

## DISTRICT MEMORIAL SERVICE

### PARTICIPANTS

Governor  
Senior Regent  
Prelate  
Chaplain  
Sergeant at Arms  
Guide  
Lodge/Chapter Representatives

**GOVERNOR** – Dear friends, we have gathered here in this place, at this hour for the purpose of remembering and honoring those Brothers and Co-workers who have been called from the Defending Circle of our Order in the past year. Brother Sergeant at Arms and Guide please drape our table with a cloth of black, which signifies our sorrow in the loss of our departed Brothers and Co-workers and open our Holy Bible.

**GOVERNOR** – (Gives two raps) Dear friends will you please rise as the Prelate leads us in prayer.

**PRELATE** – Let us fold our arms, and bow our heads. Heavenly Father, today we gather to pay tribute to the memories of our departed Brothers and Co-workers; those of our number called to their eternal rest. Grant that their memory may remain with us forever, and that their example will inspire us to live nobler lives. We ask You to continue to bless the families and loved ones of these our departed friends. Let all that we say and do here, in this Memorial Service, be acceptable in Your sight, Amen.

**GOVERNOR** – Brother Sergeant-at-Arms and Guide, please escort the Lodge and Chapter Representative to the altar, place their flowers upon the altar and return to their chairs.

**REPRESENTATIVES** – In loving memory I place this flower upon the altar in memory of the departed Brothers/Co-workers of (Lodge name/Chapter name). Go to chairs.

**GOVERNOR** – The memories of those departed Brothers and Co-workers are treasures to be cherished forever. Today, we have once again assembled to show due respect to these members of our lodges and chapters, who were known and loved by all.

**SENIOR REGENT** – The natural process of life leads us all inevitably to the reality of death. But, dear Brothers and Co-workers we take great comfort in the fact that many sweet memories remain of those who have departed, and their work accomplished while in our midst.

**GOVERNOR** – Their charity, kindness and generosity we treasure in our hearts. Their fidelity and virtue serve as models for us to follow. Their independence, and courage we acclaim today, and to all. For death serves only to remind us that our time too is fleeting, and that while we live, we remain steadfast to the precepts of our Order.

Today, may we be mindful that life and death must be faced with courage. Today may we be mindful that the exhilaration in life must be balanced with humility and that sadness of death must be balanced with hope.

When we too face the inevitable moment of death, may the faces of those we love and who love us fill our hearts? For it is in the lives that remain, that our spirit lives on.

**GOVERNOR** – (Gives two raps) Dear friends, will you please rise and stand with folded arms and bowed heads as the Chaplain leads us in prayer.

**CHAPLAIN** – Divine Father, we thank you for the opportunity we have shared today as You have permitted us to gather in tribute to our departed loved ones. May we continue to recall with admiration the affection their names, and may we continue to see through the blessing of memory, their faces. We ask You to continue to bless the families of each departed Brother and Co-worker. Grant us the strength to courageously endure the trials of life. Grant us the wisdom to fearlessly seek You and serve You as long as we live – Amen.

**GOVERNOR** (Gives one rap) Please be seated. On behalf of District \_\_\_\_\_, we sincerely thank you for joining with us in memory of our departed Brothers and Co-workers.

**District Memorial Service Set Up**

MEMBERS  
MEMBERS  
MEMBERS  
MEMBERS

**CHAPTER REPRESENTTIVES**

MEMBERS  
MEMBERS  
MEMBERS  
MEMBERS

**LODGE REPRESENTATIVES**

**TABLE**

**Altar**

**Guide**

**Sgt-at-Arms**

**Chaplain – Sr. Regent**

**PODIUM**

**Governor – Prelate**

**ITEMS NEEDED**

Small Table, Bible, Gavel, Vase, Altar Cloth, Black Cloth for Vase Table

Flowers – One for each Lodge Representative

One for each Chapter Representative

Chairs – Lodge & Chapter Representatives

Guide & Sgt-at-Arms

Chaplain, Sr. Regent, Governor, Prelate

**ALTERNATIVE**

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If a District is unable to get sufficient Lodge and Chapter members to take the part of Representatives, the following service would be used.

**1. Skip paragraphs 4 & 5 where the Governor instructs the Sergeant-at-Arms and Guide to escort the Lodge and Chapter Representatives to the altar and placing the flowers in the vase on the altar.**

**2. Eliminate the chairs for the Lodge and Chapter Representatives**

You would still use the small table and vase with the flowers already placed in the vase to signify the departed members of each Lodge and Chapter in the District.