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PREPARATION: The Conductress and Associate Conductress have small white obligation Bibles; the Star Points have ribbon seals the color of their stations.

CHARACTERS: Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Chaplain, Star Points.

MUSIC: "I Would Be True", "Oh, Jesus, I have Promised". These may be found in hymnals. Other songs may be substituted for these.

PROGRAM

Worthy Patron speaks -

Sisters and brothers, we have all taken the sacred obligation of our Order. Tonight we are going to renew that Obligation that we may again be reminded of our pledges.

Are we unmindful of the vows we take?  
Do we forget the promises we make?  
When we assume the obligation of the Star  
The pledge is binding, where so ere we are.  
About its work a silence we must keep,  
Nor to another of its secrets speak,  
I'll not betray the trust that's placed in me  
If I a worthy Eastern Star would be.

The Worthy Patron is seated and the Associate Patron speaks -

But is that all? There's more it seems to me  
Embodied in the word "Fraternity".  
Love toward each other; firmly standing by  
To help in trouble, or at least to try.  
Willing another's failures to condone,  
Since none is perfect, dare we cast a stone?  
Each has his faults, in each some good is found  
If we would take the pains to look around.

Music: "I Would Be True" is sung.

The music continues after the song as the Conductress and the Associate Conductress approach the East, one standing near the Marshall, the other near the Chaplain. They open their Bibles to the first Chapter of Matthew and hold them open. When this is done the Conductress bows to the Star Points, who rise in unison.

The Associate Conductress says - "Trust in the Lord with all thy heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy paths."

The Conductress speaks - "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them."

The Conductress and Associate Conductress move to places beside Adah's and Electa's stations respectively.

Adah speaks- (She places her seal in the Bible at the close of her lines. Each Point does the same.)

As Jephthah vowed unto the Lord, and with Adah's insistence kept that vow, so we too would keep the sacred promises we took at our Altar. With Fidelity's Blue we seal our pledge.

Electa speaks - (Places her ribbon in Associate Conductress' Bible)

We probably will never be called upon to retract our vows or perish, as was Electa of old. But there are times when our promises may be hard to keep. With God's help we will be faithful and with Love's Red we seal this vow.

The Conductress and Associate Conductress move to Ruth's and Martha's stations respectively. Ruth speaks-

As Ruth pledged unto Naomi "Whither thou goest, I will go" and kept that vow, so we too would keep our sacred pledges. With Constancy's Yellow we seal this vow.

Martha Speaks- When Jesus said unto Martha, "Believest thou this?" Martha's instant reply was, "Yea, Lord, I believe." As Martha pledged her faithfulness to Him, so we too would pledge ours. With Faith's green we seal this vow.

The Conductress and Associate Conductress move to Esther's station, one on each side. (Esther places ribbon in Conductress' Bible.) Esther speaks-

Esther vowed to save her people even at the risk of her own life. She kept that pledge. Like her, we too would keep the pledges we made at our Altar. With Loyalty's white we seal our vow.

The Conductress and Associate Conductress step back of Esther's chair, close their Bibles and remain there until they place their Bibles upon the Altar. The Chapter room is darkened.

The Worthy Patron speaks - You will all join with me in repeating our sacred obligation.

He steps out before the Altar while giving this. At the close of the Obligation the lights are kept low until the hymn "Oh, Jesus, I Have Promised" is sung as a solo or by choir.

The Worthy Patron then speaks - Let us unite in prayer.

Chaplain at Altar: Remembering Him who walked in Galilee  
 And to His chosen ones said, "Follow me,"  
 Where sorrow, sin and suffering were seen,  
 There walked a meek and lowly Nazarene.  
 No time had He for petty faults to find,  
 His life of love was spent in being kind.  
 Help us, dear Lord, by faith to walk with Thee,  
 That we true followers of the Star may be. Amen.

The lights are brightened. Music is played as Chaplain and Patron resume their stations. At the same time the Conductress and Associate Conductress move to the Altar. When Chapter is seated the Associate Conductress places her Bible on the Altar saying: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." The Conductress places her Bible saying: "Love one another."  
 Soft Music is played as the Conductress and Associate Conductress return to their stations and the ceremony is over.