

RESOLUTIONS \* DEATH OF MEMBER

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Great and Merciful Father in Heaven to break the Chain of Friendship of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_, Order of the Eastern Star, and take a link into the Golden Chain of the Great Beyond,

Her, on \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_ joined our Chain of Friendship and during (her) years as a member of our Chapter we enjoyed (her) fine, sincere sisterly friendship and her lasting kindnesses until the day of \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ when the King Father in Heaven laid his alleviating hand upon (her) weary and weakened body, relieving (her) of all earthly suffering, so was our Chain of Friendship broken and suffered its loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the deep sympathy of the Chapter sisters and brothers go out to the sorrowing (husband, wife, family, etc) and it is our prayer with the poet to express our sorrow and extend some comfort in the words -

How can I cease to pray for thee? Somewhere in God's wide universe thou art today, Can He not reach thee with His Tender care? Can He not hear me when for thee I pray? Somewhere thou livest and hast need of Him; somewhere thy soul sees higher heights to climb, and somewhere, too, there may be valleys dim which thou must pass to reach the heights sublime. Then all the more because thou canst not hear poor human words of blessing, will I pray. O true, brave heart, God bless thee, whereso'er in God's wide universe thou art today!

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these Resolutions be given to \_\_\_\_\_ and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Chapter.

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WHEREAS, God, our loving Father, in the light of His wisdom, and in the fulfillment of His power, has removed from our fraternal Circle our beloved Sister \_\_\_\_\_, and

WHEREAS, the hearts of the members of her family and the ties of friendship among the members of our Chapter are sadly rent and torn, and

WHEREAS, we realize that in this earthly separation we see the promise of a glorious life to come, where the severed ties shall be mended and the suffering hearts shall be made glad again, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that in the passing of our beloved Sister \_\_\_\_\_ name \_\_\_\_\_, Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ has sustained a great sorrow; that our membership has lost one who was kind and loving to her kindred, and faithful and loyal to the teachings of the Eastern Star; that she gave of her friendship, her time and her talents, in a manner befitting her fine Christian spirit; and that her unflinching service to all who came within the influence of her life makes the ideal, for which she lived, a pattern worthy of our acceptance and example. Be it

RESOLVED, that we strive to live as unselfishly and as sincerely, day by day, as did our beloved Sister \_\_\_\_\_; and may we ever remember that our daily actions are the guide-lines whereby we can build our soul's salvation. And be it further

RESOLVED, that we send a copy of these Resolutions to the members of her sorrowing family, and that a copy be spread upon the records of our Chapter.

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WHEREAS, Sister \_\_\_\_\_, a member of \_\_\_\_\_, who on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ was called by that Great Mighty Patron in Heaven, to the New Jerusalem to enter the Mansion prepared for her, and

WHEREAS, Sister \_\_\_\_\_, like Adah, was faithful to all moral obligations; like Ruth, was constant in her devotion to our organization; like Esther, stood for what she believed was right; like Martha, had an undying faith in a Supreme Being; and

like Klata, was a devoted Mother, assuming the cross of her Savior, and

WHEREAS, she having merited the love, respect and esteem of all our Chapter members, leaving this earthly abode is a great loss to us for she fought life's arduous fight with stalwart soul; kindly in heart, her life reached out to all; upright in dealing, she achieved a goal which many yet unborn will oft recall; filled with the grace and wisdom of the years; serene she moved to life's inevitable end; leaving a memory too deep for tears; within the heart of those who called her friend, and

WHEREAS, we having a warm devotion and respect for the members of her family, be it

RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ tender to the family of the late Sister \_\_\_\_\_ our profound sympathy in their bereavement for we, too, shall miss her smile, her kindness and love, and express to them the assurance that her memory will long be cherished as one of our most devoted members; and be it further

RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be spread upon the records of our Chapter, and the Secretary be instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to members of the family of the late Sister \_\_\_\_\_

One by one the links are severed from the golden chain of life; one by one our orders forming in the Father's house above. Let our deeds be pure and noble. May our lives be not in vain so that when the links are welded, complete again will be the chain.