

Honoring Martha or Marthas.

Before having the Marthas presented back of Esther's chair the W. M. says the following-

This evening we shall honor our present and the past Marthas :

Because of Martha's great faith in Jesus and bringing her brother back to life I shall give a few remarks on Faith.

Faith is the given substance of things hoped for. In Old and New Testament times, the men of faith were men of intellectual, greatness and strenuous action. Thus Faith like a climbing plant, entwines itself around the tree of knowledge adding strength of beauty. Faith too is the first step to spiritual life. Faith was a word that was constantly in the thoughts and on the lips of Jesus Christ. The early life of our Lord was called a school of Faith, and He Himself a teacher of the art of Faith. Faith puts ~~and~~ ideas into practice. Faith rules the world. All progress in activity is brought about by acts of faith.

Chaplain's speaks- Martha's faith carried her above the sorrow of death even to the feet of the Master, who had compassion upon her, heard her prayer, and restored her brother to life. This one lesson in our Ceremonies has comforted many a weary heart and has led to a more perfect understanding and hope for immortal life. Let us show our faith in our Order and its beautiful teachings, in our hope for its future greatness and for its success in all laudible undertakings.

Asso. Matron speaks-

'Tis Faith that moves the mountains and raised from the dead.

'Tis Faith that sets our hearts at rest, 'tis what the good book said

'Tis Faith we need to cherish to make our lives complete,

Such faith as Martha exemplified when at the Master's feet

Worthy Patron's part- He gives the part in his Ritual page 80 about Martha- starting with from Martha we learn that a trustful faith is greater than knowledge. Without faith in a Supreme Beneficent Power, without faith in a resurrection after death to a glorious life eternal, the suffering and trials of this life would be unbearable. But our faith is real. It is the substance of things hope for, the evidence of things not seen and we walk by Faith and not by sight.

Ada's part- Faith in the Heavenly Father means that the believer commits his way to divine care and daily works with God in building up of His Divine Kingdom.

Ruth's part- Faith in the cross of Christ means that the old desires of passion have been crucified and that a new spirit with love as the ruling passion has been created within.

Esther's part- Faith in resurrection of Jesus means that man of sin has died and that the soul is daily emerging from entombment to fullness of life and power.

Martha's part- Faith in Heaven means that the daily prayers with God and fellowship with invisible new versions of God are gained and new strength recorded for duties of each day.

Clara

Electa's part- Faith in Heaven means that the light of life of God have become a living possession and that the soul finds its highest joy in things eternal.

Worthy Matron's part- Sister Conductress you will present the present Martha----- (her name given) and all past Marthas in the East.

When they are in the East welcome them and present each with any small gift wrapped in a package with lots of pretty green ribbon on the package- The gift may be a hankie- flowers or any gift you see fit to present. W. Matron after giving gifts remarks May God bless all of you for being such faithful Marthas.

Call up Chapter and ~~King~~ members sing Faith of our Fathers.

Then Conductress seats the Marthas.

Suggestions- Green Napkins, cup cakes with green frosting, green salad, green ice cream for refreshments after meeting.

Signed- Undine Del Rose-
Past Grand Chaplain.