

Memorial Service for 2010

Prior to your service, place a candle on the alter for each member who has passed away in the last year. Arrange flowers or suitable decoration around them. They are to be lit before the memorial service begins.

Decorate the stage or a table if stage is not available, with the same number of larger candles unlit and again suitable decorations around them. A cross may be included.

Before starting dim the lights in the hall after lighting candles on alter.

As the names are read the Chaplain will extinguish the candles on the alter and the graces dressed in robes or someone dressed as an angel (possibly a Jr. Granger) will light candle on the stage or table. Continue in this manner until all candles have be extinguished on alter and all candles lighted on stage. It is suggested soft music be playing in the background while names are read. After all candles have been lighted a solo or congregational song can be done.

Chaplain: Worthy Master, at this time I would like to honor our brothers and sisters who have passed on this year.

Master: Worthy Chaplain it is fitting that we remember these friends in a special way. Will the assistants escort the Chaplain to the altar. (*Graces at this time go to their place where the stage candles are*)

Chaplain: This is David's prayer. The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusted in Him and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoiced and I will praise Him always. Let us remember that our Faith in God will give strength for each day.

Secretary: Reads names of deceased as the chaplain extinguishes candles on altar and graces light candles on stage.

*At conclusion of candle ceremony a solo or congregational song to be sung,
Suggest "In the Sweet Bye and Bye"*

Chaplain: Will you join me in asking the Lord for strength and guidance in the coming year by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

After the prayer the graces return to their seats and the assistances will escort the Chaplain to his/her station.

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Master: Thank you, Worthy Chaplain. And as we pray in our opening prayer --
- now that they have laid down their implements here on earth, may they receive
the praise, "Well done Good and Faithful Servants".

Master raps everyone down.

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Dear worthy Chaplain,

Again, our Worthy State Lecturer has very graciously agreed to let me put your memorial service for 2010 in his Lecturers Packets. This will allow all of the chaplains to be able to plan for your memorial services without concern. And thank you to the lecturers for getting this portion of your packet to the chaplains of your granges.

I pray that during your special time of tribute to your past members, you will be able to invite any of the family members to attend so they may be a part of the beautiful tribute that you and your fellow grangers are paying to their loved one. It may be appropriate to ask some one to say a few words about those being honored. There are many things that you can do to make this a special time for your members and their families. Please feel free to use this service that I have sent as a guide and change it as you see fit for your grange.

Again this year we need to remember those that have lost their lives serving our country. And pray for those that are still on the front lines that they will be safe and return to their families soon. I suggest adding an additional candle to your memorial service for them.

Also, I would like to remind you that if you have any members that were deputies or state officers and their spouses, who have passed on since June of 2009, please send me the obituary and pictures, if possible, for the state memorial service in June. I would like to have any of these as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the report is due as this will create a rush and I would like to have as much time as possible to prepare a loving tribute for these members. Anything sent after the tenth of June will be for the memorial service in 2011.

I look forward to seeing you at the convention in June and pray the Lord blesses each of you during the time you are honored to be Chaplain for you grange.

In Christ,

Terry Abbott, Chaplain
Washington State Grange