

INITIATION

with Shamrock Degree



Standing Committee
Friendship

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INITIATION - SHAMROCK DEGREE



2nd Part

Blue is for multiple candidates -- (Green is for a single candidate)

Marshal:

“Wise Chairman, I bring you *candidates* (*a candidate*) seeking wisdom at the Fount of Friendship.”

Chairman of Standing Committee:

“*Strangers* (*Stranger*), it affords me pleasure to gratify your desire for knowledge. **Friendship** is an affection which prompts us to make the highest **sacrifice** for the person or the cause toward whom it moves. It begins in **favorable acquaintance**, grows with **intimate association** and ripens by **continued exercise**. Through it our **members** come to regard each other as **brothers**. We **sympathize** with one another in **misfortune** and assist one another in **distress**. Through kindly offices of **friendship** we promote each other’s **welfare** and prepare ourselves to meet every reasonable demand for the betterment and happiness of our **members**. Are you willing to **embrace** such a **friendship**? And will you be **loyal** to its **obligations**?”

Marshal:

“*Candidates* (*Candidate*), answer.”

Candidates (*Candidate*):

“Yes.”

Chairman of Standing Committee:

“Marshal, *do the candidates* (*does the candidate*) you present now understand the meaning of friendship?”

Marshal:

“*Candidates* (*Candidate*), answer.”

Candidates (*Candidate*):

“Yes.”

Chairman of Standing Committee:

“*Candidates* (*Candidate*), proceed on your quest of knowledge, and may St. Patrick guide your footsteps. **Marshal**, conduct the *candidates* (*candidate*) before the officer who has been chosen to instruct them in Unity.”

[The Marshal marches the candidates around the hall, forming them in a semi-circle facing the Vice President.]