

*Escorts*  
Spousal Promise Ceremony

WM: Although the *Escorts* of our Grand Officers play a very important role for our Order, they are seldom given the recognition they deserve. The "*Escorts* Promise Ceremony" is meant to rectify this situation. This ceremony is meant to re-affirm your importance to the Grand Family and to remind you of your sacred duties.

Sister Conductress. You will escort the ~~spouses~~ of our Grand Officers behind Esther's station.

It is my pleasure to welcome you this evening and lead you through the "*Escorts* Promise". Your Grand Officer tells us that you deserve everything you are about to get and are just pretty darn trustworthy! The Order of the Spouses is an elite group whose sole purpose is to take care of their esteemed other.

As a member of this special group, you will always be cheerful, kind, and understanding. You will wend your way through Colorado as the stalwart companion and obedient servant to your Grand Officer and surely never complain.

By means of street signs and other hard work, you will be able to make it to wherever your Grand Officer is to meet.

You are *always* at the mercy of every whim of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Patron, I think it is time for these faithful servants to repeat the *Escorts* Promise and become true members of the Order of the *Escorts*. Will you take over?

WP:

The promise you are about to make to your Grand Family is one that will commit you to great acts of kindness and forbearance, which are essential to *their* welfare and *your* happiness. Knowing this, I'm sure you are ready to proceed! Repeat after me:

I truly, truly promise  
that I will never, ever reveal  
what my *Escort* looks like at 5 o'clock in the morning.

I truly, truly promise  
to carry all suitcases and garment bags  
and other assorted paraphernalia  
and do so without complaining.

I truly, truly promise  
to always have the car filled with gas  
to have the oil checked routinely  
and to see that it is properly packed and ready to go.

I truly, truly promise  
to give advise only when it is wanted  
and to know when it is not.

I truly, truly promise  
to ignore what my esteemed other says  
when it is obvious what they really mean.

I truly, truly promise  
to never complain about frozen dinners  
atleast for this year.

I truly, truly *recognize*  
that my esteemed other  
will be forever in my debt  
when this year is over.

You will now receive your badge.

WM:

As members of the *Escoats* Order, you are designated as "Keeper of the Keys". Your badge consists of three keys.

The first key is the car key. Without a means of transportation, let alone portage, your esteemed officers would not be able to reach their destinations.

The second key is the motel key. This key enables your Grand Officers to look their very best. Here is where they will bathe, change clothes, apply perfume or after shave, do their general primping, and most importantly, stave off those ugly black bags under their eyes. **DO NOT LOSE THIS KEY!**

The third key, although symbolic, is probably the most important. This key represents your ability to read your esteemed others mind, to provide what they need when they need it, and to love them even when they are cranky. This key also represents your perseverance--and is the reason that your Grand Officer loves you.

Please wear your badges proudly as they represent the faith and trust your Grand Family and we, your Fraternal Sisters and Brothers, have in you.