

DEPARTED BRETHREN (WIDOWS) CEREMONY

WM: Br. Sr. Warden, what is our consideration of our departed brethren?

SW: To honour the memory of our departed brethren

WM: Brethren, from the beginning of history, it has been the custom universal to honour the memory of our departed brethren. Br. what is the hour?

SW: WM, the hour is low twelve. The sun has set on the lives of our brethren, and they have laid down their working tools

WM: (X X X) Brethren, let us now remember our departed brethren now at rest from their labours. Br. Chaplain you will drape the charter in their memory.

DofC: Without command, the Director of Ceremony will rise, with the Memorial Drape laid across both hands take a pace to the front of his station and turn to the Left.

Chap: At the same time the Chaplain will rise and step down from the East.

DofC will move down the South line to a position approximately halfway between the Senior Warden's station and the Altar and turn to the Right and move across the West to the North Line, again turn to the Right and move down the North Line to the Northeast Corner and the Charter.

Chap: At the same time the Chaplain will follow moving down the South Line to a position behind the Altar, turn right and move to the West of the Altar. He will remain standing until the

Director of Ceremonies is at the Charter. When the Director of Ceremonies is at the Charter. the Chaplain kneels.

DofC The Director of Ceremonies will place the Memorial Drape and turn and face towards the West and the Altar.

Both the Chaplain and Director of Ceremonies will remain stationary.

WM: Let us observe a moment of silent tribute. (1 Min of silence)

Chaplain: (Memorial Prayer adopted from Draping the charter ceremony)

Great architect and Sovereign Ruler of the Universe

Lord of all those in the flesh and in the spirit

We bless and thank thee for all the brethren who have completed their earthly life

Having held fast to their belief in you.

We remember our brothers thanking you for their friendship, life, and service to our
Fraternity

We give thanks to you for the gift of life

And for the fellowship of the brethren here and in the Celestial Lodge above

Through our relationship with you.

Grant that our journey here shall be filled with peace

Happiness and obedience to your will

So we may at the end of our journey here on earth

Be joined with our brethren, who have gone before us into that Celestial

Lodge Where there are no tears, but only Eternal joy with you. Amen

Chaplain and DoC return to their
seats. WM Seats lodge(X).

WM: Brethren and Guests. In honour of our departed brethren of _____Lodge No.____, a rose will be placed on the altar and a candle lit in their memory.

WM: The deacons and stewards will take their place in the west.

WM: We wish to especially honour the last ten brothers who have passed to the Celestial Lodge. The most recent brother to be raised to the Celestial Lodge was Brother (reads the name and their masonic history)

SD: Picks up a rose in 2 hands, the Jr. D walks beside the Sr. D. The Sr. D places the rose on the altar and the Jr.D lights the P^t candle. They both step behind the altar take

one step back with their right foot and give sign of fidelity and bow. Then turning outward return to the position behind the stewards.

WM: Brother (reads the name and their masonic history)

The SS and JS do the same as above This is repeated for all 10 names. Officers return to their chairs.

WM: Steps down from the east and retrieves the 11th rose and moves to the altar.

WM: To all the brethren that called to the Celestial Lodge, you may be gone but you are not forgotten. (takes one step back and gives the sign of fidelity and bows)
Goes back to the east

WM: This concludes our ceremony for our departed brethren. (X)

