

Chapter Memorial Service

Most Excellent High Priest:

Friends, Brothers and Companions,

We are assembled as Royal Arch Masons to celebrate the Life of our Companion, _____, and to extend our condolences to all who knew and loved Him.

As Masons, we know that with the sadness and sorrow of death, there is also a peace in knowing our Companion has passed to a better place of wages, refreshment, and rest.

As we reflect and remember our Companion's work here, let us turn reverently to God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, to support and sustain us according to our needs and his Mercy.

Prayer 1:

Chaplain:

Supreme Architect, Almighty God, we ask your comforting arms surround those gathered here in this time of grief.

Aid us in our time of mourning, and show us the depth of your love and compassion for your children.

Help us to celebrate the gift of friendship and love that our departed Companion and friend shared with us, and strengthen us each day as we continue our journey.

This we ask in your blessed and holy Name. Amen.

Most Excellent High Priest:

Royal Arch Masons learn that each man must build a temple of his spiritual life over the span of his years.

The stones with which he builds are the hours and days he is granted. Each stone is shaped to fit the moment's needs and the Master's plan, and each stone is joined in harmony with his Companions who labor with him.

When his labor is complete he will carry up his work to stand the test of the Grand Overseer's Square.

Each stone bears his Mark that prove each piece is his own, and inspiring him toward his best effort.

As a Royal Arch Mason, our Companion selected his mark and placed it among the records of his Chapter.

His design was of his own choosing... personal and meaningful to him alone.

As his Mark was unique and meaningful, so has been his life.

All who knew him shared the joy of seeing the progress of his life, guided by faith and shaped in fortitude.

As a Royal Arch Mason, he joined all of his Companions in a pledge to labor industriously and faithfully in the unending task of erecting his spiritual Temple...a House worthy of his great Creator.

Our Companion was united with us in the great promise to build a Good Life, a True Life, a Square Life, such a Life that would be fitting to lay before the Grand Overseer as a testament to his fidelity to his promise, and his perseverance through difficulties and triumphs.

We have every confidence that our Companion sought in his best moments to live faithfully and labor creditably for the glory and honor of the Grand Architect.

Our Companion set his Mark upon his days for all to see the good that he wrought.

Finally, he was reminded that each person is promised a Penny a day for his labor...whenever the day's end comes.

Our Companion is beyond the place of toil and burdens, now to enjoy the wages he has laid up in a life well lived.

As our moment of reflection draws to a close,
let us be inspired by our Companion's example to labor diligently and to be prepared,
when we at the end of our days,
to carry up our work, to stand our Test, and to receive the wages of a true and faithful Craftsman.

Final Prayer

Chaplain:

Eternal Father, the Great I Am, with bowed heads and heavy hearts we ask your grace and mercy upon our departed Companion and those gathered here. We give you thanks and praise for the joy and companionship he gave to us while on his earthly sojourn, and we await that day when we shall be reunited with him in your heavenly home.

Bless us and keep us in your love, O Lord.

May your favor shine upon us and be gracious to us.

Lift up your countenance upon us, and grant us your peace.

Amen