HOUR OF REMEMBRANCE

CHORUS: "I'LL WALK WITH GOD"

+ (Garden in front of Grand East - Gate that opens - Fountain in garden just inside of gate)

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

"REMEMBRANCE IS THE ROSE THAT BLOOMS ETERNAL YEAR BY YEAR"

In this sacred hour let us lay aside our duties to pay tribute to the memory of those Sisters and Brothers who were devoted to our Fraternal work, and who shall live always in the hearts of those who knew them - Mourn not, for their influence of life well lived never ends, but continues on to benefit those who follow in their footsteps.

'To a beautiful garden these friends have gone
To the land of perfect rest.
Their work is done, and the setting sun
Has sealed their life's long quest.
They have left this earthly garden
For a home beyond the sea.
Though they are gone, they still live on
In the Garden of Memory"

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will drape the Altar assisted by the Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal.

(Soft Music is played while they are going to Altar and following)

Words are but dust in the roaring wind
When they try to bring us relief
And thoughts are but straws on the raging sea
When they seek to soothe our grief
But love is a lamp in the lonely night
To give comfort and show the way
And faith is a rock on which hope is built
That we will meet again someday.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

Sister Grand Secretary, you will place upon the Altar the names of those who laid aside their earthly cares and have climbed the hills of time to the realm of infinite understanding.

(Soft Music while the following is repeated as Grand Sec. goes to Altar)

In God's design of life for us,
That he, himself, has planned,
There are so many hidden things
We do not understand,
But He would have us know His plan
Is such a wonderous one,
That when we do not understand,
To say, "Thy will be done."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

LET US UNTIE IN PRAYER

GRAND CHAPLAIN:

Gracious Father, in this quiet hour, with reverent hearts we look to Thee, not in sadness, not in sorrow, but to pay loving tribute to our dear ones who have passed through the labyrinth of human life to the city not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Give us the love that made them strong, and the faith that made them true.

Grant that their goodness of heart may be reflected in our lives to Thy Glory.

May each of us feel Thy presence here today and be comforted by the thought that Thy greatest gift of eternal life awaits us all. We ask this in Thy Holy Name, our Lord and Savior. Amen

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

During the past year the Lighter of Lamps has whispered His call to

THIS IS where tributes will be given, if any.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: (If there are tributes)

From these personal tributes, we have gleaned that history has unfolded and disclosed a divine pattern in their lives. In every life, when we allow it, we can sense a creative hand which helps to shape and give direction to our own lives.

SOLO: "I SAW A MAN"

WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

In the following words of this ceremony, dedicated in the name of those who have left this earthly life, may we truly sense that God not only operates in meticulous detail to shape our world, but He, also is concerned about the destiny of each one of His children, for Man is not alone.

"In this world which God made lovely
Each year which comes its way
Needs new flowers in its gardens
And kind care for those which stay:
And the Gardener of the ages
Gives each one a task to do
Keeping fair each nook and corner
You will bless the one left you"

WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

A FAITHFUL life may be compared to a garden - We have before us a Memory Garden - The fence symbolizes the separation which has taken place when our loved ones have gone through the gate, into the GARDEN OF HEAVEN. We carry this lamp of knowledge within us. In the silence of the flames of our lamps we hear God speak and HIS WORD IS A LAMP UNTO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO OUR PATH.

SOLO: "IN THE GARDEN"

(The Star Points will rise together and proceed with lamps and flowers to the Garden Gate, where the Grand Chaplain has slowly entered and awaits them to place flowers on fountain
(Each Star Point arrives at Gate and gives her flower to the Grand Chaplain before the narrator reads her verse, when this is done she goes and stands at side.) The Grand Chaplain lays the flower on the fountain.)

WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

A dah leaves her flowers of blue in memory of those who have entered God's tomorrow.

The Fidelity of our members
Descends from horizon's blue
We will remember them
Always Faithful, always true.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

RUTH leaves her flowers of yellow in memory of obedience to demands of honor and justice -

The Constancy of our members
Comes from the golden sun
And we will remember them
For the services they've done.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

ESTHER leaves her flowers of white in memory of kindred and friends -

For the loyalty of our members
We have this color - white
And we shall ever remember
Joys shared with them in delight.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

MARTHA leaves her evergreen in memory of trustful Faith, and hope of immortal life -
The immortality of our members
Is seen in this evergreen
And we know they are awaiting us
In their Heavenly Chapter Scene.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

ELECTA leaves the flowers of red in memory of those who have answered His call -

The Charity of our members
Represented by this fervent red
Reminds us of the love and devotion
Of those gone on ahead.

GRAND CHAPLAIN:

I am the resurrection and the life
He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me
Shall never die.

(Grand Chaplain comes out through gate and closes it - goes to station as the Star Points return to their stations)

WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

Beyond the gate our loved ones
Find happiness and rest.
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.

Choir: BEAUTIFUL ISLE OF SOMEWHERE (2 verses)