MEMORIAL CEREMONY

CHARACTERS

Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Associate Conductress, and the five Star points.

All gather at the altar while soft music is being played.

PROPERTIES

A green wreath, a Star to be placed within the wreath, and five emblematic flowers which are placed on each Star point.

Song used—"No Night There, City Four Square,"

WORTHY MATRON REPEATS

At this hour we will pause and pay loving tribute to the memory of those who have passed into the life of complete understanding. At this time our hearts are grateful for our many blessings, believing God doeth all things well. We thank God for every link in our golden chain, and if He, in His great wisdom, has seen fit to sever one by one these links in death, we know the parting is temporary and the meeting eternal.

Jesus saith: "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also."

Secretary reads name or names of deceased.

CONDUCTRESS REPEATS (while placing green wreath on the altar)

This wreath of green which forms the outer edge of our emblematic Star, I place in memory of our loved ones who have passed into that City four square.
ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS REPEATS (while placing the Star within the wreath)

Within this wreath of green, I place our Star representing the Star of Bethlehem, which will guide all of the faithful to the new Jerusalem, that city not made by hands.

Vocal Solo—"No Night There."

ADAH REPEATS

In memory of those who were brave and true,  
I place these flowers of the fragrant blue,  
That symbol of honor, duty and right,  
As gleaned from Adah's bright ray of light.

While Adah places flowers on the Star point, Associate Matron repeats very distinctly:

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

RUTH REPEATS

In memory of those whose faithfulness,  
Through menial labor, aided the distressed,  
I place the flowers of golden hue,  
That symbol of Ruth's constancy true.

While Ruth places flowers on the Star point, Associate Matron repeats:

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

ESTHER REPEATS

In memory of those pure and upright lives  
And their true loyalty that never dies,  
I place these flowers of purest white,  
That symbol of Esther's courage and might.

While Esther places flowers on the Star point, Associate Matron repeats:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

MARTHA REPEATS

In memory of those whose earnest prayer,  
Brought peace and rest in God's loving care,  
I place this garland of green entwined,  
That symbol of Martha's faith sublime.

While Martha places flowers on the Star point, Associate Matron repeats:

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

ELECTA REPEATS

In memory of those, whose fervent zeal,  
For loyalty to truth and service that's real,
I place these flowers of the crimson hue,
That symbol of charity, Electa's virtue so true.

While Electa places flowers on the Star point, Associate Matron repeats.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

WORTHY MATRON REPEATS

A beautiful life is that whose span
Is spent in the service of God and man,
Then a beautiful peace when the course is run,
And a beautiful light at the set of the sun.

While soft music is being played all walk slowly to their respective stations.