

RITUAL OF KAPPA PI

The register book, the chapter candle, pins and certificates are placed on the table in the front of the room. Also have a pin to sign the register and a lighter or matches for the candle.

The sponsors and officers will assemble in the front of the room. Chairs may be needed.

The initiates will be led into the room. The chapter candle is lit.

Introductions

(PRESIDING OFFICER)

It is a pleasure to be the initiating officer of this group of candidates as MEMBERS of the _____ Chapter of Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity. Each of you have been invited to become a member of Kappa Pi because of special qualifications in art. You are to be congratulated for your achievements which have resulted in this recognition.

(SECOND OFFICER)

You have been invited to join an organization with over 360 chapters installed on the campus of colleges and universities in the many parts of the United States and abroad. There are 8 classes of membership in Kappa Pi. The category of active membership is the one that you initiates will soon fill. Sponsors and additional Faculty memberships involve the participation of the faculty in our organization and make our second and third classification. Alumni members are former active members, or those selected to alumni membership (who continue to participate in Kappa Pi after graduation) are the fourth classification. Associate memberships bring supporters of the arts into our fraternity are the fifth classification. Honorary members of Kappa Pi are selected on the basis of outstanding achievement in some phase of art make up the sixth. Through Patron members and Life members, those who make significant contributions to the arts or to the International Kappa Pi Scholarship Endowment are recognized in the last two categories.

The International organization has contributed to the development of talent among university and college students through scholarships that are awarded annually. Perhaps one of the members of this chapter will receive recognition from the International chapter through a scholarship. The scholarship application requirements are published each year in our two publications - **The Sketchpad** and **The Sketch Book** and are also listed on our website www.KappaPiArt.org.

(THIRD OFFICER)

The **interpretation of the Kappa Pi Coat of Arms**. An in-depth version of the Coat of Arms is printed each year on the inside back cover of **The Sketch Book**.

You will notice the shield has symbols which relate to _____
THE PROFESSIONS AND FIELDS OF ART

Above the shield, the palette and brushes signify _____
STUDIO PHASES OF ART

The name of our fraternity in the scroll below the shield suggests _____

ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF ART

The colors of Kappa Pi are _____

PURPLE AND GOLD, REPRESENTING TRUTH AND SINCERITY

The official flower of Kappa Pi is _____

THE PURPLE IRIS, WHICH SIGNIFIES EXCELLENCE

The motto of Kappa Pi is _____

ART COLORS LIFE AND ENRICHES LIVING

The sponsors light their candles from the chapter candle.

(FACULTY SPONSOR #1) _____

You have heard an explanation of the symbols in the Kappa Pi Coat of Arms. It is true that members of the Kappa Pi International Honorary Art Fraternity are committed to truth and sincerity, excellence and achievement within a life enriched by art. In addition to this commitment, we, your professors at _____ (your school name), stand before you today to share with you the Light. It is out of this passion for artistic endeavors that we share the light with this group. We honor you as the next generation for carrying the light of artistic creativity and scholarship into the world.

(PRESIDING OFFICER)

You initiates in your quest for excellence in art have learned many lessons. We trust these will remain with you throughout your lives as a foundation for your work. Your training will have given you insights which we hope you will share with others. Perspective in one's life has a role even more significant than that which applies in the studio.

Your selection for membership in Kappa Pi is both an honor and a privilege. We are pleased that you, by your presence here, have accepted the honor of membership. We hope that you will also accept the responsibility of membership in this honorary society which exemplifies excellence and leadership.

(FACULTY SPONSOR #2) _____

Initiates please rise and bring your candles. Officers and initiates light your candles from ours. This symbolizes our trust in you, by passing on the light of art to each one of you. Now the Presiding Officer will administer the pledge of Kappa Pi.

(PRESIDING OFFICER)

Will each of you in the initiate group listen carefully to the pledge of Kappa Pi as I state it.

I hereby pledge to do my best to develop my potential as an artist or as an interpreter of art to others. I pledge myself to help all student artists as much as I can, and to assist in training and directing public opinion into a deeper appreciation of the arts.

I further pledge my best efforts to enhance my future environment for the aesthetic enrichment of my fellow human beings.

IF YOU SO PLEDGE Answer: I do.

I now declare you fullfledged MEMBERS of the _____chapter of Kappa Pi with all the honors and responsibilities that attach thereto. Congratulations on this achievement.

(FACULTY SPONSOR #2)_____

Will you please extinguish your candle and come forward as your name is called to sign the register and receive your certificate and pin.