READER: Sisters and Brothers, we have come to this hour in our Chapter session, --this an Hour of Memory. We will dedicate a portion of this session to honoring the memory of our departed members who once sat with us in this room and who were tied to us in the ties of fraternity. They walked these halls and joined with us in our work. They made the way easier for us in our work. They made the way easier for us who followed them. So, tonight we would remember them and pay tribute to their memory. And we also will add to the number of our earlier faithful brothers and sisters, the names of those who have gone to a higher rank of service during the past year. Also, we pay tribute to those who have lost loved members of their families who perhaps were not a member of our Order. To all these we dedicate our thoughts at this time.

Chapter: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" sung while Charter was draped by the Secretary. (one verse)

WORTHY MATRON speaks: It has been our custom in this Chapter to devote one meeting 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 faithful.

LET US PRAY: (Soft music as Chaplain approaches the Alter. Officers turn and face Alter.

CHAPLAIN: Dear Lord, we pray thy blessing upon this service of commeration. 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.

SONG: by Chapter or group. "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" ADAH speaks and then goes to the Alter upon which she places her blossoms of blue. The other Star Points do the same in their proper order. All remain standing in reverent attitude until all have spoken.)
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 blossoms now their fragrance lend.

ESTHER:
Gentle and pure as these blossoms of white
Were the lives we remember at our Alter 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 are 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.

Songs by Chapter or Group (one verse each)
"Rock of Ages"   "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"
"Abide With Me"

Any appropriate hymn may be used.

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