

Participants enter chapter room while organist plays a fitting song.

Narrator: It is fitting that we pause at this time to pay tribute to those members of our Order whom we shall meet no more here, for they have completed their lives on earth. God has given to each an allotted time on earth and when our tasks are completed He calls us home again. A memorial is presented here as evidence of our belief in immortality. The entries on our scroll are to remind us that our lives were made better by the lives of these links, now broken in the Golden Chair of our Eastern Star Family.

Chaplain:

Psalms 23

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me besides still waters.

He restoreth my soul

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His names sake.

Yeah though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

In the presence of my enemies.

Thou annointest my head with oil.

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Amen.

Narrator: Grand Adah places the blue flower upon the altar as befitting this degree which teaches us fidelity. Adah withdrew to the mountains to make ready her mind to preserve her father's honor. May we always honor the memories of our departed members by being true to our convictions of right and duty.

Choir....."Just a closer walk with Thee"

Narrator: Ruth's message is one of constancy suitable to the color yellow and teaches that we must be faithful in all things, giving us hope for those gone before and inspiration for us to live with renewed courage and greater love for others.

Choir....."I will serve Thee"

Narrator: Esther's example of loyalty becoming the color of white that reminds us to be loyal to kindred, friends, and our God, if we are to receive the reward promised by our Lord, who said "be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Choir....."Will there be any stars"

Narrator: The words of Jesus "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Martha's trustful faith befitting the color of green is a reminder that we must follow Jesus if we desire to enter Heaven.

Choir....."I asked the Lord"

Narrator: We see our departed loved ones through the red rays of the setting sun. Electa's fervent message of courage and loving kindness reminds us to follow His teachings and remain faithful that we may gain an entrance through the gates into the Temple and City of our God.

Choir....."The Old Rugged Cross"

Narrator: Let us unite in prayer.

Chaplain: Our Glorious Heavenly Father, as we dedicate this quiet time of remembrance to the honor and memory of our late Sisters and Brothers, we ask thy blessing on this service. We thank you for the comforting promises in your Word that our loved ones will exchange the pain and trials of this world for rest in the Promised Land. We offer our grateful praise for the many years of gifted service given by those we honor as Eastern Star members. We thank thee Lord that it was our privilege to walk with our Sisters and Brothers for a while and pray that we will be inspired by their lives to continue diligently in the work of our Order. May we live from day to day in such a way that we look forward to a joyful reunion with them in the land where death is known no more. This we ask in his Holy Name. Amen.

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Choir....."Peace in the valley"