

Memorial Service

Narrator: With earnest hearts we pay our tribute of love and respect to the memory of the members of our chapter who have followed our Star over the hilltops, beyond our vision, into the Valley of Peace. Upon the scroll of memory in bright and unfading letters, we place the names of ___ members of our chapter who have passed from their earthly homes to the fraternal circle where the links are never severed. We miss these, our sisters and brothers, from our circle here below, but our Heavenly Father needed them to join the links that have gone before, to help make that heavenly circle more complete.

We extend a loving and heartfelt sympathy to all of our sisters and brothers, not only in our chapter, but in the world about us, who have been called upon to separate from loved ones.

Let us bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. Let us not consider the loss in our ranks as links broken from the chain, but rather that our associations and friendships be stronger than before, being cemented by the memories we hold dear.

These floral emblems which we bring are but the vocabulary of the angels. They speak in perfumed silence, an oratory that breathes tenderness and affection and in their beauty a language far more impressive than tongue can utter.

(Star points place flowers on altar while poem is read)

“And so goodbye; in just a little while
the broken chain shall be whole once more.
We shall behold the well remembered smile,
And hear their words of welcome at the door.
They shall receive us as they were received
And shall guide our feet through the labyrinth sublime,
And we shall wonder why we grieved
Or called it Death, which gave us Life Divine.”

Hymn sung by chapter or a soloist.

Chaplain: Our gracious, Heavenly Father, we turn to thee as our solace and help in every trial, asking Thee to comfort and bless the bereaved. May the inspiration of those who have gone before abide with us and beckon us on to higher aims and holier deeds. Bless and comfort both the families and the chapters of our departed ones, and grant that we may all some day be reunited in that heavenly home where there are no “broken links.” Amen.

