

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Grand Drill Leader makes sure that flowers are at the bow stations before the meeting starts and that the white basket is under her chair.

"In memoriam"

Grand Worthy Advisor:

"Sisters and friends, we have assembled today in a sisterhood of sorrow. Some of our members, who were with us one year ago, in all happiness of youth, have since passed our earthly vision.

"We saw not the lift of the curtain,
Nor heard the invisible door,
As they passed where God's problems uncertain
Will follow and vex them no more." **RAPS OFFICERS UP**

"Grand Officers, let us together gather around our sacred Altar where our departed sisters knelt in taking the obligation that bound them to us in one great sisterhood."

GRAND DRILL LEADER PICKS UP BASKET AND CARRIES IT TO ALTAR

" Grand Hope and Grand Charity please drape the Altar.
Grand Chaplain, you will assist.

Grand Recorder, please read the names of our sisters who have answered the Master's call."

GWA: "Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, what is the hour?"

GWAA: "The eve of life, when the sun has set at the end of the journey for some of our beloved sisters. The hour when they behold the "Rainbow of Promise" which our Heavenly Father has given to them."

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GWA: "Grand Hope, What is the season?"

Grand Hope:

"It is the season:

When Hope comes and with whisper sweet
Tells of that land far away
When the sun shall never set
In the land of eternal day."

GWA: " Grand Charity, what is the task?"

Grand Charity: "To be charitable at all times, in the hope that God's eternal charity shall cover all our faults, whatsoever they may be; God is good and will hear our plea."

GWA: "Grand Faith, what do you know of the journey our sisters have taken?"

Grand Faith:

" Another hand is beckoning us, Another call is given;
And glows once more with Angel-steps the path which reaches
Heaven
Alone until our Father's will one thought hath reconciled;
That He whose love exceedeth ours hath taken home His child.
We pause for a moment with reverent breath
To speak of the Angel, whom mortals call Death."

GWA: " Grand Love, Grand Religion, Grand Nature, Grand Immortality, Grand Fidelity, Grand Patriotism, and Grand Service, What have you to offer in memory of our sisters who were with us but yesterday, but have since gone hence -- "I can not say, I will not say, that they are dead!"

Grand Love:

"There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's golden crown,
They shine forever more."

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Grand Religion:

"There is No death! The dust we tread,
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain or mellowed fruit
Or Rainbow tinted flowers."

Grand Nature:

"There is no death! The leaves may fall
And flowers may fade and pass away,
They only wait through wintry hours
The coming of the may."

Grand Immortality:

" There -- is -- no -- death! An Angel form
Walks o'er the earth, with silent tread;
He bears our best loved ones away,
And then WE call them 'dead'."

Grand Fidelity:

"And ever' near us tho unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
IS LIFE -- There IS no dead."

Grand Patriotism;

"Some call it death, this slipping of earthly moorings,
And drifting with the ebbing tide away.
But it is only passing through the shadows
Into a life of endless day."

Grand Service:

"They shall all bloom in fields of light
Transplanted by God's care.
And saints upon their garments white
These sacred blossoms wear."

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Grand Chaplain:

"Father, beside this sacred Alter, where oft' knelt our departed sisters, we dedicate our lives anew to Thee and to Thy service. We pray that only the good deeds of our sisters may be recorded with Thee, and that all short comings shall be forgotten. Bless, we pray Thee, the parents and families bereaved. Bless the Assemblies whose ranks are broken, Give us faith anew, and cause us to look to Thee for help and strength to overcome all earthly sorrows. All these petitions we make in Thy Holy name."

"Lord, help us to keep our promise. "

RETURN TO STATIONS

**Grand Drill Leader removes basket
and places it on floor in front of Altar**

Grand Worthy Advisor gives One Rap of the gavel to end ceremony.

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