

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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Sister Secretary, do the records of the Chapter show the names of our members who have received their promotion into a higher sphere of existence so that we may lay their names upon the Altar of memory tonight

Secretary

Worthy Matron, my records show the names of sisters and brothers, who have received their promotion

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Calls up the Officers who are assisting in the Ceremony

Sister Associate Matron, will you call upon the five points of our Emblematic star to offer their tributes to our beloved departed Members.

Associate Matron and Star Points form Circle around the Altar

Star Points nod when Associate Matron addresses them.

Associate Matron

Sister Adah, What is your tribute of memory as symbolized by the blue ray?

Sister Adah

Blue symbolized Fidelity and is appropriate to Jephthah's Daughter, who, in the morning of life, surrendered to the grave the brightest of earthly hopes, that she might be faithful to the convictions of right and preserve her father's honor. As a token of faithfulness to the memory of our departed members, I place this flower as a tribute of faithful love upon the Altar of Memory.

All Star points after they say their speech.

(Step forward and put flower put flower on Altar then returns to her place in the circle.

AM Sister Ruth, what is your tribute of memory as symbolized by the yellow ray?

Ruth Yellow symbolizes Constancy, teaching faithful obedience to the demands of honor and justice. Ruth exemplified these virtue in humble station and sought the society of the good and true. In token of appreciation of these virtues, I place this flower as a tribute of steadfast constancy upon the Altar.

AM Sister, Esther, what is your tribute of memory as symbolized by the white ray?

Esther White symbolized Light and Purity. The heroic Queen Esther evinced the purity of her motive and love and kindred and friends by her willingness to risk the loss of crown and life to save her people from death. In token of sincere affection for our departed members, I place this flower as a tribute of light and purity upon the Altar of Memory.

AM Sister Martha, What is your tribute of memory as symbolized by the green ray?

Martha Green is an emblem of natures life and beauty. The evergreen is a symbol of immortal life and teaches us that in the economy of God, there is no death, Forms change, but the spirit survives. Martha beside the grave of her beloved brother, avowed her trustful faith and \hlope of immortal life. In the full assurance of our departed members entrance upon a glorious immorality, I place this flower as a tribute of trustful faith, upon the Altar of Memory.

AM Sister Electa, What is your tribute of memory as symbolized by the red ray?

Electa Red symbolizes Fervency and Zeal. Electa represents those who have been pre-eminent in charity and heroic endurance in the wrongs of persecution. In token of the fervency of our affection for our departed loved ones, I place this flower as a tribute of love upon the Altar of Memory.

AM

WM, the five rays of our emblematic star have told of the virtues exemplified by those who were once of use, but who are now living in a holy realm. And have made their tributes at the Altar of Memory.

WM

The lessons and sentiments brought to us by the flowers are sweet and beautiful, but they have for us another impressive lesson of greatest importance and the deepest significance. Year by year, we see the flowers bloom in all their beauty, live their life, and then wither, fade, and pass away. But we know they are not dead. We know that in God's own time, they will bloom again in a richer more abundant beauty. It is fitting that we placed these flowers on the Altar for our departed members.

Chaplain

Our Father, with a heart full of love for thee and for all our members whom thou has called to a higher plane of service. We know that t because of thy love, we all shall be united again: When this life of service is ended. Their memory is holy to us. The Golden circle is forming in heaven. And when "one by one" we each enter thy portals may we again find in happy association those loved ones who have gone before. All this we ask in love. Amen