

Precious Memories

(A MEMORIAL CEREMONY)

WORTHY MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, tonight we pay tribute to the memory of those members who have gone on ahead of us. While here they followed the light of our blessed star; they left us splendid examples of courage, loyalty, faith and love. Remembering them, may we resolve to be more loyal, more faithful, more true to the teachings of our beloved order. Sister Secretary, you will read the names of our departed members. (Vocalist sings "I Can See The Lights of Home."--Calice Alstaelter--B.B. McKinney).

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS: (Rises) "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.

CONDUCTRESS (Rises): "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. (Vocalist sings "The Pearly White City"--Arthyr F. Ingler.)

ASSOCIATE PATRON: "And there shall be no night there and they need no candle, neither light of the Sun, for the Lord God giveth them light and they shall reign forever and ever." --Rev. 2:25

ASSOCIATE MATRON: "Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in his temple and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them into living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes". --Rev. 7:15-16-17.

(Vocalist sings, "I Will Sing You a Song"--Ellen H. Gates, Philip Phillips.)

WORTHY MATRON: Sister Conductress, you will drape the charter in memory of our our Sisters and Brothers.

(Organist plays "Sunrise Tomorrow" softly as Charter is draped and as Chaplain goes to Altar.)

CHAPLAIN: Our Father, as Thou hast led all men through the ages, who came unto Thee humbly and with trust in their hearts, lead us now in the way in which thou would have us go. We thank Thee for the precious memories, those we are honoring tonight have left with us. Let us so live that we, too, when we go to live with Thee, may leave a remembrance of goodness and fidelity to Thee. Amen.

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