Memorial Service

In the past, many Exchange Clubs have expressed the need for a memorial service program to honor departed Exchangites. Following are some guidelines and a brief outline for a suggested Exchange Club Memorial Service.

It is recommended that your club hold a memorial service once a year in memory of all deceased club members. However, your club may wish to conduct a memorial service for each departed Exchangite at the first regular club meeting following the member’s passing. The service shown below can be easily adapted in that event.

A clergyman, club officer or close friend of the late Exchangite would be appropriate choices to conduct the memorial service. Your club may want to consider extending an invitation to the deceased Exchangites’ immediate families to attend the service. In addition, your club may choose music suitable for the occasion.

It is with honor and dignity that we come together today to remember our fellow Exchangites who have left us during this past year. Let’s pause for a moment of silent meditation and remember them in our own special way.

(Moment of silence observed.)

We thank you, Lord, for the lives of those Exchangites whom we are honoring here today, for their many accomplishments, and the privilege of knowing them.

(Mention the names of the deceased Exchangites along with club, district and national offices held and other noteworthy achievements.)

Let us all, as we go forth in Exchange, remember what our departed members have given us and let us in our own way carry on in uplifting the ideals of our organization.

Though our best words only approximate the grandeur of their living, the testimony of their dreams, commitments and ideas will live on in our memories and in our hearts. As long as
Exchange lives, they to will live. Our love and respect for them will never die and they will always be remembered in our prayers.

Would you all please stand as we pay tribute to those who have passed on. Please bow your heads for a moment of prayer.

“Dear Father, we pause today to pay tribute to those who gave through Exchange so much of themselves in service to mankind. We thank Thee for their lives and what they have contributed to their fellowman through the years. We would remember their families, realizing that Thou has a purpose for everything. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, grant them eternal rest and abide with us forevermore. Amen.”

This concludes our memorial service. Thank you.