

# Beta Sigma Phi

## SILVER CIRCLE RITUAL

**Instructions:** *This Ritual is for members whom the chapter is satisfied have been in Beta Sigma Phi for 25 years or more (either active participation in a chapter, or on leave of absence, or as members-at-large for some of these years). No certification by the International Office is required. The Ritual may be presented by a single chapter at a regular chapter meeting or at a special social event. It may also be presented by city council at a special social event or at Founder's Day. The arrangements, including the Ritual Table, would be the same in any case.*

*The Ritual should be read by another 25-year member, or by a member specially selected for this honor.*

*The Ritual Table should be set up with a white cloth or a Ritual Cloth, one silver candle should be placed in the center of the table, with the six candles in the Ritual colors arranged in order with three on each side of the silver candle. None of the candles are lighted when the Ritual begins. The Officiant then stands behind the table with an attendant to her right and another to her left, each holding a lighted candle. All candidates for the Ritual stand in a semi-circle in front of the Ritual Table.*

**Officiant: Sisters in Beta Sigma Phi,** you stand once more as you have so many times in the past before the Ritual Table. You stand not in darkness as once you did, for the light of Beta Sigma Phi shines forth from you. The torch you have carried so well lights the way for those who follow you. Now its light falls upon these candles of colors red, yellow, blue, orange, green and violet, representing the six virtues to which you have for so long been pledged. Let us recall them together.

*Attendants will light the candles as they are called for by the Officiant. The attendant to the right begins with a candle on the right end of the table which is red. When her three candles have been lighted, the Officiant on the left lights the three candles on the left side of the table, beginning with the center, which will be the orange candle.*

**Officiant:** We light now the red candle, and the red of that flame shall be courage, such courage as you have demonstrated in your many years of membership. It is the courage with which you have pursued our ideals and by which you have overcome many difficulties, achieving your goals, making the most of your talents.

We light now the yellow candle, and the yellow of that flame is vision, which has given enthusiasm to your courage, which has enabled you to see beyond your own self, to perceive those things worth hoping for and to be assured of the reality of those great ideals and truths which cannot be seen.

We light now the blue candle, and the blue of that flame is humility. It is that humility that you have felt which has caused you to seek nothing for yourself and which makes us all meek in the presence of the miracle of being.

We light now the orange candle, and the orange of that flame is loyalty, loyalty which you have displayed toward your sisters, your chapters, and your organization, and which is a part of every relationship in your life. It has kept you steadfast and enabled you to set aside discouragements.

We light now the green candle, and the green of that flame is fellowship which you have extended not only to us, your sisters, but to all fellow beings. It is friendship which makes of life a garden rather than a barren waste.

We light now the violet candle and the violet of that flame shall be service which arises from both humility and courage. It is a gift of yourself which you have made to life, forgetting yourself.

We need these candles as symbols no longer, for the virtues they represent shine forth from you and we have before us the silver candle, representing the silver circle of Beta Sigma Phi, of which you have become a member in grateful acknowledgment of your 25 years of steadfast devotion to those virtues, and that light which shines from you shall not go out forever.

Welcome to the Silver Circle of Beta Sigma Phi.