Memorial Service
LEST WE FORGET

Worthy Matron:

Let us pause for a short time to pay tribute to the memory of our loved ones who have passed from our midst during the last year. Let us not be an occasion for sadness, but rather one of tender recollections and loving thoughts. Our Father has called Sisters and Brothers to their eternal home. May they rest in peace on earth in thought and deed. May we not feel their dear presence among us and receive an inspiration to carry on the work which they so nobly achieved? We loved them much, God loved them more and silently took them away.

From our chain some links have fallen,
In the East some stars have set,
Not engraved on Memory's table
Are the names we'll not forget.

Song—"One Sorrowful Thought."

Worthy Matron: Sisters Conductress and Associate Conductress, you will drape the Altar.

Soft music is played as this is done, and after completing their task the Conductresses face the East.

Conductress:

They cannot be there God is not
On any sea or shore,
What are besides, Thy love guides,
Our God forever more.

Associate Conductress:

We shall meet them in the morning,
When our work on earth is done,
At the river, blessed river,
We shall gather one by one.

The Conductresses face the East, and return to their stations.

Worthy Matron: Secretary, you will read the names of our departed Sisters and Brothers.

Following the reading of the names, the Marshal placed the Memorial Scroll on the Altar.

Worthy Matron: Let us unite in prayer.

Chaplain (kneeling at Altar): O most gracious and merciful God shine in the heart of each one of us as our thoughts are turned in adoration to our departed Sisters and Brothers. Grant us the strength to carry on the work which these Thy loved ones left by their departure. Let us to Thee to bless all the homes—-the sad and the joyous. May we in us—-in faith, O Father, and may we remember that Thou art the Resurrection and the Life, and in Thee we may have eternal life. Grant also to those the grace of eighteen years. This we ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Chaplain remains kneeling at the Altar. He recites the last verse of "Sweet Hour of Prayer" to judge, and then he remains at his station.
Our Bible says:
For I know that if my earthly house of this tabernacle be destroyed, I have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Ruth: Our Bible says:
I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whatsoever liveth and believeth shall never die.

Nehemiah: Our Lord says:
Come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.