

MEMORIAL SERVICE

In reviewing the lives of our departed Sister and Brother, we realize how short is our mortal life, in comparison to God's eternal plan. All nature shows the steadfastness and infinity of God and His great Love and concern for each of us. The colors of our order depict all of these and as we use them we should be reminded not only of their meaning in our Chapter, but of the eternity of God.

Blue is the color of the Heavens, God's cover for His world, always there, steadfast and eternal.

"Lo! I am with you always, even to the ends of the earth."

Yellow is the color of the moon, which controls so much of our world, always in it's course.

"The same yesterday, today and forever."

White reminds us of the stars, unchanging, constant beacons, guiding us to God.

"The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth and even forever more."

Green symbolizes the verdant growth of the forest and plain illustrating God's assurance of new life each spring after a long winter.

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed is the Name of the Lord."

Red the vibrant color of the sunset, God's promise of rest and awakening with Him.

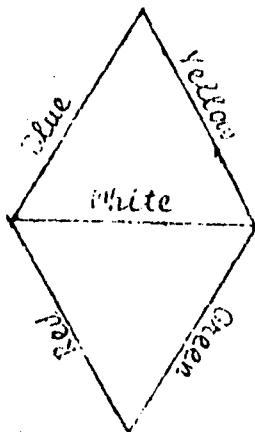
"I am the resurrection and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

Our colors give us hope of eternal life with God; so we mourn only the loss of the earthly body of our departed Sister and Brother, not their souls, happy and resting in God.

We have formed a double triangle; the top one representing the Trinity. White for the purity of God, Yellow for His constancy, and Blue for His eternal faithfulness. The lower triangle for man's love for God and for his fellowman; White for the purity of man's soul in God, Green for man's faith in God, and Red for Christ's blood spilled for us that we might have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that Whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life."

Chaplain removes Bible from Alter. Star points lay ribbons on as per diagram as memorial is read.



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