

**PI KAPPA LAMBDA**  
National Music Honor Society

SUGGESTED RITUAL FOR THE INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chapter President or designated representative presiding:

The members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda are assembled here today to initiate new members of the Society as elected by the Faculty Committee of the Chapter.

Pi Kappa Lambda is an honor society, the only music organization recognized by the Association of College Honor Societies. It was dedicated by its founders to the fostering of scholarly interest in the theoretical and historical aspects of music, and to the pursuit of eminent achievement in performance, composition, music education and research.

The Society was founded at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1918. The first member was Peter Christian Lutkin, then Dean of the School of Music, whose initials in their Greek equivalent were selected for the name of the Society, Pi Kappa Lambda (ΠΚΛ).

Those persons who today become members of Pi Kappa Lambda have demonstrated both musical and academic excellence. They also possess qualities which have enabled them to achieve distinguished careers at \_\_\_\_\_ : personal integrity, leadership, open-mindedness and intellectual stamina.

The emblem of the Society is a visible expression of the honor and esteem with which each member is regarded. It is designed in the form of a Grecian lyre incorporating the ancient symbols of Music and Drama with the Greek letters of the Society.

It is particularly appropriate to remind the new members that the primary purpose of Pi Kappa Lambda is to recognize the highest levels of musical achievement and academic scholarship. Through this chapter and the national organization we encourage you to maintain your professional standards, and to use every opportunity to advance music as a vital part of our lives and cultural heritage.

Will the initiates please come forward as the Chapter Secretary reads your names? (At this time the names of students, then faculty initiates, will be read in alphabetical order. The President presents pins and certificates.)

The ceremony is now concluded, and I invite all of you to join me in welcoming the new members of Pi Kappa Lambda.