

C.M.B.A. Ceremonial

Form of Initiation of Members and Installation of Officers.

The officers' positions in branch chamber will be as appears in diagram printed herein.

DESIGNS TO BE PLACED OVER THE OFFICERS' STATIONS.

Over the President's chair shall be placed a design of a plain Passion Cross, emblematic of faith. Below the Cross and under the same frame or on same substance shall be a design of clasped hands as emblematic of brotherly love, unity, and affection, and on the central pedestal a Crucifix not less than 18 inches in height.

INSTRUCTIONS.

In order to have the ceremonies of the branch conducted in an impressive and eloquent manner, all officers should commit their parts to memory. Reading the ceremonies destroys their effect, and will soon cause members to lose interest in the work.

New members are never supposed to know what is in store for them previous to the initiation, so that the more solemn the initiation is made the more lasting effect it will have and the more energy and enthusiasm it will instil into them for the upbuilding of the Association.

Where it is possible, a Catholic hymn or ode should follow the opening prayer and precede the closing prayer.