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BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

A Memorial Service
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Soloist or choir sing "Beautiful Isle"
while altar is draped or after Worthy
Matron speaks.

WORTHY MATRON:

It has been our custom in this chapter to devote one meeting night each year to honoring those members whose earthly sojourn has ended. Death remains a baffling mystery, perhaps next to life, the greatest mystery of all. So in remembering our members tonight, let us try to understand fully Christ's glorious promise to Martha. For if we believe the teachings of our Order then we know that Jesus said that he would go to prepare a place for those that follow after Him.

As an astronomer once wrote to a pupil, "Though my soul may set in darkness, it will rise in perfect light; for I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night."

So our members too have loved The Star fondly, and their lives showed them to be truly (Cabalistic Motto).

Let us pray.

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Soft music for Chaplain to approach the altar. Officers turn and face altar.

CHAPLAIN:

Dear Lord, we pray Thy blessing upon this service of commemoration. May we ever be mindful that our earthly sojourn is short and tasks to be accomplished are many. Give us strength to continue in good works and remind us to hold a firm faith in the blessed reward of a glorious hereafter. May the parting from our loved ones be temporary and may our reunion be joyous. We beseech Thy guidance in all our earthly endeavors so that we may more fully serve Thee. Amen.

(Adah speaks and then goes to altar upon which she places her blossoms of blue. The other Star Points do the same in their proper order.)

ADAH:

For their Fidelity I bring flowers blue;
They lived in the light, always faithful and true.

RUTH:

Because they were constant right through to the end These yellow blooms now their fragrance lend.

ESTHER:

Gentle and pure as these blossoms white Were the lives we remember at our altar tonight.

MARTHA:

The faith of Martha with its symbol of green, Is brought in these fronds to our memorial scene.

ELECTA:

Their charity, benevolence, hospitality, love, Reflected the goodness of Him above.

WORTHY MATRON:

For lives like our members, we're grateful In them, an example we find, Though our way sometimes will be clouded, No shackles will ever bind. A spirit that seeks the Star's light, With fervent faith and hope and prayer, Shall rise above the darkest night, As we follow His glorious Star.

The End