

2007 Memorial Service

Adapted from program by Pat Lee

Sing “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Star Points at stations.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Come let us celebrate life. Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and witness to our faith as we celebrate the completed lives of our Sisters and Brothers.

On our Altar, next to the Holy Bible is the Book of Life listing the names of our Sisters and Brothers who have now joined the golden chain of love in our Father’s house in heaven.

While on earth, our Sisters and Brothers built community ties, involved themselves in civic issues and activities and lived their lives to the fullest. They were faithful to the Eastern Star, faithful to our country and faithful to our God. Let us keep God in our language and in our lives. The gift of God is eternal.

Adah: The story of Adah teaches us the importance of fidelity to a spoken vow. We are to be faithful to our obligations to ourselves, our Sisters and Brothers to our country and to our God.

Ruth: The story of Ruth brings to us the lesson of a constant devotion to a righteous purpose. Ruth refused to turn back from what she believed was right. We all have the need to be steadfast, constant and true.

Esther: With splendid courage Esther chose to be loyal to her people instead of royal magnificence and splendor with a guilty conscience. Day by day we are called on to be loyal to ourselves, our friends and our country and our God.

Martha: The story of Martha teaches that a trustful faith is greater than knowledge. Without faith in God, without faith in a resurrection after death to a glorious life eternal, the suffering and trials of life would be unbearable. But our faith is real. We walk by faith not by sight.

Electa: Electa’s generous hospitality and loving kindness was based on her love of the Lord who said, “thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” What she did made her famous forever, because she did it in love. Let us love one another.