

The Service of Institution of a Senior Chapter and Admission of Members



*Prayer and Service for the spread of
Christ's Kingdom since 1885*

Concerning The Service of Institution of a Senior Chapter

The Service of Institution of a Senior Chapter is used to formally establish a chapter at a church. It includes the Presentation of the Charter to the clergy who duly institutes the chapter in the parish. It is followed by the Service of Admission.

The Diocesan Assembly President, or her representative, should present the Charter to the clergy. She should also present the candidates at the Service of Admission.

If there is no Diocesan Assembly, or if the Charter is presented in a non-Episcopal church, the Province President, or her representative, may present the Charter and candidates to the clergy. The candidates should stand with the presenter.

The Service of Institution and Admission takes place at an appropriate time during the celebration of the Eucharist.

Concerning The Service of Admission

The Service of Admission is used to admit new members into The Order. It takes place after the candidates have completed the study and discernment period. At this time a new member receives her cross, which is blessed by the clergy, and promises to obey the two Rules of the Order, offer her aid to the clergy, wear her cross faithfully, and work for the purposes of The Order.

The new member's cross may be placed on a ribbon or chain so that it may be easily placed over her head when she receives her cross from the clergy or presenter. It may also be pinned on the left side of her chest. It is important to have the crosses ready to be blessed and presented to each new member. Once all new members have received their cross, they say together the new members prayer.

The Service of Institution of a Senior Chapter

CLERGY: We are gathered here in the sight of God and before this congregation to institute the ___ *Chapter* in The Order of the Daughters of the King®, and to receive and admit the members of the chapter. We commend them to your earnest prayers that they may have grace to perform and keep the vows and obligations of the Order and that the ___ *Chapter* and its members may work to the glory of God and for the spread of Christ's Kingdom. Will the Diocesan Assembly President, or her representative, please present the Charter?

PRESENTER: It is my privilege to present to you the Charter of the ___ *Chapter* of The Order of the Daughters of the King® so that you may formally institute the chapter.

CLERGY: (*Facing the altar*) O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, bless and hallow this Charter of the ___ *Chapter* of The Order of the Daughters of the King®, that all your servants who shall take the vows of prayer and service may have the strength and courage to faithfully fulfill them for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CLERGY: (*Facing the congregation*) In accordance with the constitution of The Order of the Daughters of the King® and by my authority as clergy of the parish, I hereby declare the ___ *Chapter* duly instituted in this parish. We are now ready to admit its members.

The Service of Admission

PRESENTER: It is my privilege to present ___ as candidates for membership in The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

CLERGY: We commend these candidates to your earnest prayers that they may have grace to fulfill the obligations of the Order and that their labors may be to the glory of God and to the welfare of all His people.

Addressing the candidates:

CLERGY: The Daughters of the King is an Order for women whose mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls, through prayer, service and evangelism. Do you desire to become a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King®?

CANDIDATES: I do.

CLERGY: Do you promise to obey faithfully the two Rules of the Order, the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service? To offer your support to the clergy for the good of the parish and the extension of Christ's kingdom? To wear faithfully the cross of the Order? And to work for its purposes, as God may give you the opportunity?

CANDIDATES: I do with God's help.

CLERGY: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit I receive and admit you as members of The Order of the Daughters of the King®.

Addressing the congregation:

CLERGY: Will you support these women in their ministry of prayer and service?

CONGREGATION: We will.

The clergy blesses the crosses.

CLERGY: Bless, O Lord, these crosses and grant to your servants now admitted into this Order such an abundance of your grace that they may wear this sacred symbol in the spirit of humility and with devotion to the service of the King of kings.
Amen.

Each new member is presented her cross with the following words: "Accept and wear faithfully the cross of the Order,

remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Take up your cross and follow me."

NEW MEMBERS: Almighty God, help me to pray so faithfully that I may draw near to you and learn your will. Help me to serve so joyfully that others may be drawn to you. May your Holy Spirit guide me each day, that all I think, do, or say may be pleasing in your sight. I ask it all for the sake of Him whose cross I wear, my King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALL DAUGHTERS OF THE KING: O Eternal Father, you have sent us your Son to teach us things pertaining to your heavenly Kingdom. Give your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world. Grant that we, your Daughters, ever may discern your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life. Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread your Kingdom and to gather your scattered sheep within your fold. Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is your work we are called to do; that all we think, do or say may be pleasing in your sight. We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*


CLERGY: May your love, O Lord, help the Daughters live lives of love, and may your holiness lead them to be examples of virtue, that they, strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may pray and serve you all their days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CLERGY: The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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The Hymn of The Order: "Lift High The Cross"

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



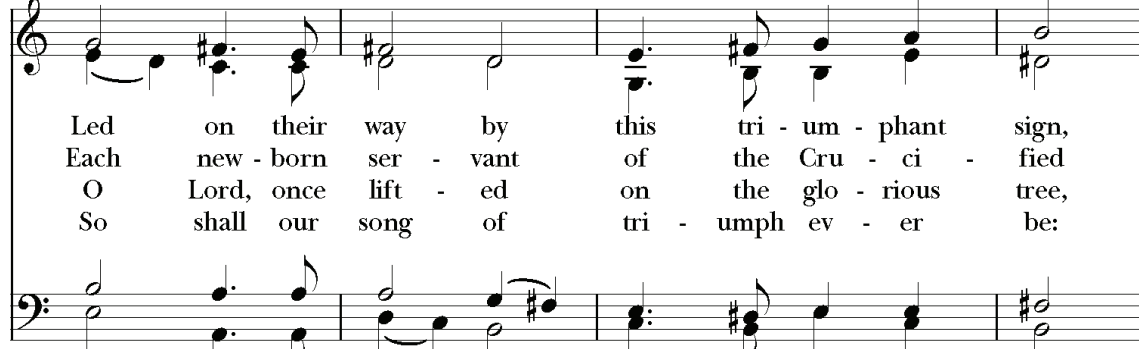
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



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Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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