

2014

Memorial Service

*(suggested for subordinate & Pomona)
should be presented during the month of May*

[Prior to the meeting in which the service will be given, the Chaplin should work with the Secretary in compiling a list of names of those to be memorialized. The Chaplin should also make arrangements for the appropriate number of flowers to be available. Suggest fresh flowers to be placed in a vase upon the altar; but if inconvenient artificial flowers are acceptable.]

Chaplin: Worthy Master, may we take a few moments to pay loving tribute to those Brothers and Sisters who have passed on this past year.

Master: Proceed, Worthy Chaplin.

Chaplin: the lessons of our first four degrees teach us by symbolism of the seasons of life. The next higher degrees remind us that we work through life by the well learned lesson of perseverance; and that we all hasten toward that day when the dark night of death will be succeeded by the bright morning of the resurrection.

As we draped the Charter for each of our brothers and sisters this past year, we have been reminded of our sure and certain hope of the resurrection and in the immortality of the soul.

Therefore, we come to this time of remembrance in sure and certain hope:

There are so many things on earth
We simply can't explain,
Why one of us is taken
While the rest of us remain.
But 'til the day we see the Lord,
And He makes all things clear,
We must find comfort
Knowing that His love is ever near.

Worthy Lecturer, Worthy Ceres, Pomona and Flora, join me at the altar as together we place floral tributes in memory of those who, this past year, have answered the call of the Great Master of us all.

[Soft music should be played as officers move toward the altar. If possible a soloist or small group might sing an appropriate hymn. Suggestion: Abide With Me]

[Chaplin carries to the altar a vase or vases the appropriate size to accommodate the number of floral tributes to be placed. If the altar is not large enough place a small table on the Overseers side of the altar for the tributes. Ceres, Pomona and Flora will bring with them the correct number of flowers to be placed as tributes]

Lecturer: In the first degree we are taught to prepare the soil and work diligently, “knowing full well that if we neglect to sow we cannot reap.” Life itself is our own seedtime, that time of preparation for the great harvest in which we ourselves will be garnered.

Let us remember the lesson of Faith from the first degree, and recall that Faith is expressed, in part, in the lesson of the third degree, in the Charity we give to others.

As we place these tributes, may this occasion remind us all to remain steadfast in our service to mankind.

Secretary: {Reads the names of those who have died since the 2005 memorial service. Pause long enough between each name that a flower may be placed in their memory.}

Ceres, Pomona, and Flora: { Each in turn will place a flower in the vase(s) until all the names have been read by the secretary. }

Chaplin: [*After all the names have been read and flowers placed.*] Let us unite in prayer. Everyone together says the “Lords Prayer”.

[Soft music again as the offers return their stations.]

Chaplin: Worthy Master, this concludes our memorial service.