

Initiation

- President:** Guard, are there any candidates to be admitted?
- Guard:** Mr. President, we have ____ recruits ready to take the oath. They are (read the names of all candidates present)
- President:** Secretary, have the recruits been duly proposed and elected?
- Secretary:** They have.
- President:** Treasurer, have all dues been paid?
- Treasurer:** They have.
- President:** Guard, escort the candidate(s) into the room. Two raps of the gavel is given.

When the Guard opens the door and is followed in by the candidate(s) walking to a position in front of the Altar with the Guard to the left and the candidate(s) to his right as they face the President.

- Guard:** Mr. President, I present (read name of candidates) who have been voted into membership in our Men's Auxiliary and now await your instructions.
- President:** We, the members of the Men's Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars have formed ourselves into a permanent organization for the relief of those who fought in defense of our country and those depending upon them, who may need our aid. We also endeavor to educate in patriotism the people of our land. Each member is expected to respond to any call for relief or assistance of any member of our Auxiliary or member of the Post who may be in need. I now commend you to the care of the Chaplain who will administer to you the obligation of our organization.

The Chaplain advances to a position in front of the Altar facing the candidate(s) to administer the obligation. He shall raise his right hand also while giving the obligation.

- Chaplain:** You will raise your right hand, using your name where I use mine and repeat after me.

In the presence of Almighty God – and the members of this organization here assembled – I, _____, do of my own free will and accord – solemnly promise – that I will never wrong or defraud this organization – not a member thereof – nor permit either to be wronged – if in my power to prevent it. I

will be faithful to the United States of America, - obedient to the laws, - and loyal to the flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way – I will consider this obligation – as binding outside this organization – as though I had remained a member. All this I promise and pledge – as a citizen of our great republic

President: Parade rest.

Chaplain: Almighty God, we ask Thy blessings upon these men who have now become members. May our ties foster among us an enduring friendship and loyalty. Grant that henceforth they may be spared for a useful life, to the honor and glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

President: Attention.

(Pointing to the Bible.) Behold, the Great Guide of all good citizens regardless of creed or birth. In it you will find the precepts of true friendship and citizenship to which we all aspire.

(Pointing to the flag.) Behold, the Flag of the United States, the flag of our country. It is your duty to uphold it at all times, in all places, that its glorious folds and its traditions may be preserved.

President walks to the Altar facing the candidate(s)

President: I extend to you my hand in friendship, assuring you that in our organization you will find help and friendship, just as you will give the same to others who have proved worthy of membership.

With my best wishes for your future, I commend you to the care of the members of our Men's Auxiliary who will now extend to you a hearty welcome. Our meeting is at rest for three minutes to offer our new brothers a cordial welcome.

Chaplain, please close the Bible.

To resume business, the President gives three raps of the gavel.

President: Chaplain, please open the Bible.