



# PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

## Induction Script

Notes: The induction ceremony script may be followed precisely or adapted by the chapter. The script includes representative components of the Society's longstanding traditions.

New chapters or reactivating chapters may prefer to have advisors or other college officials read the officer roles if the chapter has not yet formally elected officers.

**Vice President:** Honored President (Advisor or Dean) and fellow Phi Theta Kappa members, I am pleased to present to you these candidates for membership in our Honor Society. These students have fulfilled all requirements for membership and have been selected because they have chosen Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship as their hallmarks. I recommend them for acceptance into the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

**President:** You are about to be inducted into a scholarly fellowship which embraces community colleges not only of your own state but of the nation and the world. This fellowship is Phi Theta Kappa and your chapter is \_\_\_\_\_. After induction you will find among the members an atmosphere of scholarship, to which you must give of yourself in order that the organization may be meaningful to you.

Select and read a meaningful quotation of the chapter's choosing. Recommended topics include scholarship and servant leadership.

**Vice President:** I have in my hand a torch, symbolic of knowledge, which is the servant of wisdom which dwells with prudence and leads in the way of righteousness in the midst of the paths of judgment.

**Secretary:** I have the white rose typifying purity and beauty of life, with its white buds signifying intellectual associations. (Optional: I give you this rose as a symbol of our newly formed intellectual friendship.)

**President:** This is the emblem of Phi Theta Kappa. It consists of a golden slab, keyed at the top and bottom. The golden field, like the escutcheon of our coat of arms, refers to the golden opportunities that abound on every hand for Society folk to evidence their culture and perform good works. Since gold is the most noble of metals, it shall have a further significance to our Society, for it shall represent that nobility attained by those who achieve intellectual leadership.

Across the slab you will observe a black band. It represents the three ideals which bind us together, and the cultural self-control which is the necessary foundation for true wisdom, aspiration and purity.

Shining through the black enamel background are the three Greek letters which are the initials of the Greek words meaning wisdom, aspiration and purity.

Behind the band is a wreath, on the one side composed of oak leaves and on the other laurel. The oak leaves stand for stability and strength of character, as symbolized by the sturdy oak. The graceful, curling leaves of the laurel signify achievement and success, all attributes for membership in our Society.

Above the band is the representation of the head of Athena, a symbol of learning; in the base, appear the Greek letters meaning light, the light of knowledge and learning, the common ideal for members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

This badge stands as a symbol for the high idealism of our organization and membership in our select group.

You have studied the Constitution of this organization, the purpose of which is to foster a spirit of devotion to study and to scholarly ideals among its members and whose principles are embodied in the Greek letters which stand for phronimon, thumos, katharotes (wisdom, aspiration, and purity).

Now that the standards and ideals of this organization have been fully revealed to you, you come to complete the pledge which admits you into complete fellowship.

Repeat after me: I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly promise on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ to uphold the standards of Phi Theta Kappa, and to keep this object and aim in mind, and I do solemnly pledge allegiance to my fellow members and promise to aid them in all worthy endeavors. As each new member's name is called, he/she moves to the induction table, signs the Chapter Record Book in the designated place for members and lights his/her candle forming the torch of knowledge.

**Advisor:** It is my pleasure to welcome you into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the lively fellowship of scholars it affords. I salute you for your accomplishment; I charge you to explore always for truth and to dedicate yourselves to the cultivation of the well-reasoned life, a prelude to service and honor.

An official of the college, the chapter advisor or a past president of the chapter may install officers following the induction of new members if applicable. The installing officer stands behind the induction table facing new members and guests. The table may have upon it the Chapter

Record Book and lighted gold candles. The officers to be installed stand in a semi-circle, facing the installing officers. The pledge may be administered individually or in unison.

**Installing Officer:** Before you assume your obligations as officers of the chapter, you shall renew your pledge of membership in Phi Theta Kappa. Repeat after me.

**New Officers:** I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly promise to uphold the standards of Phi Theta Kappa and to maintain, by honest and independent endeavor, the ideals of scholarship for which this organization stands.

**Installing Officer:** You are charged with the responsibility of learning the duties of your office and executing those duties to the best of your ability. Now repeat after me.

**New Officers:** I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly promise to fulfill, to the best of my ability my duties as an officer of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

**Installing Officer:** You are duly recognized as the executive officers of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. We pledge the support of the members of this chapter to you. Newly installed officers sign the Chapter Record Book in the designated place for officers.

Optional: A chaplain, advisor or officer may lead a prayer for the divine guidance upon the newly installed officers.