



Our Founder,
Walter W. Ross

*"Keep the dream big,
it always comes true in
Beta Sigma Phi."*

The Founder's Day Pledge

Suggested Instructions: As part of the decorations, three yellow candles may be placed in the center of the head banquet table. The member selected to officiate over the Founder's Day Pledge begins the Ritual by lighting these candles, saying BETA as she lights the first candle, SIGMA as she lights the second, and PHI as she lights the third. The officiant then says, PLEASE RISE AND REPEAT AFTER ME OUR FOUNDER'S DAY PLEDGE. To allow audience participation as she reads, she pauses where the dots indicate.

Tonight, on the seventy-eighth anniversary of its founding . . .
we as members of Beta Sigma Phi . . .
do solemnly pledge ourselves . . .
to uphold the honor and the aims of our glorious Sisterhood.

We salute the courage and the foresight of our Founder . . .
we remember with affection and gratitude our first members . . .
who by their vision . . . first made a reality of this ideal . . .
and all those thousands of members since . . .
who have followed the light of learning symbolized by our Torch . . .
and who through their lives have exemplified . . .
that the only right we have . . . is the right to be useful.

Tonight, as we go forward together . . .
into another year . . . we renew our vows and our pledge . . .
to give the best that is in us . . .
to advance further in a greater understanding . . .
of the Good . . . the True . . . and the Beautiful.

If it has not been convenient to hold Ritual ceremonies previous to Founder's Day, those ceremonies may be held preceding the banquet

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April 30, 2009

- **The National Anthem** of the country in which the observance is being held.
- **The Opening Ritual** - Recited by the members as they stand.
- **The Beta Sigma Phi Grace** -
Give us grateful hearts, O Lord,
For food, for health, and friends;
Be thou our guide in all that we do,
And keep us to the end. Amen.
- **Dinner**
- **Welcome to Guest and Introduction of Guests**
- **Welcome to Pledges, Transferees, and Members-at-Large**
- **The Founder's Day Pledge** -
The member selected for this honor will propose a tribute to our Founder, Walter W. Ross. She will then ask the members to stand and repeat the pledge as she reads it.
- **The Message from International** - *Laura Ross Wingfield*
Read by a member selected for this honor.
- **Presentation of Awards** -
Such as Woman of the Year, Chapter of the Year, Pledge of the Year, and so forth.
- **Announcements of the 2009-2010 Theme** - *Bill Ross*
- **The Closing Ritual** -
Recited by the members as they stand.

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