MEMORIAL SERVICE
"TRIANGLE OF MEMORY"
Margaret E. Heath 2/17/20, 1973-1974

The Memorial Service was written by Luella Reisenburg, Grand Chaplain (13).

Setting: In the East, a Triangle covered with fern. Mounted on a base in center of Triangle, a white Bible opened to the Twenty-third Psalm. Lights turned low. Antique brass candlestick holding a long church-type candle representing the "Light of Eternal Life" placed to the left of Triangle. Green bud vase placed to right of Triangle to hold live red roses which are placed there during ceremony.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: (Repeats Psalm 27:1 as Grand Marshal lights symbolic candle in the brass candlestick while Grand Organist plays, "Lead Kindly Light.") "The Lord is my light and salvation."

GRAND CHAPLAIN: (Spotlight on Triangle and Bible in East, remaining there until Secretary advances to Altar.) The Holy Trinity is represented in the Triangle, a Symbol of Perfection, which is important in the Christian faith and is symbolic of Peace, Harmony, and our ever present need of Unity.

The Bible speaks to us in the Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: With loving thoughts and cherished memories, we dedicate this "Triangle of Memory" garnered with the emblem of nature's life and beauty, to our Sisters and Brothers whose presence brought us inspiration and whose absence remains a Benediction. Let not this be a time of sorrowing for if we believe in God we know that all things work together for good to those that love Him, and we find comfort in the promise taught us from childhood—the message in the words of the Twenty-third Psalm.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, 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 mine enemies: thou anointest 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."

**SOLO:** "Holy Bible, Book Divine" by Dorothy Huso (82)

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Here is the wonderful promise of God's protective care in the journey of life, through the shadow of death, to the Home eternal to live forever and death will come no more. Therefore, it is not with sorrow, but with faith and hope we recall fond memories as our Grand Secretary places on our Altar the scroll bearing the names of our Sisters and Brothers who have gone from labour to rest since we last met.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** (Advances to Altar and repeats Matthew 11:28 as she places scroll on Altar. Spotlight on Altar until after W.C.F. finishes speaking.) And Jesus said: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Our Order is founded upon the Bible, and we have reason to believe and trust in its promises, both in times of loss of members as well as when gaining new ones through our ceremony of initiation. For we are told in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

My Sisters, you will remind us of the promises our Lord has given us in His Holy Book when we turn to Him for consolation.

(Chord is played and Star points rise with their white Bibles open to their scripture. Proper colored spotlight on each star point as she speaks.)

**GRAND ADAH:** In John 14:27 Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled: neither let it be afraid."

**GRAND RUTH:** In Hebrews 13:5 and Matthew 28:20, our Saviour said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

**GRAND ESTHER:** In Revelation 2:10, we find this promise in God's Holy word: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."
GRAND PARRIAH: In John 11:25-26, Jesus said unto me: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever livesth and believeth in me shall never die."

GRAND ELECTA: In John 15:12-13, our Lord said: "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

(Star points close their Bibles and are seated.)

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN W. PAYNE, PAST GRAND PATRON, by Lily Wilkins, P.G.J.

(Grand Chaplain places live red rose in bud vase.)

TRIBUTE TO BROTHER DELL W. PAULER, PAST GRAND PATRON, by Mary Snyder, F.G.M.

(Grand Chaplain places live red rose in bud vase.)

TRIBUTE TO SISTER DOROTHY McCARTHY, FAST ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICER, by Hayden M. Williams, P.G.P.

(Grand Chaplain places live red rose in bud vase.)

SOLO: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" by Dorothy Huso (62)

GRAND CHAPLAIN: (Advances to Altar and Grand Chapter is called up.

"Holy and Merciful God, we thank Thee for Thy sustaining grace and Thy comforting power, for the hope of resurrection and the promise of eternal life. Help us to know, though shadows fall and sorrow clouds our days, Thy loving care keeps watch o'er all, and guides us on our way. Abide in our hearts, lead us in understanding and strengthen us to do Thy will. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Response--"So may it ever be."

"And now, may the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace; may the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee."

Threefold Amen by Grand Choir.

(As the Chaplain says, "And now, may the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon thee," the lights are gradually brightened so that they are on bright by the time the Grand Choir completes singing the last Amen.)

Response--"So may it ever be."