

Mr. Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Members of Zeid Temple No. 99, Order of the Mystic Shrine:-

When I first received your kind Invitation to deliver for you an address on the occasion of the Memorial exercises ~~in~~ to be held in honor of the three brothers and worthy Nobles of our Temple who have during the past year laid down their working tools, looked for the last time ~~answered the~~ ~~summons~~ acrossed the lonely desert and answered the imperative summons which sooner or later must come to us all, the impressive words of the great poet Milton came to my mind, and have since become my daily prayer:

"O, Spirit, what in me is dark
Illumine, what is low raise and support;
That to the height of this great argument
I may assert eternal brotherhood."

Eternal Bortherhood!. What a beautiful theme for your thought and contemplation! The very essence of all human relationship and the foundation of the great Fraternity you represent, the watchword which has rallied its members to the support of all its progress and achievements and is the secret influence which has filled your hearts and dominated your actions in arranging this beautiful Memorial service this afternoon. And why, some will ask, do we have this memorial. Because it brings us in close communion with our departed brethren. It touches the heart and appeals to all the finer senses of our nature whareas the marble shaft too often appeals merely to the sense of vision.

It is very true that in many splendid sepulchres as well as in many beds of green, are lying those whose names are written high on the pages of fame. Their last resting places are very dear to us, and yet dearer still is the memory which we hold in our hearts of those who have fallen in life's battle and who sleep the sleep that knows no waking. Some of the most interesting and valuable relics of the past

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