

## 2016 Memorial Service

(This is suggested for subordinate and Pomona and is usually presented during the month of May.)

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

**Chaplain:** Worthy Master, at this time let us honor our brothers and sisters who have passed on this year.

**Master:** Worthy Chaplain, it is fitting that we remember these friends in a special way.

**Chaplain:** Blessed be God the Father, the source of all mercy and consolation. He comforts us in our sorrows so that we may comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from Him.

Let us pray together: The Lord's Prayer

Scripture reading: Psalm 46: 1 - 3

(At this point the Assistant and Lady Assistant Stewards escort the Chaplain and Graces to the altar. The Assistants take places to the left and right of the altar, facing in, Graces and Chaplain form a line in front of the altar, Graces carrying roses.)

**Secretary:** I will read the names of our deceased members and a rose will be placed at the altar for each departed Brother or Sister. (Then all are escorted back to their stations.)

**Memorial Reading:**(Can be read by the Chaplain or any good speaker.)

Their toils are spent, their work is done

And they are fully blest,

They fought the fight, the victory won

And entered into rest.

Then let our sorrow cease to flow

God has recalled his own,

But let our hearts in every woe

Still say, "Thy will be done."

Anon

**Chaplain:** O God, look with consolation upon our Grange family and bring comfort into our hearts. Enrich us with thy presence and lift our spirit. Send us forth joyful with the knowledge that an eternal home awaits us all one day. Amen.