

1992 Memorial Service

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The time has arrived for us to pay tribute to our beloved Sisters and Brothers who have walked on before us this past year, and who now share with those before them in perfect rest. As the names are read, please be in silence, remembering how they have touched your life with love and favor:

(names)

It tells in John 11:35-36 that Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus. And the Jews said, Behold, how He loved him". The loss of our dear Sisters and Brothers this past year has caused us to weep, also. As time passes and our tears are dried, we are able to see their influence as a living part of the Chapters and Order they loved and served. They planted seeds which grew into beautiful flowers. The seeds of these flowers are blown by the winds of time, nourished by God and will grow in the fertile hearts of others.

As they lived, our friends have grown
A garden of faith and cheer
With violets peeping thru as sparkling deeds –
Ferns tell us that God is near.

They planted jasmine as they gleaned the bits
Of good to light another's path.
Majestic lilies grew in Godly light
As protection from deadly wrath.

Their garden yields the treasured rose
Bred of love, with fragrance for all!
In memory of those who garden thrives,
May love grow where our seeds fall.

Star points carry a candle as well as a flower and gather West of the Altar.

Song: In the Garden

Adah: Blue is the color of the ray of our Star. Teaching death can be faced without fear.
With fidelity, we'll uphold, and so, thusly keep the mem'ry of our departed ones near.
As a pledge of fidelity, I place this flower and light this candle.

Ruth: The hours we spend serving others are more precious by far than gold. As grain satisfies our hunger, companionship feeds our soul. As a pledge of our faithfulness, I place this flower and light this candle in loving memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers.

Esther: From my Point of White, a symbol of light, where loyalty and purity are stressed, I bring this message in memory of those who were guided to God's perfect rest. I bring this flower in memory of our absent members who have entered the garden of Eternal rest. They will live forever in the hearts of the loved ones left behind.

Martha: In peace and joy and gladness we return to our Father above. The green illuminates the path that is taken with unfaltering faith and love. We may, with Martha's trustful faith, look beyond the sunset to the dawn of a celestial day. For Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he ever live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believeth thou this?"

Electa: The love of neighbor and all fellowmen – symbolized by Electa's red ray is a part of our Heavenly Father's plan, "let us love one another always." The red ray of the Star teaches of a love that is constant and undying. This is the love we have for our absent ones. Those who have gone before.

Song: Sweet Hour of Prayer

Chaplain: Bless O Lord this hour of remembrance for those beloved Sisters and Brothers who have come to dwell with Thee. Bless and comfort the loved ones left behind. Bestow Thy gracious blessing on all of us who look to Thee for protection and aid. We offer our deepest love to Thee, and to those with whom we have walked along life's path. We ask that Thou accept our humble supplication as we all share in Thine own prayer. (all pray Lord's prayer).