

A TRIBUTE TO OUR FOUNDER

This tribute, without formations, may be given at a regular Bethel meeting under “Good of the Bethel” or following the close of the Bethel meeting.

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

A triangle or other appropriate formation may be included if tribute is given after the close of the Bethel meeting or at other Masonic family events. The formation may be of your own design, depending on the number of participants. Any of the Closing Formations from the Ritual may be used.

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: Tribute to our Founder.

HONORED QUEEN: We have set aside this time to pay special tribute to our founder. The Daughter who is to act as Narrator for the Tribute will please rise. Guide (rises) and Marshal (rises), you will escort the Narrator to the East.

Guide and Marshal escort Narrator to the East and remain standing in front of Pedestals until Narrator is introduced.

March music.

HONORED QUEEN: It is with pleasure that I introduce

_____ (give titles) who **will serve as our Narrator.**

Guide and Marshal return to stations without instruction and are seated.

March music.

Honored Queen hands gavel to Narrator.

Formation – Optional

While Narrator gives opening message, a triangle or other appropriate formation may be made.

NARRATOR: In a garden of richest soil, some time ago. Were planted some seeds, which in later years were to blossom forth into some delicate flowers. The garden was our Order dear, and the person who planted the seeds was our Founder, Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick.

The plants were the Bethels dotted here and there around the world. Her garden grew and grew, and at last, she had her wish come true. She had founded a beautiful Order to which any girl would be proud to belong. Now Mother Mick has entered the Eternal Garden on high, and we know that God is looking after her.

If a formation has been made, it should be completed by this time.

Optional
A suitable *HYMN* may be sung.

NARRATOR:

**A good many years have passed,
Since God your hand did take
And lead you to His home on High
Where peace will always be.
Sadly missed you will ever be,
By your Daughters fair and true
Your memory they will cherish
For they loved you so.**

The Lord’s Prayer may be said or sung.

Option #1
If Lord’s Prayer is said:
NARRATOR: Please join me in repeating the Lord’s Prayer.
Narrator sounds **THREE RAPS of gavel [***]**.
If officers have made a formation, *Musician plays* chord for
Officers to kneel and assume attitude of payer.

Option #2
If Lord’s Prayer is sung.
NARRATOR: Please join us in the Lord’s Prayer.
Narrator sounds **THREE RAPS of gavel [***]**.

IF officers have made a formation, Musician plays chord for Officers to kneel and assume attitude of prayer.

Option #1

If Officers are in a formation.

NARRATOR: All present except Bethel Officers will please be seated.

If officers are kneeling in a formation, *Musician plays chord* for Officers to rise. *March music.* Officers return to stations.

Option #2

If Officers have not made a formation.

NARRATOR sounds **ONE RAP of gavel [*].**

Narrator returns gavel to Honored Queen.

HQ sounds **ONE RAP of gavel [*]** to seat officers.

HQ thanks Narrator for participating in the Tribute. Applause.

HONORED QUEEN: Guide (rises) and Marshal (rises), you will escort the Narrator to the sidelines after which you will return to your stations.

March Music.

HONORED QUEEN: This completes the Tribute to Mother Mick.

HQ sounds **ONE RAP of gavel [*].**