

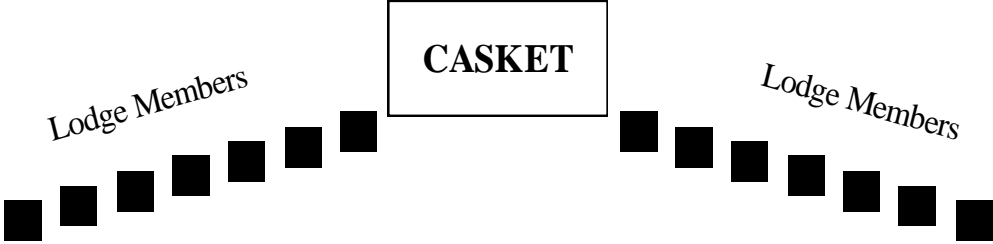
The Moose

Instructions for Conducting the Service of Tribute

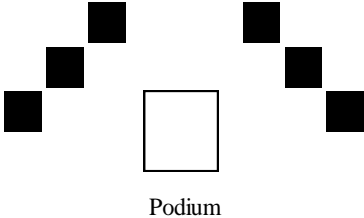
1. A permanent copy of this service should be kept by the lodge in a three-ring notebook for use at all presentations of the Service of Tribute.
2. The Lodge Chaplain is responsible for seeing that the Service of Tribute is conducted, whenever this is requested by the family of ANY departed member of The Moose. While the ceremony calls for six participants, it can be done with ANY NUMBER of members.
3. Those selected to perform the ceremony should familiarize themselves with their parts. Participants should not attempt to conduct the ceremony from memory. The text should always be before them on the lectern.
4. Participants in the ceremony who are members of the Higher Degrees (Moose Legion, Academy of Friendship, Fellowship Degree of Honor, Star Recorder, Pilgrim Degree of Merit or College of Regents), are encouraged to wear regalia, but conventional business dress (jacket, shirt, tie, dress or pantsuit) is perfectly acceptable.
5. Ensure that the Service of Tribute book, which is to be presented to the family, is filled out properly.
6. **A proper eulogy should be given** - preferably by the most competent speaker available who knew the deceased. The following subjects should be covered: Moose History (length of membership, service to the lodge/chapter and other units of the Fraternity), service to the community and church, and mention of survivors, wife, children, etc. This should be personalized; not just a reading of the obituary from a newspaper.
7. Long-stem flowers should be held by each participant in the ceremony, and by as many attending members of the Lodge as possible. At the conclusion of the ceremony, they are to be placed (at preference of the family) atop the casket, in the casket, or in an immediately adjacent vase. If a casket is not present, they can be placed next to remains, portrait of the deceased, or a location of the family's choosing.
8. The Service of Tribute Book is presented to the family of the departed member at the conclusion of the service.
9. Use of the following floor plan is suggested at the funeral home if space permits.
10. The graveside service is optional. If it is not performed, those pages should be left out of the copy of the book that is presented to the family of the departed.

Note: These instructions should not remain in the presented copy of the book.

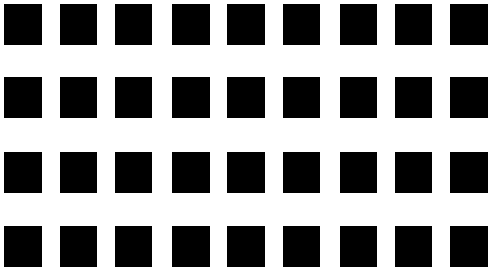
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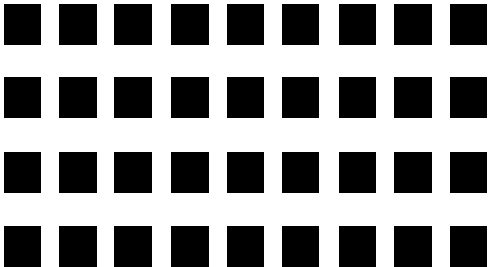
Service of Tribute Participants



Family and Friends



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Service of Tribute

SERVICE OF TRIBUTE

For

(First and Last Name)

(Date)

TRIBUTE STAFF

PARTICIPANT 1:

On behalf of _____ Moose Lodge, it
(Lodge Name)
is our privilege to perform our Service of Tribute in memory
of _____
(First and Last Name)

PARTICIPANT 1:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me

In the paths of righteousness

for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the

Presence of mine enemies;

Thou anoinest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy

Shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PARTICIPANT 2: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we are reminded of the frailty of human life, for we have again been called into the presence of death.

_____ has been
(First and Last Name)

called from this life, and our Defending Circle is broken. To our mortal vision all around us is darkness, and so we turn to You, source of all life and light, for comfort and for aid. Help us realize our dependence upon You, especially today as we share the loss of our colleague, so that we may comfort those who mourn this loss. Let us assure them of Your wisdom and Your loving-kindness, that they may say with us: Thy will be done. Amen.

DELIVERY of EULOGY and GUEST SPEAKER(S) IF SCHEDULED

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PARTICIPANT 3: Our Defending Circle is broken. It is a Circle of protection. We have built a great fraternal society upon the precepts of Purity, Aid and Progress, and have seen in it the realization of our goal. We placed each member in this Defending Circle so it would shield those within. Only yesterday we let our thoughts dwell on that Circle, and our hearts felt pride and exaltation, but today the Circle is broken and we stand helpless in the presence of death. We realize how temporary is the life of man. Now we can only pray that You who watches over us will forgive our mistakes and faults, and that You will, because of the dedication that built it, find our Circle worthy.

PARTICIPANT 4: Yes, our Defending Circle is broken. Nevertheless, our departed friend shall continue to be in our thoughts. God in his wisdom gives to us the ability to remember those who have left this life. He also helps us to realize that, through faith and devotion to Him, eternal life is possible.

The example of _____'s fraternal
(First Name)
service shall be appreciated forever. Through dedicated membership, our fraternity's service to children in need at Mooseheart in Illinois; to our senior members in their retirement years at Moosehaven in Florida; and to not only our own community, but to communities all over our domain were furthered by selfless deeds. Yes, _____
(First Name)
has now passed from this life into eternity, but shall continue to live in our thoughts. We remember as our fellow member stood in our Defending Circle, proclaiming dedication to kindness that would unite all mankind in this life.

PARTICIPANT 5: Death is not to be feared. Our Heavenly Father is the author of life and all that is in it.

_____ celebrated that life to its fullest,

(First Name)

in countless kindnesses and in examples of service to our members and their families. Death now provides a peaceful sleep. It is a great mercy, a serene rest from the struggles of life. Death is but a separation, a journey to an unknown shore; a journey which all of us too must take when this life has reached its end. Our friend's memory is indelibly etched in our hearts and minds. We shall move forward in the good, and onward in the right, as was done in mortal days. May our beloved member rest in peace.

PARTICIPANT 6: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we come to You in this hour of sorrow. May Your tenderness and compassion touch the hearts of all who have gathered here, especially the family of _____ . Comfort us in
(First Name) (Last Name)

our sorrow and strengthen our trust and faith in You. Heavenly Father, help us to conform our lives to Your divine will, that we may exemplify Your good works and glorify Your name. Give us the strength to bear this burden Your wisdom has placed upon us. Make us strong to battle with the temptations and struggles of this life, so that when our day has come, we too may be gathered into Your presence.

This we ask in Your name. Amen.

PARTICIPANT 1: Now, O Heavenly Father, with these flowers, symbols of immortality, we commit our beloved friend to Your loving care.

(All participants lay flowers either on the casket, place in a vase or wherever the family has indicated; then move in order to the family to express condolences and present Service of Tribute book as a keepsake.)

Graveside Service

(If the previous service has been performed at the home of the deceased, the funeral home, the Lodge or at the church, and it is the desire of the relatives of the deceased that the Moose Lodge also officiate at the grave, the following service will be used at the grave:)

(Committee and Members shall form a Semi-Circle.)

PARTICIPANT 1:

_____, we now
(First and Last Name)

commit thy body to its long rest. We, your friends and family, are united in a common cause and guided by Purity, Aid and Progress. Though you have passed from us, you shall ever live in our memory. Our Defending Circle has been broken, and while we mourn your loss, we shall strive to emulate your virtues.

We deeply and sincerely sympathize with you, the relatives and friends of our dearly departed, in your sorrow and your loss. Though sorrow's load rests heavily upon you, the 23rd Psalm reminds us all that it is the Heavenly Father who, quote "leadeth me beside the still waters, He restoreth my soul" end quote. And it is He who looks down with infinite compassion upon you who mourn today.

PARTICIPANT 2: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we come to You in our time of loss, remembering our departed member _____ . Let

(First Name)

(Last Name)

Your tenderness and compassion touch the hearts of all, especially the family and friends. Ease our sorrow and revive anew our faith and trust in You. Father, grant us strength to exemplify the precepts of Purity, Aid and Progress, and make us strong to battle with the evils and temptations of this life, so that when our call is sounded we may be gathered in Your presence.

We ask this in Your name. Amen.

PARTICIPANT 3: To our beloved friend, sweet be your rest and happy your awakening. May springtime bring to you its earliest buds and flowers. May summer's last rose linger longest. Though the frost of autumn shall lay the flowers low, the winter shall come to grace this place with peace and stillness. Yet, in another springtime will the flowers bloom again. So, to you our friend, when the bright dawn of the world's resurrection shall light the heavens, may this, your body, now laid low by death, come forth in immortal glory, and in the realm above may you join in making our broken Circle again complete. Until then, farewell.

MEMBERS - (Repeat) Farewell.

PARTICIPANT 4: Now, O Heavenly Father, with these flowers, symbols of immortality, we commit our friend to Your tender care.

(Place flowers on casket unless national flag or pall covers casket; in such case place flowers at foot of grave or where desired by family.)

(All leave the gravesite in an orderly manner.)