* **ORDER OF INITIATION CEREMONY**

The admission and initiation ceremony takes places during Mass after the homily.

* **CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES:**

After the homily, the priest sits and the Secretary calls the candidates.

***Those to be admitted and initiated, please come forward*.** The candidates are called by name and each responds; **READY TO SERVE** and all line up in front of the sanctuary.

* **EXAMINATION:**

**Priest**: My dear brothers and sisters, what do you ask from the holy Church?

**Candidates:** I humbly ask to be initiated as members of the Knights and Ladies of the altar.

**Priest:** Do you understand what you are asking for?

**Candidates: I** have faithfully studied the rules, Constitution and are resolved to live as a Knight or Lady of the Altar in the service of Christ our King.

**Priest:** May the Lord grant you His help to be faithful in His service.

**Candidates:** Thanks be to God. (applause follows)

* **INVITATION TO PRAYER BY PRIEST:**

My dear brothers and sisters let us pray to the Lord for those He has chosen to serve Him as Knights and Ladies of the altar.

***Let us ask Him to fill them with his blessing and strength them for faithful service in His Church. (Brief silence)***

**Prayer:** God of mercy and Father of all, bless our brothers and sisters who have prepared themselves to be Knights and Ladies of the altar. Grant that they may be faithful in the service at your altar. May they grow always in faith and love so as to be of help in building up your Church here on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen**

**MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE:** New members solemnly say the pledge.

I, ......pledge my service to almighty God and His Holy Church by observing faithfully the Constitution of the association and I promise to be a loyal member at all times.

I promise to serve Christ my King as Lord of lords with fidelity and honour. Mary, His Immaculate mother, shall be my queen and my lady, and I shall be her devoted champion.

I further promise to treat others with respect and justice, to live a good personal life, and to profess and defend the rights of God and His Holy Church.

* **INITIATION CEREMONY:**

**The ceremonial sword (Crucifix) is placed on the shoulder of each kneeling candidates by the priest saying).**

**Priest:** I admit and initiate you to the Knights and Ladies of the altar and install you as a full member of the association.

**Candidate:** Thanks be to God.

* **CONGRATULATION:**

The Priest, Patrons and Executives congratulate the newly installed members whiles their Constitution are given to them.