



**The Pledge and Initiation Services,
Installation of Officers, and
Memorial Service
of
Psi Iota Xi Sorority**

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Chapters may choose to use these revised or the original ritual services. These ritual revisions are suggested but are not mandatory.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE PLEDGE AND INITIATION SERVICES OF PSI IOTA XI SORORITY

The chapter conductress is responsible for instructing and informing the prospective members of the history of the National organization and the local chapter, dues and fees, and the obligations and expectations of their membership in your Chapter of Psi Iota Xi before the initiation service.

OPTION: Chapters may elect to combine the Pledge and Initiation Services.

The chapter conductress is responsible for assembling all materials used in the service, including:

- Pins (available from the National Jeweler)
- Membership certificates, signed and completed
- One yellow rose for each initiate
- A Bible
- A card with the Greek letters
- A pincushion (the diamond crest shape is recommended and can be sewn by a member) *
- A book for signatures
- A six to eight-foot-long rectangular table
- A tablecloth or fabric covering for the table*
- A pen
- The crest of the sorority

Optional items:

- Candlesticks or candelabra
- Gold or turquoise candles and matches
- Floral bouquet or centerpiece

* Turquoise blue and gold are the sorority colors and should be used as appropriate in these services.

Attire for all participants should reflect the significance and importance of these solemn services.

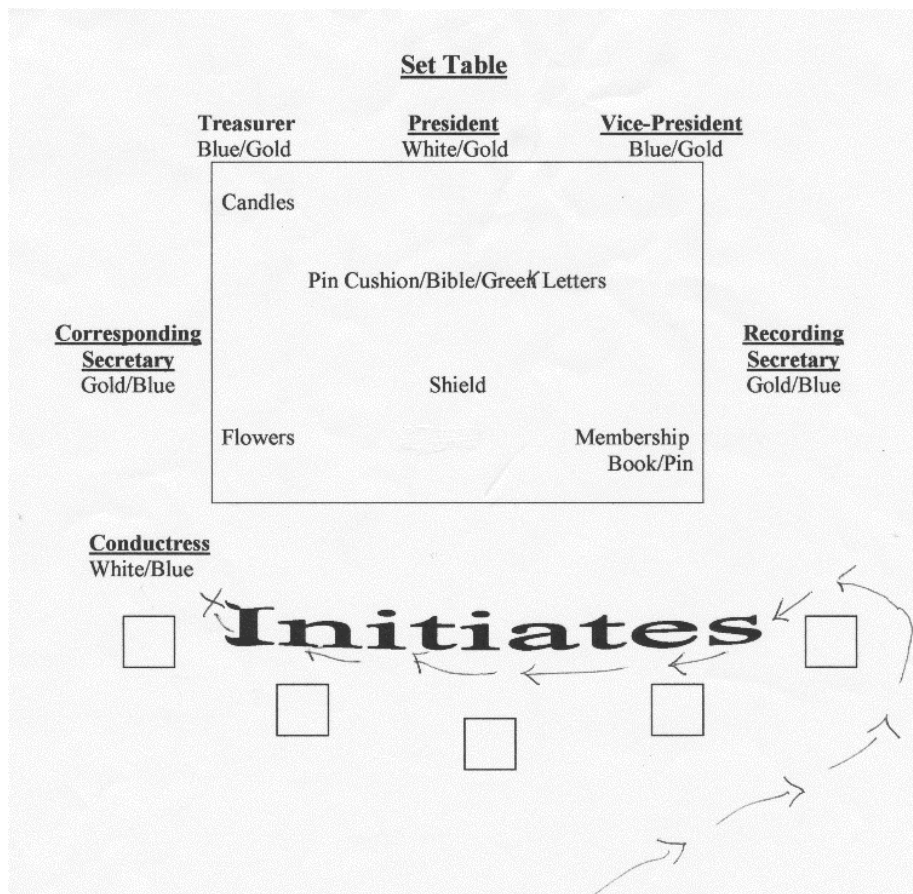
For the initiation service, robes are not required but satin or special robes can be worn as specified here:

- President: White with gold cord or collar
- Conductress: White or gold with turquoise cord or collar
- Vice President and Treasurer: Turquoise with gold cord or collar
- Secretaries: Gold with turquoise cord or collar

OTHER CONSIDERATION FOR THE INITIATION SERVICE:

- All services may be memorized or read.
- Initiation teams may be used for the service.
- A suitable location should be selected for the service.
- No proxies may be used.

The officers (or initiation team) enter the room in the following pattern and position themselves as follows:



THE PLEDGE SERVICE (Optional)

The Conductress leads the prospective member(s) to an area in front of the membership.

The President of the chapter presides.

President:

"This evening (afternoon) our members come together to welcome you as a prospective member of Psi Iota Xi. At this time, we ask you to show that you are sincere in accepting our invitation by raising your hand and taking this pledge."

President leads the pledge(s) to repeat the following:

**"I willingly give my support to Psi Iota Xi.
I share the goals of this sorority in art, music, and literature.
I will also work to enrich the lives of others
in speech and hearing and community outreach.
This is my sincere intention."**

The President instructs the pledge(s) to sign the book.

Music: TO PSI IOTA XI may be used as background, vocal, or instrumental during the signing of the pledge book.

The President resumes:

"The members of _____ Chapter share this commitment with you. We look forward to your affiliation with us in our sorority."

Stop here if you do not use a pledge pin.

"This pin, which I present to you now, unites us in Psi Iota Xi, in service and sisterhood."

Membership sings PSI IOTA XI NATIONAL SONG.

Pledges may attend chapter meetings and be involved in activities.

Pledges **DO NOT** vote.

INITIATION SERVICE

The conductress leads the prospective member(s) into the service as the membership rises. She escorts the pledge(s) to the initiation table and stays in position as shown in the diagram. All music is optional.

Music: TO PSI IOTA XI

President to Conductress:

"Have these initiates been informed of the history of Psi Iota Xi and the _____ Chapter, and do they understand the responsibilities of membership in Psi Iota Xi?"

Conductress:

"I have given histories to them of the national organization and of the - Chapter. They are now ready to become members of this sorority."

President to initiate(s):

"Do you understand the responsibilities of membership in Psi Iota Xi? If so, answer "I DO"."

Initiates answer.

President to initiate(s):

"I am glad to welcome you in the name of _____ Chapter of Psi Iota Xi."

Music: WE WELCOME YOU

President - holds the Bible and stands in front of each initiate as she asks:

"Will you place your hand upon this Bible and repeat after me."

" I, repeat your name, sincerely promise

that I will be a loyal member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

I will keep its secrets faithfully -Abide by its bylaws

and do, to the best of my ability,

That which I am called upon to do."

Music: FAITHFUL FOREVER TO PSI IOTA XI

President:

"We will now explain to you the ideals of our sorority so that you will understand our heritage that is the basis of our sisterhood and service."

With Greek letter card in hand the President continues.

"Psi Iota Xi represents the Greek words meaning music, reading, and pleasure. Each gain a deeper meaning as it applies to our sorority. It is this meaning which we will explain to you now."

Corresponding Secretary:

"Music builds for us a world of pure spirit, a means to escape from the demands of our everyday lives. The relationship between music and life is intimate and vital. We all need music, a free, flowing form of expression."

Treasurer:

"The universe is a song. All the music that has passed still vibrates. All the music that is to be still slumbers. Music speaks to us everywhere, through the birds on the wing, the crashing water on the rocky shores, and the sighing of the wind in the trees. It is a universal language."

Vice President:

"Worthwhile reading is education, romance, and entertainment. Beautiful thoughts and impressions are the rewards of reading. These thoughts are stored away, ready to send out their messages. Books hold for us creative thoughts and knowledge. Their messages guide us throughout our lives."

Recording Secretary:

"One of the aims of life is to give others pleasure and happiness. Happiness is the reward of generous deeds and of duties well done. Our goal is to enrich the lives of those about us. By working together, we receive happiness and pleasure. Therefore, give pleasure and it will return to you as a blessing."

President: Picks up the shield for explanation

"This is the crest of our sorority - the shield bearing the lamp, the lyre, and the laurel. In giving us this shield, our founders expressed

the belief that each of us will aspire to worthy deeds."

"The lyre means music. Let us strive to bring harmony to our world."

"The lamp represents learning and literature. It symbolizes light, understanding, and vision. May the lamp of Psi Iota Xi lead us to accomplish noble purposes."

"The laurel has been the symbol of triumph since the ancient Greeks used it to crown victors. Later it was used to indicate academic honors. For us it means pleasure; pleasure follows attaining victory and honor. May you find pleasure in your association with us."

"The colors of Psi Iota Xi are old gold and turquoise blue; worth and loyalty. They reflect our belief in you."

"As a pledge of faith and loyalty, we invite you to add your name to our membership roll."

The conductress hands the pen to the initiate(s), indicating the place for their signatures.

Music: GOLDEN SHAFTS OF SUNLIGHT

At the conclusion of the signing ceremony, the president walks to a position in front of the first initiate. The conductress takes the pincushion from the table and stands to the right of the president.

The president places the official pin over the heart of the initiate as she says:
"This pin honors you, may you honor it. This pin signifies our faith in you and your obligation to us. It unites us in Psi Iota Xi. "

The president repeats this sentence with each initiate as she pins their pin on them. She then returns to her place at the table.

President to initiate(s):

"The password of our sorority is "PAX VOBISCUM," peace be with you."

Pause:

"I will now explain and demonstrate our hand clasp to you."

Show the card with the Greek letters. Explaining that as we clasp hands we form the symbols for the Greek letters for Psi Iota Xi.

Music: IN THE HEART OF PSI IOTA XI

While the song is sung, the president explains the handclasp to each initiate.

The president returns to her position at the table and says:

"The flower of our sorority is the yellow rose. It will always serve as a reminder to you of our sisterhood."

The conductress presents each initiate with a yellow rose.

President:

"Your membership certificate is your record of affiliation with us. Cherish it always."

The conductress presents each initiate with her certificate.

President:

"May Psi Iota Xi, all that it represents, be a warm, vital, beautiful memory down through the years. Let us stand and pray."

The prayer may be sung or recited by the membership.

**"Lord, help us live from day to day, In such a self-forgetting way,
That even when we kneel to pray, our prayers shall be for Others. Others,
Lord, yes Others,
Let this our motto be, help us to live for others,
That we may live like Thee."**

Music: THE NATIONAL SONG sung in unison by the membership.

After the National Song, the president leads the officers as they greet each new member. The chapter members follow and continue in the welcome.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected officers will take their positions before the retiring president, preferably in the following order: conductress, treasurer, recording secretary, president, vice-president and corresponding secretary.

The retiring president repeats:

"To you have been given the honors of this Chapter. Your regular attendance at meetings is essential. Your help and interest are necessary. As evidence that you accept the responsibilities of your respective offices, will you repeat this pledge: 'I solemnly promise that I will abide - by the Bylaws of Psi Iota Xi - and that I will perform - to the best of my ability - the duties of the office to which I have been elected.'"

"It is the duty of the new officers to keep National Council and the local chapter unified, working, and upholding the aims and ambitions of Psi Iota Xi. May your desire for a successful chapter guide you in your work."

After instructing the new president to step forward, the installing officer continues: **"(name) I present to you this gavel, your symbol of authority. May you use it always in the best interest of this chapter."**

The Chapter membership is instructed to stand and to repeat in unison: **"I solemnly promise - to renew my pledge of service and loyalty to Psi Iota Xi - and to give my sincere support - to these new officers."**

The entire membership sings the National Psi Iota Xi song.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

It is suggested that the chapter send to the funeral home or church of the deceased member a floral piece in the shape of our pin, the same to be used later in the ritual, which may be presided over by officers or by special friends. Before the service, a yellow rose for each point of the diamond floral design should be prepared to be placed at the four points. If a floral piece with the four yellow roses is not available, or if the chapter desires, an optional piece may be used. It should be a turquoise colored diamond (pin) shaped base, holding four yellow or gold candles. The officers would file in holding the lighted candles or floral piece followed by the members as appropriate.

The **President** speaks.

President: **"God has called our sister home, but her spirit remains here within our hearts, in thought and deed as truly as in His heaven." "This sister has completed her obligations on earth and is now where friendship and sisterhood exist eternally. With the thoughts of what she has meant to us, and of her loyalty and service to Psi Iota Xi, we dedicate this service."**

The **Vice President** speaks and places one yellow rose (or candle) in one point of the floral arrangement (or base).

Vice President: **"One of the greatest attributes of Psi Iota Xi is the friendship which forms the foundation of all we do. Let our first rose (candle) symbolize that friendship, which gained a deeper beauty and significance within our sorority."**

The **Secretary** speaks and places one yellow rose (or candle) in one point of the floral arrangement (or base).

Secretary: **"Loyalty to its members and all its undertakings helps accomplish our goals and maintains our standards. Our second rose (candle), Loyalty, strengthens our ideals and our beliefs in each other."**

The **Treasurer** speaks and places one yellow rose (or candle) in one point of the floral arrangement (or base).

Treasurer: **"The joy of working in the service of others is its own reward. Let our lives, as well as our rose, be dedicated to our unselfish service to our fellowman."**

The **Conductress** speaks and places one yellow rose (or candle) in one point of the floral arrangement (or base).

Conductress: **"She (or say her first name) possessed all these virtues in abundance, as well as the greatest of all...Love. May the love that we all gave her and the love that she returned to us be a warm, beautiful memory treasured in our hearts through the years."**

The **President** speaks.

President: **"These roses (lights) symbolize our friendship, loyalty, and love shared with this sister, and now we extend our sympathy to her family and friends. May each of us here be reminded that our lives must demonstrate goodness daily, so that others around us may be enriched."**

President leads the officers and members from the area.

To Psi Iota Xi

By Clare B Ulen

We pledge our hearts in song
To Psi Iota Xi,
True to her we will be.
Whatever our destiny,
Though seas may roll between,
Our hearts are joined in our sorority.
Loyalty and love, Psi Iota Xi,
Pledge we now in song to you.

By your lofty aims,
Noble heights we gain,
Following your precepts true.
We took the Blue and Gold
From our sunset sky,
And blended them in glorious hue.
A symbol when unfurled,
Of hope throughout the world,
Psi Iota Xi, we sing to you.

We Welcome You

*Words and Music by Ellen Carter
Beta Theta Chapter, Eaton, Illinois*

The time has now come for us to meet,
You in our chapter to greet.
We'll solemnly give you our
Secrets so sweet,
As you become a Psi Iota Xi.

To Psi Iota Xi we welcome you,
To Psi Iota Xi we pledge anew
Our hearts' undying love and loyalty
And may we ever faithful be.

From Psi Iota Xi, the gold and blue,
From Psi Iota Xi, the hand clasp, too;
The laurel, lamp and lyre,
The rose and pin,
We give to you from our sorority.

Faithful Forever

*Words and Music by Mary Garrett Deer
Beta Gamma Chapter, Peru, Indiana*

Let's sing a song of the gold and the blue
To our sorority loving and true.
Sisterhood, dear to us,
Ever be near to us.
Hear, as our vows we renew to you.
Psi Iota Xi. As the years pass by...
Help us your every ideal to uphold
Cherish dearly the turquoise and gold.

And may our love for thee,
And our loyalty,
Be fixed and unchanged
As the stars in the sky;
Faithful forever to Psi Iota Xi.

Golden Shafts of Sunlight

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Golden shafts of sunlight
Blue from Heaven above.
Colors we have chosen,
Each with a meaning we love.
And may our love for thee,
Golden shafts of sunlight,
Blue of a sunlit sky.
The Gold ever worthy, and blue
Ever true... To Psi Iota Xi.

In The Heart of Psi Iota Xi

*Credit to Virginia Lee Brightwell and
Frances Cory*

Alpha Epsilon Chapter, Jeffersonville, IN

There will never be a love like ours,
Our sorority with all its sacred hours.
When we take our vows so very solemnly,
We pledge that we will loyal be.

When we learn the meaning of our name,
Of the Blue and Gold and of our lofty aim.
For the Lamp, the Laurel, and
The Lyre will ever lie,
In the heart of every Psi Iota Xi.

Others (A Prayer)

*“Help me to live for others, that I may live
like Thee!”*

*Words by C.D. Meigs, Music by Arthur A.
Penn*

Lord, help us live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That, even when we kneel to pray,
Our prayers shall be for others.

Help us in all the work we do,
To ever be sincere and true;
And know that all we'd do for You,
Must need be done for others.

Let “Self” be crucified and slain
And buried deep, and all in vain.
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of others.

Others, Lord, yes, others.
Let this our motto be;
Help us to live for others,
That we may live like Thee.

Psi Iota Xi – National Song

Arranged by Susie Lewis

So here's to the Psi Iota Xi,
Where ever she may be.
May our friendships never die
But live to eternity.

May she be true to the turquoise blue
And reverence the dear old gold,
Ne're say farewell, but just adieu,
And prosper a thousand fold.

So solemnly we take our vows,
Never to forget;
And sing her praise a thousand ways,
From coast to bare inlet.

The present day may pass away
But in the future years,
The thoughts of you... the gold, the blue
Will fill our eyes with tears.

The thoughts of you... so good, so true
Will fill our eyes with tears.