

Beta Sigma Phi

RITUAL OF WELCOME

Instructions: For installation of transfer members, the Ritual Table, if the meeting is formal, will be prepared as customary to the receiving chapter — Nu Phi Mu, Ritual of Jewels, Exemplar, Preceptor, Laureate, or Master.

At a regular meeting, or when informality is required, the table should have at least one lighted candle to represent the Torch and one yellow rose to represent the member, and to be presented to her as indicated.

An empty seat in the center of the seating arrangement shall be kept for the formal seating of the transfer member.

The transferee waits, with an attendant, at the rear of the room. The meeting is begun with the Opening Ritual as customary at regular meetings.

Officiant standing and addressing the group:

Sisters in Beta Sigma Phi: Tonight it is our privilege and our pleasure to receive into fellowship in this chapter a member formerly active in _____ Chapter of _____ (state), at _____ (city). _____ (Name of transferee), will you please come forward?

Attendant escorts the transferee to a place in front of the table, facing the Officiant. A short pause ensues to insure quiet.

Officiant (addressing the transferee): Beta Sigma Phi?

Transferee: I am thy sister.

Officiant: The fellowship of Beta Sigma Phi requires of us that we shall give to one another that love which causes us to share in whatever of good or sorrow may come to any one of us. It requires of us that love which makes us slow to expose a fault and eager to believe the true and the good.

Are you willing to accept from us, and to extend to the members of this chapter these obligations of our fellowship? If so, answer "I am."

Transferee: I am.

Officiant comes from behind the table and giving to the transferee the Beta Sigma Phi handclasp.

Officiant: Accept, then, our hand in fellowship. (She then presents the yellow rose and continues.) The poet says, "Your friend is your need answered. He is your field which you sow in love and reap in thanksgiving...let your best be for your friend."

Attendant gives the handclasp to the transferee.

Attendant: Welcome to our golden circle of friendship.

Officiant (addressing the attendant): Please seat _____ as an official member of _____ Chapter.

The attendant takes the transferee to the seat reserved, and the meeting proceeds.