

der, nor communicate the ritualistic work of this Order to anyone unless legally authorized to do so. I further promise to uphold the by-laws of this Grange, and the constitution and by-laws of the State and National Granges. I also promise to uphold the Constitution of the United States and to obey the laws of the land. I will never propose for membership in the Order nor sanction the admission of anyone I have reason to believe an improper person, nor will I oppose the admission of anyone solely on the grounds of a personal prejudice. I will not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within my power to prevent it. I will endeavor to be a true and faithful Patron of Husbandry, perform the duties enjoined in this Order and aid others in the performance of the same. Should I knowingly or willfully violate this pledge, I will invoke upon myself suspension or expulsion from the Order.

Friends, is this your Obligation?

Candidates: [All answer in a clear voice.] It is.

Song: Be Faithful, O Patron (No. 28, the Patron: No. 51, The Grange Songbook)

[O, calls down]

M.: Brothers and Sisters, our desire and search for knowledge necessarily begins in the

ter, commitment to principles, concern for others and for financial responsibility. A Grange member exemplifies these characters on a daily basis. As a member of our Grange we expect that you will support the organization by contributing time and talent to the best of your ability, will meet your financial obligations in a timely manner, will uphold the by-laws of this Grange and the constitution and by-laws of the State and National Granges, and uphold the Constitution of the United States and obey the laws of the land.

In return you can expect from this Grange, fellowship, a chance to explore and develop your personal talents, and the opportunity to serve. With this understanding do you agree to become a member of _____ Grange? If so, please answer, "I do."

New members respond: I do.

M.: Worthy Chaplain, please ask our Heavenly Father to be with us on this occasion.

Chap.: Almighty Father, Maker and Ruler of the Universe, and giver of every good and perfect gift, we ask you to be with us on this occasion and to bless these who become members of this Grange, and all connected with our Order. We ask all in thy Holy Name. Amen.

M.: I will now explain to you our Salutation,

strong friendship may exist among us all in our fraternity.

[O. calls up and M. administers the Obligation.]

M.: Brothers and Sisters, I will now administer the Obligation. You will repeat after me:

"I hereby renew and confirm—the obligations I have heretofore taken—in this Order—and solemnly declare—that I will never communicate—the secrets of this Order to anyone—unless legally authorized to do so—and that I will endeavor to be—a true and faithful Patron of Husbandry—perform the duties enjoined in this Order—and aid others in the performance of the same. —I further promise to uphold — the by-laws of this Grange - and the constitution and by-laws — of the State and National Granges. I also promise to uphold — the Constitution of the United States—and to obey the laws of the land."

[Altar Circles and Songs] (See Instructions page 96.)

[During singing of first verse of Patrons' Chain, A.S., L.A.S., Ceres, Pomona and Flora join hands with the candidates, making first circle around the M. and the Altar, and M. says:]

M.: Here, Brothers and Sisters, around our

In the presence of our Heavenly Father and these witnesses, I do hereby pledge my sacred honor that, whether in or out of the Order, I will never reveal any of the secrets of this Order, nor communicate the ritualistic work of this Order to anyone unless legally authorized to do so. I further promise to uphold the by-laws of this Grange and the constitution and by-laws of the State and National Granges. I also promise to uphold the Constitution of the United States and to obey the laws of the land. I will never propose for membership in the Order nor sanction the admission of anyone I have reason to believe an improper person, nor will I oppose the admission of anyone solely on the grounds of personal prejudice. I will not knowingly wrong or defraud a Brother or Sister of the Order or allow it to be done by another if within my power to prevent it. I will endeavor to be a true and faithful Patron of Husbandry, perform the duties enjoined in this Order, and aid others in the performance of the same. Should I knowingly or willfully violate this pledge, I will invoke upon myself suspension or expulsion from the Order. Friends, is this your obligation?

Candidate(s): It is.

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[Overseer calls down]