

INITIATION

with Shamrock Degree



Vice President
Unity

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Marshal:

“Faithful Assistant to our Chief, I bring *candidates* (*a candidate*) instructed in Friendship, who *desire* (*desires*) to be taught the principle of Unity.”

Vice President:

“Unity, *Sirs* (*Sir*), is a **bond of strength** to every person, to every enterprise and to every cause that aims to accomplish anything in this world. It is as controlling as the power that **guides the stars** in their courses. It is **firm** in resolution, **steadfast** in purpose, **invincible** in attack, **impregnable** in defense. Out of weakness it brings **strength**, out of despair **hope**, out of failure **success**. It is the **inspiration** of man and the **greatness** of nations. The **Ancient Order of Hibernians** aims to **unite** its members in sentiment, in purpose and in action. Are you willing to join with us in the **bonds** and be bound by its **exalted precepts**?”

Marshal:

“*Candidates* (*Candidate*), answer.”

Candidates (*Candidate*):

“Yes.”

Vice President:

“*Candidates* (*candidate*), qualified in Friendship and Unity, you may seek the third element in the bond of Hibernianism. May St. Finbar’s missionary spirit inspire you. “**Marshal**, conduct the *candidates* (*candidate*) before the officer who has been chosen to instruct them in Christian Charity.”

[The Marshal marches the candidates around the hall and halts them in a semi-circle facing the Treasurer.]