

**Parts 1. Commander, 2. Chaplain, 3. Patriotic Instructor, 4. Junior Vice Commander, 5. Senior Vice Commander, 6. Chaplain**

## **Part 1 Commander**

We are assembled here to pay our last tribute of respect to a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, \_\_\_\_\_.  
Let us, therefore, unite in prayer. The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

## **Part 2 Chaplain**

God of all nations and Father of us all, listen to our prayers, give Your beloved peace in our sorrow. You are our refuge and strength. Though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried away. Your love abides. You are with us. Behold, You have made our days as a handbreadth and our age is as nothing before You. The life of man is swifter than the weaver's shuttle. Like the clouds, he is consumed and vanishes away. His days are few. He goes down to the grave and does not return. Neither will he return again to us and the places that knew him shall know him no more. We thank You that You have promised that he shall live again. Accept our earnest petitions so that when taps shall sound and our earthly lights go out, we may enter the Heavenly Camp where our Fathers have gone before, carrying with us an imperishable faith in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty and to Thy great name shall be the praise forever and forever. Amen.

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### **Part 3**

#### **Patriotic Instructor**

A noble son of a noble ancestor has fallen. His trials and toils are over and he has entered into eternal rest. As his forefather offered his life, his fortune, his sacred honor for the preservation of this Country in the hour of her greatest need, so our Brother pledged himself to the protection of the Flag of his Country and the guarantee of equal rights to all under that Flag. May our hearts here be inspired anew with the spirit of patriotism.

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**Part 4**  
**Junior Vice Commander**

We have here assembled in the capacity of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of our departed Brother. While we mourn his loss and shall miss him from our Camp meetings, we rejoice that where he is now there is no more parting, no sorrow, no tears. Fraternity bound us by such strong ties here, we shall be true to his memory, and be reunited in the world that is to come.

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**Part 5.  
Senior Vice Commander**

We have here before us all that is mortal of a Brother who was pledged to exercise the greatest of Christian virtues, that of Charity. If our Brother had any weakness of human nature, such as are common to all, let us bury them with him and may his virtues be to us as a guiding star through the remainder of our lives.

**Part 6.  
Chaplain**

Brothers, some scriptures. “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.”

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver Thee, and Thou shalt glorify me.”

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.”

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand. Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

“Brother, we lay thee down to rest. We honor your memory and commit your soul in tenderness and mercy to our Infinite God.”

“May the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son and Holy Ghost and the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, rest upon and abide with us forever, Amen.”