

MEMORIAL FOR MOTHER MICK

This memorial may be given at a regular Bethel meeting under “Good of the Bethel” or following the close of the Bethel meeting.

It may also be given as a program for other Masonic family events.

Lights may be dimmed if desired.

If required:

HONORED QUEEN: Recorder (rises), you will read the Special Dispensation.
Recorder reads Special Dispensation, then is seated.
HQ sounds ONE RAP of gavel [*].

HONORED QUEEN: Memorial for Mother Mick.

Honored Queen (taking gavel with her) and Princesses rise together and march to Altar Line (in triangular formation with Honored Queen leading). Honored Queen marches around north side of Pedestal and Altar to position west of Altar. Junior Princess marches to position south of Altar, while Senior Princess marches to position north of Altar. All three face Altar.

HONORED QUEEN: It is fitting that we pause at this time to pay special tribute to our beloved founder, Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick.

The memory of someone dear
However long apart
Is like a soothing melody
That lingers in the heart.

Life seems a perpetual succession of events, to which man submits... The wheels of Fate turn sometimes so rapidly that we can scarcely distinguish the interval between one revolution and another, or the link between yesterday and today. Great things have small beginnings; a tiny seed becomes a tree, and drops of water make a sea. 'Tis the great souls that serve us and today we have monuments erected to perpetuate the memory of those who have gone before – but the costliest monument, the most beautiful memorials, cannot surpass the grandeur, the memory of a life, patterned after divine teachings.

SENIOR PRINCESS: The first and strongest impressions are borrowed from the mighty scene, that is opened to the pioneers of any project – any project requires work – which should be a joy, particularly when in the light of its being a labor of love.

Nothing great is lightly won
Nothing won is lost
Every good deed, nobly done
Will repay the cost.

It has been said that a woman who creates and sustains a home and under whose guidance children grow up to be strong men and women – is a creator, second only to God.

JUNIOR PRINCESS: In the early 1920's such a woman creator among us, envisioned and directed to motivation of an organization to teenage girls related to Master Masons. Truly, this highly esteemed woman of great spiritual force, spent the following thirty-seven years of her life giving countless time and services toward its enhancement. There is no greater nor more honorable career in all the world than that of training the youth. Thus, Ethel T. Weed Mick, founder of the International Order of Job's Daughters, through her loyalty of purpose and devotion to her "Buds of Promise," has influenced the lives of all who knew and loved her, and although she has left these earthly pursuits she has left with us the memory of a beautiful life, dedicated to youth, country and God.

HONORED QUEEN:

And so – as we journey on our way, day to day
Let our deeds be pure and noble
May our lives be not in vain
' So that when the links are welded
Complete again will be the chain.

HONORED QUEEN: Daughters and visitors, please rise. Our chaplain will lead us in prayer.

Chaplain attends at Altar as per Ritual.
Altar music: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" (may be sung).
When music stops, Chaplain, Honored Queen and Princess kneel on their respective sides of Altar (only Chaplain kneels on a kneeler). ALL members assume the attitude of prayer.

CHAPLAIN:

Teach us, dear God, to be fair and do good
Thank you for our founder, and those who have followed after
Working to continue our wonderful Order
And making Mother Mick's dream come true. Amen.

Optional

Appropriate MUSICAL SELECTION may be given after Prayer and while all four officers are still kneeling.

Chaplain, Honored Queen and Princesses rise.

Altar music.

Chaplain returns to her station as per Ritual. Honored Queen and princesses return to stations in the East (in triangular formation with Honored Queen leading). Honored Queen marches on north side of Altar and pedestal.

HQ sounds ONE RAP of gavel [*].

HONORED QUEEN: This completes the Memorial for Mother Mick.
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