

#1 _____ (President): With the passing of the light from one member to the next we are symbolically imparting the shared knowledge that we have gained and renewing our commitment to continually seek to grow and develop as professional marriage and family therapists. We are pledging to develop greater understanding and appreciation of marriage and family therapy theory, research and practice and to contribute to the body of knowledge of our profession throughout our careers as marriage and family therapists. With this lighting of the candle we are sharing our knowledge and building the legacy for our profession that will be passed on to future generations.

[allow for a 5-10 second pause between each speaker; don't rush – allow reflection]

#2 _____ **(Membership VP):** As you see the light in the candle you are holding, think of the flame you hold as a symbol of the commitment you are making in becoming a marriage and family therapist.

[allow for a 5-10 second pause between each speaker; don't rush – allow reflection]

#3 _____ (Program Vice President): While looking in the flame, see the hope that our work means to the clients we serve; to lift them up to newer levels by sharing our knowledge, expertise, and gentle care.

[allow for a 5-10 second pause between each speaker; don't rush – allow reflection]

#4 _____ **(Historian):** Each time we enter the therapy room we have an opportunity to change the history of a client's legacy by helping them see their problems in a new light.

[allow for a 5-10 second pause between each speaker; don't rush – allow reflection]

#5_____ (Executive Vice President): The patterns you observe in the client's dance are powerful reflections of how they are connected, separated, influenced, and developed. When they come to you, use your knowledge in a manner that respectfully draws upon their strengths so that the flame will be a beacon to guide them through their next adventure.

[allow for a 5-10 second pause between each speaker; don't rush – allow reflection]

#6 _____ **(Faculty Sponsor):** As you stand here today, look around the room into the flames of the candles of each person in this room that together is playing a vital role in forming the Delta. Think of the knowledge that we each have, and how we continue to share with each other to help us develop as professionals.

[allow for a 5-10 second pause between each speaker; don't rush – allow reflection]

#7 _____ **(Secretary):** The people around you are your colleagues, your friends that are helping to mold you into the professional marriage and family therapists that you aspire to be. Look among you. See the glow in their face that shines as a reflection of the light from the candle they hold.

[allow for a 5-10 second pause between each speaker; don't rush – allow reflection]

#8 _____ (Treasurer): We are creating the foundation for our future, the knowledge we hold, share, and use to help the clients we serve and the profession we are becoming a part of is an investment we will always treasure.

[allow for a 5-10 second pause between each speaker; don't rush – allow reflection]

#9 _____ (Membership Vice President): The circle is complete. Our light shines brightly and will make a difference in those we touch through our work. Remember this moment when you are tired, pushed beyond the limits of what you thought you could do as you study, learn, and contribute to the body of knowledge that defines our profession.

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Please extinguish your candles, return them to <designated basket/box>, and return to your seats.

