Memorial Ceremony

“THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS”

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To be given after the regular meeting of the chapter.

A quartette is seated near the piano. The officers should wear white. A flower should be pinned on the left breast.

Chairs for the Officers are placed in a square around the Altar as given in Diagram No. 1, found on the last page.

Solemn music begins. The Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron enter the room through the door in the West; go together to center back of chairs on west side of the altar; turn back-to-back and go to end of row of chairs; face east and proceed to line running in front of the row of chairs on the east side of the altar; face each other and advance towards each other until in front of their places in middle of the row; face west simultaneously and are seated.

The Associate Matron and the Associate Patron will enter through door in the West and go to a line running behind the chairs on the west side of the altar; go on this line to middle of the row; turn in front of these chairs; face each other and meet at the center of row; face east simultaneously and are seated. (On west side of altar)

All officers shall enter the same way, going to behind center of chairs in West; turn back-to-back and go to end of row, face east, then go to places as given in the diagram.

As soon as the Associate Matron and the Associate Patron are seated, the Secretary and the Treasurer enter and go to places in row of chairs in the East. Are seated.

Double files of four led by the Conductress then enter and go to places on North and South sides of the altar. (They may sing with the duet or the quartette who shall sing as those eight enter.)

"LEAD ME, SAVIOR" (Found in Hymns of Praise, compiled by F.G. Kinbury, Hope Publishing Co., Chicago, Illinois.)

“Savior, lead me lest I stray.
Gently lead me all the way; etc.1”

(If you do not have this hymn another may be substituted. The song shall begin just before the two files of officers enter the room and they shall be seated simultaneously when the hymn is ended.)
After the Eight are seated, the Chaplain shall enter and go to her chair on the west side of the altar. Sits.

WORTHY MATRON then arises to say:

Sisters and brothers, we pause to-night in loving remembrance of those members of ———— Chapter who have passed from our sight into a higher grade - or understanding of Life and Love.
Because they were soldiers of the cross, striving to live according to the principles of our Order - while they journeyed with us - their names have been written upon the white cross which is to have a place in our Chapter room to-night.

That the influence of their lives may shine upon our pathway to give us light, so that we shall not stumble in the darkness when we have heavy crosses to bear up the hills of Adversity, let us unite in prayer.

CHAPLAIN arises and goes to the altar to offer the following prayer, after which she returns to her scat.

Prayer: "Dear heavenly father, Love Divine,
All knowing father, pure and kind,
Give us strength to do our work well;
Give us words to express all our hearts would tell."

We thank Thee for those whom we have known, but who have passed on to live with Thee.

We thank Thee for the privilege of having known them; of having met together with them in this chapter room where we are taught that Thou art Love.

Fill our hearts and minds with love - with love for Thee and for our fellow men, so that all with whom we come in contact may feel that we are the loving children of a most loving father.

Send Thy love into the broken heart to heal it. Send it to bring comfort to the sorrowing, strength to the weak, courage to the fearful, and Light to those in the darkness of Ignorance. All of this we ask in the name of him who taught us to pray:

(Our Father which art in Heaven, etc. - in unison -Amen.)

Quartette sings: SOME TIME WE'LL UNDERSTAND

“Not now, but in the corning years,
It may be in the better land,” etc.

SPIRIT OF LIFE enters, (when song is ended) She carries a cross, made on a base of two boxes. There shall be loops of wire or strong thread on the cross, under which the stems of flowers may be inserted.
Names of the deceased members are written on the cross.

She places the cross on the altar and says: J.

I represent the Spirit of Life. With the quick and powerful sword of the spirit, I overcame death, and I have conic® bring you good tidings of Hope and Faith.

In John X: 10th verso, Jesus said "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly", and in the eighth chapter, fifty-first verse he says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my sayings, he shall never see death."

In John III: 16, we are told, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In Luke, tenth chapter, 17 and 20th verses contain the following words: "The seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name. And he said unto them, notwithstanding in this rejoice not, but because your names are written in heaven."

Jesus spoke the truth, so we know the names of our loved ones are written in heaven. We have written them upon this white cross as a declaration of our unfailing trust in His promises, and also as an expression of our loving respect for our dear departed members. (She reads the names which are written on the cross, then she is seated at the right of the Associate Matron.)

Quartette, or duet sings: WEAR THE CROSS. (No. 171, Hymns of Praise)

"Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all - a healing stream,
Flows from Cal-v-ry's mount-tain." etc. (In the second verse insert, There the shining Eastern Star, in place of "There the Bright and morning star".)

When the song is concluded the Associate Matron arises and speaks as follows:

Because our order is founded upon the bible, we have reason to believe in and trust its promises both in times of loss of members as well as when gaining new ones through our ceremony of initiation.

Officers of ——— chapter, what are the messages of Hope and Faith from the several stations of our order? (The Associate Matron will be seated while they are giving their answers.)

Treasurer arises and says:

I wear the cross-keys, Ao in a vision I saw that the key which opened the tomb was TRUTH,

In our order we have the cross-keys - two keys - so that we may open the door either from within or without, and find that they are not there but have risen above it - the tomb -into the lovely realm of Spirit.

Jesus said, "let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye believe in God® believe also in me! "After I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee"*

She unpins flower on her breast, goes to the cross and as she slips flower under the loop she says:

As a symbol of our Faith in His promises, I add this blossom to the cross. (Returns to chair and is seated)

Secretary arises and says:

The cross-pens which I wear are a symbol of intelligence. With our intelligence we can understand that they are not dead, our loved ones are not because, according to I. John V: 20, "We know that the Son of God is come,, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know
him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

In grateful appreciation for this gift of understanding I add this blossom to the cross. (Unpins flower, slips it through a loop, and returns to her seat.)

The ASSOCIATE PATRON arises to say:
"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to ALL, life, breath, and all things." Acts XVII: 24-25.

As a symbol of FAITH in the eternity of life, I place this blossom on the cross. (Goes to cross, returns, is seated.)

CONDUCTRESS arises and says:
"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." She goes to the altar and says:
As Conductress in our Order, I add this blossom to the cross as a token of our absolute trust in the ability of God - Divine Love, to load us, and to have led our loved ones, safely and securely through the valley of the shadow to their eternal home. (Returns to chair and is seated)

ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS arises and speaks as follows:
"And when Jesus was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, the kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say Lo, here; or lo, there! for, behold the kingdom of God is within you. (St Luke XVII 20,21.)

Goes to altar.

In loving appreciation of these words, for the nearness of God's kingdom, and for the assurance that our loved ones are not gone, but are near us, though we may not see them, I place this blossom on the cross. (Does so and returns to seat.)

MARSHAL arises to say:
"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren, 'He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. (I John III 14.)
Those things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (I John V 13.)

With deepest gratitude for this assurance of eternal life I add this blossom to the cross. (Goes, as do all the others, to cross, slips flower under the loop, returns and is seated.)

RUTH arises and says:
"Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he called the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. For he is not a God of the dead but of the living: for all live unto him. (Luke XX 37,38.)
Because tho God of the old testament is the God of the new, and because he is the God of tho departed as well as tho God of those who are hero - for there is but one God - I add this single lovely blossom to our cross of Light in acceptance of this fact.

ADAH arises and says:
"Jesus said of the little male!, 'she is not dead but slecpcth1 and ho awoke her. Ho said us also, 'verily, verily, I say unto you, ho that hcaroth ny word, and bclicveth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. ' Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when tho dead shall heap the voice of the Son of God] and they that hoar shall live. (St. John V 24,25*)
As a symbol of the beauty of eternal life, I add this blossom to the cross.

Quartette sings: IN THE GARDEN.
"I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses," etc.
ESTHER arises and says:
In Jeremiah XXII: 10, it is written, "Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him."
In St. Luke XII: 15, Jesus said unto the company of listeners, "—.—— a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." v 25: "The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment."
For this assurance that life is more than just taking thought of what we shall eat or what we shall wear, we have Hope in immortality, in token of which I add this blossom to the cross.
MARTHA arises to say:
I John V; 4) "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the vicfory that overcometh the world, even our FAITH, (v 5) Who is he that overoometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God."
In Revelation II: 7, 17, it is written, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches} to him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: to him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna and will give him a white stone and in the storie a new name Written which no flesh knoweth saving he that receiveth it.'I
(Goes to Altar) As the names of the departed members are written upon this cross, we know their new names are written in the white stone, in the Order of Love, in the Supreme Jurisdiction of Truth on high. In token of our acceptance of this fact, I add this blossom to our cross of Light.
ELECTA arises and says:
"Beloved, let us love one another- for love is £ God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is Love." I John IV.
"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. II: 9.
For all that He hath prepared for us, both those things which we have seen and those we have not seen, we give thanks and adoration. ( Adds flower and returns to her seat.)
WORTHY PATRON arises and speaks as follows:
Hear these words from Hebrews: (II: 14, 15, ) "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil: and delivered them who throughfear of death wore all their lifetime subject to bondage."
I add this blossom with our most grateful appreciation of the Truths from the bible which have been expressed to-night and which are able to change our crosses into things of beauty, blossom covered, each blossom representing a promise and expectation of good; for His goodness and mercy onduroth forever. (Returns to his chair and is seated.)