Wesleyan chapter is a matter of regret also. They surrendered their charter on the grounds that they could not seem to make the organization worth while. The editor feels that the national convention and the many actions taken there together with a baptism of energy on the part of all the local chapters will make Pi Kappa Delta worth while for the rest of us. A good recipe for getting up interest in Pi Kappa Delta is to pay dues. Where the money goes there the heart is, yea verily.

The loss of the Central chapter is occasioned by the sale of the college by the Baptists to the Dutch Reform Church. The Baptists will merge the Central endowment with the Des Moines College endowment and form one large and new institution. Central members want their charter transferred to this new institution. An Iowa state law forcing small colleges to raise a half million endowment or lose the right of conferring degrees is putting survival up to the fittest. Iowa Wesleyan is safe, Krenmyre reports.

Morningside College of Sioux City, Iowa, a Methodist institution, is preparing an application for entrance into Pi Kappa Delta. The Universities of Georgia and New Mexico are also considering this step and will doubtless take action next fall.

Chapter letters and cuts, and reports on new members taken in and changed standings of members should be sent to the Editor of The Forensic immediately.

The annual number of The Forensic will be an extension number, will carry a write up on Pi Kappa Delta, pictures and reports from the chapters, and pictures of the National Convention. Be sure you are represented.

The National Treasurer wishes to state to the members that he has entered into a contract with J. F. Newman, Fraternity jeweler, whereby Pi Kappa Delta must purchase 100 keys within the next two years. (A beginning consisting of about fourteen orders has been made already). Two sizes of keys are made, the original size for watch fob and a lavaliere size one half as large but weighing practically the same as the larger key. Only solid gold keys are now issued and both sizes are the same in price. Newman has met the price previously quoted by Roehm on solid gold keys, but offers better workmanship and a refund if we order the one hundred within the specified time.

All orders for keys must pass through the Treasurer's hands. The name of the member for whom the key is desired, his degree, order, class, etc. must be stated in the letter to the Treasurer to avoid mistakes and keep the record accurate. No more keys may be ordered C. O. D. Cash must accompany the order, and no key will be issued to members who are in arrears in dues.

Keys which are ordered engraved may not be exchanged later. A member advancing to a higher degree or gaining a new order may have the jewelling of his key changed upon paying the difference in the price of the jewels and a fee of fifty cents to cover the cost of making the change. The jewelling is guaranteed for two years and engraving is free of charge. The large size will always be delivered unless the small size is specifically designated.