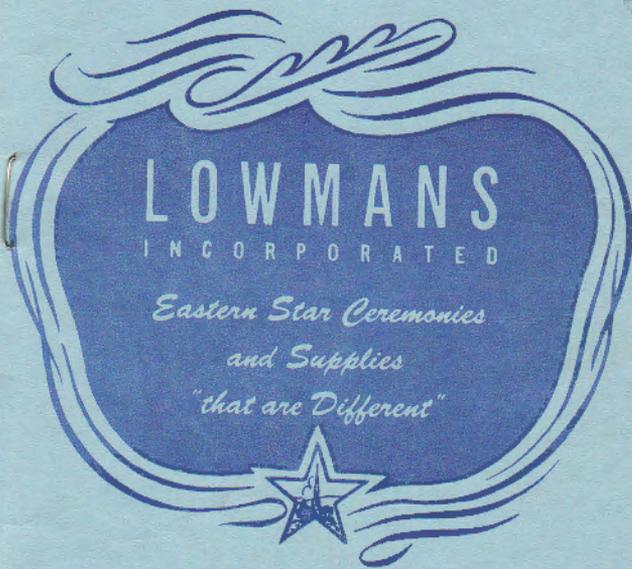


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LET US REMEMBER OUR VOWS

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To be given under the Good of the Order. Before beginning the ceremony, the Worthy Matron may explain the procedure she wants to use. The officers are to form a circle about the altar as soon as Electa has finished speaking. The second speech of the Worthy Matron is given as she stands in the circle. Chapter members may form another circle outside the officers' circle.

WORTHY MATRON says:

Through the centuries, man and woman have taken vows that have helped them live on the highest level they knew or could attain. As they kept these vows, they increased in moral strength and lived ever closer to those ideals for which mankind has always striven.

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The heroines of our Order
knew what it meant to keep
pledges made by themselves
or others. Let us hear what
they have to offer us.

ADAH:

Brave Adah knew that she
must help
To keep her father's vow;
She gave her life, a sacrifice,
That thrills us even now.

The fine example she has set
Should teach us still that we
Must keep the promises we
make,
And keep them faithfully.

RUTH:

Long, long ago, in Moab land
Ruth vowed she would be-
friend
The aged Naomi, and would
walk
With her to journey's end.

And as Ruth kept her prom-
ises
God's hand reached out to
bless
Her life with all that she
could ask
Of love and happiness.

ESTHER:

Queen Esther vowed that she
would dare
To ask the cruel king

To save her people from
the death
His law would surely bring.

She risked her life to keep
that vow;
She set her people free,
And now her deed lives on
and on
In hallowed memory.

MARTHA:

When Martha's faith was
put to test,
Her answer, clear and free,
"Yea, I believe thou art
the Christ"
Proclaimed her loyalty.

We need the faith of Martha,
As we keep our obligation;
It gives us strength and leads
us on
To deeper consecration.

ELECTA:

Electa vowed to follow
Christ
Wherever He might lead,
And through the trials that
were hers
She kept her cherished creed.

So we should keep with
faithfulness
Our vows for good and
right,
And often call them to our
minds,
As we do here tonight.

All officers and members (if you wish) move to form the circles as suggested around the altar. When all are in place, the Worthy Matron speaks.

WORTHY MATRON:

The Order of the Eastern Star requires that every candidate assumes an obligation that embraces the high standards and lofty ideals for which our Order stands.

As we strive earnestly to keep our obligation, we grow in moral and spiritual stature. But if we fail to remember our vows, we shall just as surely lose ground and become spiritually poor, indeed.

And now, because, in our hurried lives, it is so easy to forget our promises, it is important to recall them from time to time. Let us renew our obligation and, as we do, let us think seriously and carefully about each of its promises.

Worthy Patron steps out of the circle to the altar and gives the obligation which all repeat.

All remain standing in circle and join hands while soloist sings, "I Would Be True."

All then retire to proper stations and original places.

THE END