
Beta Sigma Phi

DECADE RITUAL

Instructions: *The Ritual Table is set with a white cloth and the six colors of candles: red, yellow, blue, orange, green and violet, arranged in the order named in a semi-circle across the table. A yellow rose for the recipient of the ritual is placed at the front of the table. There is one Officiant, but a second may be asked to hold a candle to provide light for the Officiant who is reading.*

Officiant: Will _____ please come forward. You see before you the six candles you have seen so often before. You know what they have always represented since first you witnessed them _____ years ago. Today, they have an added meaning.

Each of these candles represents some part of the years your membership in Beta Sigma Phi. It is possible that one of their colors would be special to one period and it is equally possible that the virtues they represent were called upon every single day.

Vision, of course, would have come to the fore when you were introduced to Beta Sigma Phi and pledged yourself. The yellow candle represents that great virtue.

The virtue of loyalty is represented by the orange candle, and it is a virtue that has been a part of your life. That your loyalty has extended for _____ years is not only a confirmation, but an honor that you bestow upon your organization.

The blue candle represents humility. It is a virtue we should all possess. We should be humble in the presence of long-standing vision and loyalty and such devotion to all virtues of Beta Sigma Phi.

The sweetest of all virtues is represented by the green candle. That virtue is fellowship. It is a virtue which you have bestowed upon your sisters and which you have received from them for such a very long time. Fellowship lifts the heart and provides comfort in adversity and warmth at all times.

The light that speaks of sharing is shed by the violet candle. It is the color of service, which is not simply a matter of giving money or spending time. It is before all that a matter of the heart and your service to others for _____ years reveals the size and capacity of your heart.

There is finally the first color represented by the red candle. Courage is the virtue upon which all others rest. It is the virtue which surely has been called upon time after time in your long and wonderful membership. It is the virtue that makes possible the accomplishment of great things and that makes possible the devotion you have displayed over the many years. It is the virtue which you possess in abundance.

We honor and thank you. We return in full measure the love you have shown for us and our friendship is yours.