

CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY FOR INDUCTING MEMBERS

- "Honor is the reward of merit." – Cicero

A keynote speaker may precede the ceremony. College president, dean, faculty, Psi Chi or Psi Beta advisors, Psi Beta council members, psychologists, administrators and Psi Beta alumni have been popular choices.

Items needed:

- Candles with holder to catch drippings for each inductee, implement for lighting candles
- Psi Beta honor cord, medallion, stole and/or tassel for each inductee (*Induction and graduation items available from the Psi Beta national office.*)
- Certificates of membership, membership cards and gold or silver plated Psi Beta pins
- Registration book and pen
- Psi Beta banner (*from national office*) or sign in royal blue and gold
- Certificate of appreciation for keynote speaker and Installation Officer (*optional, available from the Psi Beta national office*)
- Yellow flowers with blue ribbons: arrangement on stage, small corsages on inductees before the ceremony begins (*optional*)

Advisor(s), faculty members of Psi Beta, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and induction officer are to be lined up behind head table for ceremony.

Lights in room are either turned off or dimmed.

Inductees are called by name either singly or in a group to the front.

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INDUCTION OFFICER: Inductee (*full name*), come forward to receive the congratulations of your peers. (*Psi Beta pins along with honor cords, medallions, stoles or tassels can be given together by the faculty advisor and officers with the membership certificate and card at this time. The faculty advisor lights the candles, which are passed to each inductee.*) Inductees, please repeat after me:

INDUCTEES IN UNISON: I, (*stating full name*), attest that I possess all the requirements for active membership in Psi Beta National Honor Society in Psychology for Community and Junior Colleges. In accepting membership in Psi Beta, I understand and accept the responsibilities which membership entails. On my honor I pledge to maintain the ideals for which Psi Beta stands to the best of my ability. I further pledge as a member of Psi Beta to actively cooperate in activities and support Psi Beta with my time and resources as may be required.

INDUCTION OFFICER: Honor is the reward of merit. Because of your merit, you have earned the reward of honor. May this candle light your pathway as you seek your goal of academic excellence. Congratulations and welcome to Psi Beta.

New members may sign the registration book.

END OF CEREMONY

Refreshments or dinner for Psi Beta members and guests usually follow the ceremony.