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"GLORY OF EVERLASTING LIFE"

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sister Elizabeth Getz - Soloist
" Gunness - Pianist

Hilda Lowry
Grand Chaplain

W.G.M. The Grand Chapter will prepare for the Memorial Service, assisted by the D.D. representing our bereaved Chapters.

Music Largo (Handels) - enter D. D. carrying open bibles and form two lines to the left of Assoc. Gr. Patron.

W.G.M. May we pause for a brief period in our deliberations and pay a loving tribute to the memory of those who have followed the light of the Star in the East, to the glory of life eternal. Let us not be sorrowful in our loss, but inspired by the faith, taught in the Holy Bible and make this a sweet service of thankfulness and remembrance, that our sisters and brothers were permitted to walk with us along the pathway of life. Sisters Grand Conductress and Assoc. Grand Conductress and assisting Grand officers you will attend at the altar

Music Grand Chaplain, Gr. Marshall, Gr. Conductress, Gr. Assoc. Conductress, rise and proceed,) as soon as Gr. Chaplain & Gr. M. have passed. Gr. Cond. & Gr. Assoc. Cond. arrived between M & E, & Ruth & Esther, all four officers enter labyrinth together and arrive at the altar at the same time. Gr. Cond. & Gr. Assoc. Cond. carry half green wreath.

Gr. Chaplain (walking) "I heard a voice from Heaven saying, 'Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth they shall rest from their labors and their good works do follow them.'"

Gr. Marshall (Walking) "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, to the end that all who believe in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Gr. Cond.--at the altar-- "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away." I place this evergreen garland for the loved ones, "whom the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." (places garland around Bible).

Assoc.Gr. Cond. "And there shall be no night there, they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign forever and ever." I, too, place an evergreen garland for "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." (places garland around Bible completing wreath).

Solo "Saviour, Thy Dying Love"

Soft Music as Gr. Cond. & Assoc. Gr. Cond. return to chairs, Gr. M. & Gr. Chaplain step back between R. & E. & M. & E. District deputies advance & form broken column in labyrinth E of Electa chair.

W.G.Patron The broken column is a symbol of the uncertainty of human life admonishing us that deepest sorrow is relieved by trustful faith in God. "The Lord God of hosts is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time of trouble."

W.G.M. Sister Grand Secretary, will you read the names of our departed sisters and brothers from the golden book of memories.

Gr.Secr. "God healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds. He telleth the number of the stars and calleth all by their names." (Reads names, and as names are read, D.D. close Bibles)

Solo "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, Come Unto Me and Rest."

Soft music as D. D. turn and march W to form a circle around the Star points.

Assoc. G.M. "Jesus said, let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in Me. 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 and I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, ye may be also, and whither I go, ye know and the way ye know."

Assoc. G.Patron Thomas saith unto Him, "Lord, we know not whither Thou goest, and how can we know the way?"
Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Music - (as W.G.M. carrying gold and green lemon leaves and white gladiola, proceeds to altar)

W.G.M. "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is a-thirst, the fountain of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things, I will be his God and he shall be my Son."

These flowers I place in memory, I leave them with friends kind and true, for all who will recall the virtues of sisters and brothers, whom all of us know. We know they are waiting and watching, our members who have gone on before. They have all made their journey through darkness, to the glory of life overmore. (Places flowers in vase)
Let us unite in prayer.

Gr. Chaplain Eternal God of all comfort, love and truth, we bow our heads in submission to Thy Holy Will. We thank Thee for the gift of our loved ones, whose memory we now honor.
Earth to Earth, dust to dust, calmly now the words we say, left behind we wait in trust for the resurrection day, Father, in Thy gracious keeping, leave we now Thy servants sleeping. Grant that the lessons taught in this hour, may so enter our hearts and minds, that we may arise with renewed faith, glorified by Thy Word, and learn to serve Thee with gladness and create joy in our appointed tasks for Thy honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Solo (Handel Messiah)
"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

Music as all return to chairs.

The End.