

PERSONAL REDEDICATION

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WP: 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 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 to compromise the Eastern Star would be.

AM: 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.

ADAH: As Jephthah vowed unto the Lord, and with Adah's insistence kept that vow, so we too would keep the sacred promised we took at our Altar.

RUTH: As Ruth pledge to Naomi: 'Whiter thou goest I will go' and kept that vow, so too may we keep our sacred pledges.

ESTHER: 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.

MARTHA: 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.

ELECTA: 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.