

ΣΚΩ Induction Ceremony

History:

The induction ceremony was written in 2001 by Kara McIntyre, founding mother. In Spring 2010, sisters of the Beta chapter felt as though the ceremonies should remain as special for incoming members as they were for them. Because of this, the induction ceremony was rewritten by Sister Krystina Christiansen in 2011 to be updated, extended and more thorough. On February 5, 2012 sisters Katie Lorton, Gloria Sanchez, Jessica Gomez, Whitney Simmons, Tasha Wilson, Mystique Hammett and Amanda Gunn revised the Induction Ceremony along with Krystina Christiansen to accommodate the new ideals of Sigma Kappa Omega.

Items Needed:

- Table
- Alter
- Purple Cloth
- String of pearls (for star)
- Pledge Pins
- Purple rose
- Five Sterling Candles for alter
- Candle Holders
- Recording of ‘Sigma Bonds’ (“The Rose” Instrumental)
- Butterfly
- Black paper to cover windows into room
- Tape
- White candles (one for each pledge and guide)

Dress Code: Pledges may wear either all black or business casual, at the chapter’s discretion.

Actives, visiting sisters and alumni must wear purple, silver and/or black. Sisters who do not abide by the dress code will be asked to leave the ceremony. No exceptions are to be made.

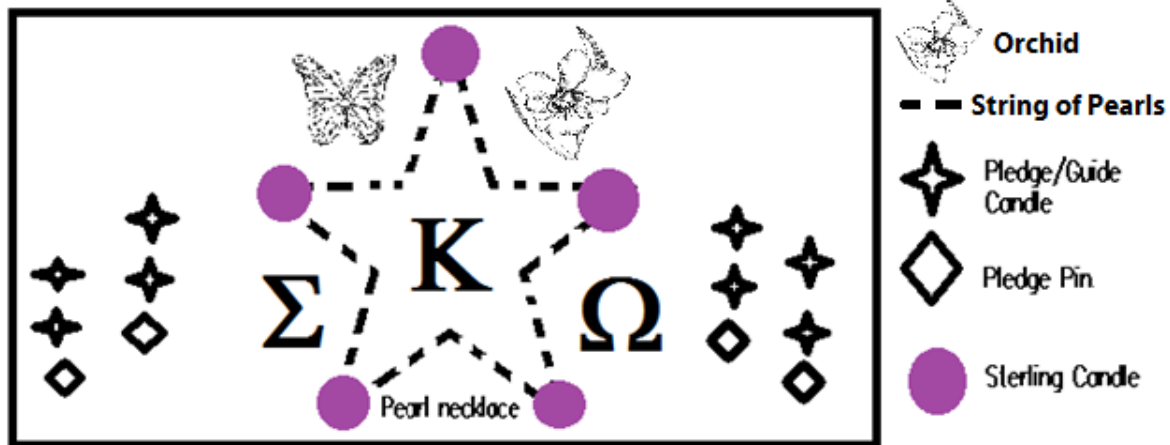
Speaking parts:

President

Pledge Educator(s)

Parliamentarian

Induction Set-Up



Set-Up:

The alter should be draped in purple cloth and decorated according to example provided:

Pledges (pearls) should be lined up outside of ceremony room according to last name by the pledge trainer.

Accompanying them will be there "guides" (future big sister) arm in arm.

RITUAL:

Sigma Kappa Omega Knock Exchange

Parliamentarian: "Who seeks entrance to the ceremony of Sigma Kappa Omega?"

Guide 1 (First in line): "The guide(s) of sisterhood."

Music starts

Door opens

Guide 1 and Parliamentarian embrace with Sigma Kappa Omega official handshake.

Each pledge is to walk in one by one with their guide and led to face alter.

Guides stand behind pledges.

Pledge Educator: “Pearls(s), we welcome you to the induction ceremony of Sigma Kappa Omega. Placed on the alter are/is (# of pledges) pin(s). Once worn, they will represent your journey to true sisterhood and must be worn at all times. Also placed on the alter is the regalia of Sigma Kappa Omega. Its purpose is known only to those ready to join the bonds of our sisterhood and will be revealed at the Initiation ceremony.”

Guide(s) then walk to alter to get candles.

President lights the guide candles.

Guide(s) walk back to pearl(s) and hand them their candle while facing them. Remain there during dialogue.

Pledge Educator: “Your guide(s) have/has brought light to your path to sisterhood. In hopes that you grow bonds of Sigma love and respect for each other, your guide will pass the light so that you may take your first steps to membership in Sigma Kappa Omega.”

Guide(s) light pearl(s) candle and hand to them, then stand behind them for remainder of ceremony.

President: “Pearl(s), please repeat after me;

I, of my own free will and accord,

in the presence of the sisters of Sigma Kappa Omega Sorority,

do hereby solemnly declare

that the ideals of this Sorority,

as they have been explained to me,

accord entirely with my own views.

I solemnly promise that as a prospective member of this Sorority,

I will faithfully adhere to those ideals

endeavoring in every way to perfect myself morally, intellectually and socially.

Finally, I promise

to act towards others according to the high standard of conduct required by the Sorority.

“Sisters, take witness to the oaths presented. Be sure to create the ultimate example of love and sisterhood. Do not leave them by the wayside, rather light their path with Sigma love. If you so promise to do so, say “I do”.

Sisters: “We do.”

President: “Educator(s), please present the representation of membership.”

Educators pin pledges.

President: “Congratulations, you are now the _____ class of Sigma Kappa Omega Sorority. We wish you all the best on your journey to sisterhood.

Music plays

Applause