

# INITIATION

## with Shamrock Degree



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## Marshal:

“Worthy Custodian of the property of our brotherhood, I bring *candidates* (*a candidate*) qualified in Friendship and Unity, who *desire* (*desires*) to be instructed in Charity.”

## Treasurer:

“**Charity** comes from **God Himself**, from the *Sacred Heart* ever throbbing with love for mankind. **Divine Charity** created man, forgave him when he sinned, sent to his aid the **Only Sacrifice** which could win **redemption**. **Charity** is divine love filling the universe with **inspiration** and with **hope**. Charity is the **golden key** which will open the entrance to the home of true **happiness**. **Charity** of thought, act and word, is the **third link** of our great **motto**. Charity is the essence of **fraternal love**. Will you **cultivate** it in your hearts and **extend** it to **Irishmen** of every class in every land?”

## Marshal:

“*Candidates* (*Candidate*), answer.”

## Candidates (*Candidate*):

“Yes.”

## Treasurer:

“*Gentlemen* (*Sir*), you are now in possession of the knowledge without which you could not be worthy members of our Order. I now clothe you in the mantle of Charity.”

*[The Treasurer places a shamrock on the breast of each candidate. If a shamrock or emblem is not used the Treasurer should touch each candidate lightly on the breast with the palm of his hand.]*

## Treasurer:

“I **pronounce** you ready to take the **solemn pledge** of our **brotherhood**. May the blessing of **St. Colm Cille** abide with you. “**Marshal**, conduct the *candidates* (*candidate*) before our **President**, who will administer to *them* (*him*) the **pledge** that binds us together in the bonds of **Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity**.”

*[The Marshal marches the candidates around the hall, halting them in front of the presiding officer's pedestal, facing the President.]*