

RITUAL FOR LEGACIES

(Appropriate for Legacy Day, the Saturday before Mother's Day)

INSTRUCTIONS

The Ritual table is set with a white cloth and yellow candles, one for each legacy. (The yellow candle stands for vision- the vision of these girls becoming Beta Sigma Phis, and the dream of each sponsor for her legacy to share her love of Beta Sigma Phi.) A yellow rose for each recipient is placed at the front of the table. There are one officiant and two assistants behind the table. The two assistants each hold a white candle to provide light for the officiant, who reads the ritual. The room is darkened and the candles are lighted before the legacies enter. Members attending form a circle beginning at one end of the table and ending at the other end. They may be seated or standing. Attendants escort each legacy to the center of the circle as her name called.

OFFICIANT: Will _____ please come forward?

Sisters of Beta Sigma Phi: The Fellowship of Beta Sigma Phi and the first great lesson of its sisterhood is love. With this ritual, we share our love of Beta Sigma Phi with our legacies; and by the light of that love, all things are beautiful. May we as sponsors and sisters in our great circle of friendship instill within these legacies the desire to follow the good the true, and the beautiful.

(One assistant, at the front of the table, lights the candle and places it in the sponsor's right hand. The candles on the table are lighted by both assistants.)

A rosebud necklace is the symbol of the Beta Sigma Phi Legacy. We hope each of legacies will wear it with loving pride. By doing so, members and their legacies join hands in sisterhood. May the light of our torch burn twice as brightly as before, to light the way for those who follow us.

(One assistant places a necklace in the sponsor's left hand, takes the candle from the sponsor's right hand and holds it while the sponsor places the necklace around the legacy's neck. The other assistant reads each legacy's name. Sponsor then takes back her candle and assistant helps next sponsor.)

OFFICIANT TO LEGACIES:

We give to you now the yellow rose, the flower of Beta Sigma Phi.

(Assistant pins the yellow rose corsage on each legacy, or hands yellow rose to legacy while officiant continues to address legacies.)

OFFICIANT: Treasure these emblems dearly, as you share in the sisterhood of Beta Sigma Phi. Remember this day always, that it may remind you of the happiness we wish for you. Together we say the Mizpah: "May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other."