



LA BOUTIQUE DES HUIT CHAPEAUX ET QUARANTE FEMMES

RITUAL - 2021

OBLIGATION

“I, faithfully promise that I will do all in my power to uphold the ideals upon which our country was founded. I also pledge to promote good fellowship and to assist in the prevention and control of all lung and respiratory diseases in children.

These things I do solemnly promise.”

Procedure for Le Petit Salon

OPENING CEREMONY

(One tap of gavel by Le Petit Chapeau calls meeting to order. Doors are closed by La Petite Concierge).

Le Petit Chapeau: “The meeting of Le Petit Salon No. Departemental de will come to order.” “Madame Le Concierge, are all present Chapeaux Americains in good standing?”

La Petit Concierge: “Oui, Madame Le Petit Chapeau.”

Le Petit Chapeau: “Madame La Concierge, are all Partners present wearing Eight and Forty pins? Have they presented current Eight and Forty Partnership cards? Has each given the Pass Word?”

La Petit Concierge: “Oui, Madame Le Petit Chapeau.”

Or

All except (give number)

(Small fines may be imposed for not doing the above mentioned).

Le Petit Chapeau: “Madame La Petite Concierge, will you advance the Flag of our Country and our colors?” (Three taps of gavel. Partners arise and place right hand over heart as the colors are advanced.)

Le Petit Chapeau: “L’Aumonier will now lead us in prayer.”

L’Aumonier: “Almighty God, Father of all mankind and Judge over nations, we pray Thee to guide our work in this meeting and in all our days. Send Thy peace to our nation and to all nations. Hasten the fulfillment of Thy promise of peace that shall have no end.”

“We pray for all those who serve the people and guard the public welfare; that by Thy blessing they may be enabled to discharge their duties honestly and well. We pray for our Partners, that by Thy help they may observe the strictest justice, keep alight the fires of freedom, strive earnestly for the spirit of our democracy and preserve untarnished our loyalty to our Country and to Thee.”

“We especially ask Thy blessings and comfort for all those who are suffering the ravages of war. May our duty to them be ever alive in

our minds. Finally, O God of Mercy, we remember lovingly before Thee, our departed heroes who receive with Thee the reward of life everlasting. May their splendid example guide us now and forever. Amen.”

OR

“Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for this opportunity to meet together, for the love that unites us, for the health, the work and the bright skies above us, that make our lives delightful. Give us courage, gaiety and quiet minds. Amen.”

OR

“Bless us to Thy service, O Lord, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others. Amen.”

Le Petit Chapeau: “Partners, you will join me in pledging Allegiance to our Flag.”

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Le Petit Chapeau: “Madame La Surintendante will lead us in the opening song, our national anthem, “The Star Spangled Banner.” (Any familiar war song may be used at the end of the meeting.)

Le Petit Chapeau: “And now let us bow our heads in quietude and thought, in memory of our honored dead who gave life for our Country, and in memory of our beloved partners who have passed on.” (Moment of Silence) “Amen.”

Le Demi Petit Chapeau Premier: (Flanders Field should be read slowly, reverently and with expression. Listened to while standing at attention with heads up with open hearts and minds) Softly and slowly recites “Flanders Fields”)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders field.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If you break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
in Flanders fields.

John McCrae

Le Demi Petit Chapeau Deuxieme: (“America’s Answer.”)

“Rest ye in peace, ye Flanders’ dead,
The fight that you so bravely led,
We’ve taken up. And we will keep
True faith with you who lie asleep.
With each a cross to mark his bed.
And Poppies blowing overhead,
Where once his own life blood ran red,
In Flanders Fields.”

Fear not that ye have died for naught;
The torch you threw to us we caught.
Ten million hands will hold it high.
And freedom’s light will never die.
We’ve learned the lesson that ye taught
In Flanders Field.”

R. W. Lilliard

Le Petit Chapeau:

Knowing him many
Summers dead,
Do we remember
The way he said,
“If Ye break faith,
We shall not sleep,
Though poppies blow?”

God, do we keep
The faith and hold
The torches high
They flung to us
Or does each lie
in Flanders Fields
And turn and toss,
Finding no rest
Beneath his cross?

Le Petit Chapeau: “I now declare Petit Salon (name and number) duly convened.” (One tap of the gavel indicates seating Partners.)

Initiation Ceremonial

BUSINESS ROUTINE

Roll call of Le Petit Salon Officers and Chairmen

Roll call of Les Petits Chapeaux Passè

Roll call of Partners

Report of La Petit Secretaire (minutes)

Report of La Petit Caissiere

Report of Le Petit Pouvoir

Report of Standing Committee Chairmen:

Awards

Children and Youth

Constitution and Bylaws

Finance

Leadership

Nurses Scholarship

Partnership

- a. Report on applications for Partnership
- b. Action on applications

Ritual and Emblem

Reports of Special Committees

Unfinished Business

Reading Correspondence

- a. National
- b. Departemental
- c. Local communications

New Business

Bills

Special announcements

Discussing future activities

Obligation and adjournment

OBLIGATION AND ADJOURNMENT

Le Petit Chapeau: “If there is no further business to come before this meeting, we will repeat the obligation of Les Chapeaux Americains.”

(Three taps of the gavel brings the Salon to attention, standing, and the partnership obligation is repeated in unison.)

Le Petit Chapeau: “Madame La Concierge will now retire the colors.”
(Colors retired.)

Le Petit Chapeau: “I now declare Le Petit Salon *(name and number)* adjourned.”

INITIATION CEREMONIAL

Le Chapeau

L'Aumonier

La Secretaire

(Candidates at Altar)

Demi Chapeau
Premier

Demi Chapeau
Deuxieme

L'Archiviste

Children and Youth
Chairman

Ritual and Emblem
Chairman

Partnership
Chairman

Candidates

La Surintendante
leads candidates
to alter in order
mentioned in Ritual

La Concierge
(at door)

If there are candidates to be initiated into La Boutique, the following procedure is recommended where "Initiation Ceremonial" is indicated in the Business Routine.

A white room, or at least a white altar (*which may be any table or desk wrapped with a white sheet*) and a background, if possible, should be arranged. (*Some states have used a white room prepared with white sheets most effectively.*) Five red candles in white or crystal holders, on the white altar, furnish sufficient light for the ceremonial. A bowl of red rosebuds or red carnations, adds much to the beauty, and the blossoms may be given out, one to each candidate, as part of the rites.

(Le Petit Chapeau takes place in center back of altar with La Petit Secretaire on right and L'Aumonier on left. Le Demi Petit Chapeau Deuxieme is followed by Children & Youth Chairman and Partnership

Chairman on right: Le Demi Petit Chapeau Premiere is followed on left by L'Archiviste and Ritual and Emblem Chairman.)

(La Petit Concierge is at door. La Petit Surintendante should secure names of each candidate before time of ceremony, and have Les Chapeaux Etrangers lined up in order in which she shall read the names to Le Petit Chapeau. Sufficient chairs in the front of room should be reserved for candidates. Hall is darkened for candle light ceremony and La Petit Secretaire lights candles. Lights are turned off.)

Le Petit Chapeau: “We shall now proceed with the initiation.”

“Partners are requested to remain in silence until the ceremony is concluded. We are about to impress upon our candidates the great responsibility of becoming a Partner. Madame La Surintendante, are there Etrangers who desire to become Chapeaux Americains?”

La Petit Surintendante: “Oui, Madame.” *(Reads list of candidates.)*

Le Petit Chapeau: “Madame La Surintendante, are Les Chapeaux Etrangers duly qualified, and have they signed the necessary application for partnership in La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes?”

La Petit Surintendante: “Oui, Madame Le Petit Chapeau.”

Le Petit Chapeau: “Madame La Surintendante, you may bring these Chapeaux Etrangers before us.”

(La Petit Surintendante escorts the candidates in, marching single file to a position facing Le Petit Chapeau and Le Demi Chapeau Premier at the white altar as Partners sing “There’s a Long, Long Trail.”)

La Petit Surintendante: “You are about to take the solemn obligation which makes you Chapeaux Americains. This obligation will be given to you by Le Petit Chapeau.” *(Three taps of gavel brings Partners to attention.)*

Le Petit Chapeau: “Chapeaux Etrangers, since you are duly qualified, you may take the obligation which makes you Chapeaux Americains. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me, giving your name where I give mine:

“I....., faithfully promise that I will do all in my power to uphold the ideals upon which our country was founded. I also pledge to promote good fellowship, and to assist in the prevention and control of all lung and respiratory diseases in children. These things I do solemnly promise.” (*Tap of gavel to seat Partners.*)

Le Demi Petit Chapeau Premier: (*Steps to side altar.*)

“Tonight you are welcomed into the great partnership of La Boutique. You are entitled to wear our symbol only because you are anxious to serve our Country, and in serving her you honor us.”

“Partnership in Eight and Forty is limited to mothers, wives, daughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters, nieces, great grandmothers and great-great grandmothers, to include step or adopted, of active duty or honorably discharged United States Military Service members or female service members themselves, past, present and future who are at least 18 years of age.”

“It is my privilege as Le Demi Petit Chapeau Premier to welcome you to partnership in Le Petit Salon No _____. Your partnership will represent additional strength to our organization which is ever mindful of needs of little children. All Partners hold Eight and Forty in the highest esteem and we know you will be proud to be in its ranks.”

Le Demi Petit Chapeau Deuxieme: (*steps to side of altar*)

“In honor of the star in our flag, our pass-word is ‘five’. This password must be given, and the card for the current year presented to obtain admission to a Marche. The challenge word to recognize our Partners is ‘Who goes there?’ The reply, ‘Angels in white and red’. Our sign of distress is five fingers of the left hand held spread out at shoulder height with palm outward.”

(*Le Demi Chapeau takes a step or two toward the candidates and continues to speak.*)

“I welcome each of you as Partners of La Boutique with our handclasp, which is given in the usual way except that the forefinger rests on the pulse of the hand clasped.” (*Gives hand-clasp to each candidate.*)

L'Archiviste: (*Steps forward.*) “As a group of loyal women with true American principles, we associate ourselves together for the protection and promotion of child welfare for the purpose of developing friendship and fellowship among women and for the preservation of the highest ideals and traditions of American principles, and at all times, to preserve the dignity and self respect incumbent upon all woman-kind, to keep steadily in mind that through our fellowship we give and receive an understanding and friendship in which the golden rule is exemplified.”

Children and Youth Chairman: “We, of Eight and Forty, have a special program; that of prevention and control of lung and respiratory diseases in children. By this work we establish each year great humanitarian service. Our welfare funds are used for this definite program. No finer project than this one could we accomplish that of helping and protecting children afflicted with lung and respiratory diseases, and forwarding our program of prevention. In this work you will be proud of our loving service to children.

Ritual Chairman: (*Holding emblem in her hand.*) “The official emblem of La Boutique is a white lug with the numbers Eight and Forty in gold inscribed thereon. The white of our pin is the white of our service flag and the white of the bandages worn by those who have served our Country.” (*Presents emblem to candidates.*) “I wish to impress upon you that in the event you relinquish your partnership in Eight and Forty, you surrender your right to wear the Eight and Forty emblem.”

Partnership Chairman: “Your desire to become a Partner in La Boutique signifies your wish to enjoy with us the fine fellowship of Partners joined in loving service. May the joy of being loving, self-sacrificing, and charitable be revealed to you. Play life’s game with courage, fortitude and confidence. May it be yours to be endowed with wisdom to guard your tongue and learn with patience the art of ruling your life for its highest good, with due regard for the privacy, right and limitation of our lives.”

“Give a smile instead of a frown, a cheerful, kindly word instead of harshness and bitterness. Be sympathetic in sorrow, realizing that there are hidden woes in every life no matter how exalted or how lowly.”

“Be a true, loyal friend, a genial companion with broad, honest charity, born of a intimate knowledge of your short-comings. Strive for the highest, legitimate reward of merit, ambition, and opportunity, ever ready to extend a kindly helping hand to those who need encouragement.”

(Three taps of gavel brings Partners to attention.)

L'Aumonier conducts the prayer service:
(Collect by Mary Stewart)

Keep us, O God, from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed,
Let us be done with faultfinding and leave off self-seeking,
May we put away all pretenses, and meet each other face to face,
without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous?
Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, and gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight-forward and
unafraid.
Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that
in the big things of life we are as one.
And may we strive to touch and to know the great common woman's
heart of us all;
And, O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind. Amen.

Le Petit Chapeau:

“Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand in mine.
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine.
“For shelter is gone when the night is o’er,
And bread lasts only a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Sings on in the soul always.”

(Le Chapeau presents each candidate a red flower from the centerpiece on the altar as the officers move forward, joining hands and signing softly, “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds.”)

(La Petit Surintendante seats the new Partners. After the partners have greeted the new Partners, the meeting continues.)

INSTALLATION

The white room or white altar idea, as outlined for initiation ceremony, is also suitable for installation of officers. Pins should be purchased in advance for the newly elected Petit Chapeau, and for the retiring Petit Chapeau.

A list of Petit Salon officers-elect should be prepared in advance for La Petit Concierge and all officers-elect should be seated in a reserved rear section of the room.

Retiring Petit Chapeau: “Madame La Concierge, please escort to the platform, the Installing Officer.”

(Pianist plays march suggested in the initiation ceremony.)

Le Petit Chapeau gives short introduction of distinguished Installing Officer.

Retiring Le Petit Chapeau: “Madame La Concierge, please call the roll for the ensuing year of officers of Le Petit Salon, who, as their names are called, will line up for the procession.”

“Madame La Concierge, please present for installation the officers for the ensuing year of Le Petit Salon.”

Le Petit Concierge escorts officers to altar and arranges them in the following order: Le Petit Chapeau; Le Demi Petit Chapeau Premier; Le Demi Petit Chapeau Deuxieme; La Secretaire; Caissiere; L’Archiviste; L’Aumonier; La Concierge; L’Avocate.

La Petit Concierge: “Madame Installing Officer, I present to you the officers of Le Petit Salon for the ensuing year.”

Installing Officer: “Partners of La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes, you have been elected to serve for the ensuing years as officers of Le Petit Salon. It is not necessary to tell you that there is no class distinction, but each is the equal to her partners. Strive always to make Chapeaux Americains feel that it is a distinctive privilege and honor to become a partner of La Boutique.” *(Installing Officer gives three taps of gavel to bring Partners to standing position.)*

Installing Officer: “Please raise your right hand, give your name and repeat after me the following obligation:”

“I _____ do solemnly promise to perform the duties of the office which I am about to assume, and to fulfill the pledges I made when I was initiated into La Boutique, and to keep standards so high that only the best and most deserving will be found within our ranks.” (*One tap of gravel to seat Partners,*)

Installing Officer: “And now will each officer step forward as her title is called?”

“L’Avocate, it shall be your duty to act as legal advisor and Parliamentarian of Le Petit Salon. You shall render official opinions when requested and perform such other duties as Le Chapeau may direct.”

“La Petit Concierge, you are duty bound to attend each salon meeting. You are responsible for order, for the advancement and retirement of the Colors and for such other duties as may be assigned to you.”

“L’Aumonier, it shall be your privilege to offer prayer at the opening of Le Petit Salon meetings; to take part in the Initiation Ceremony, to have charge of the Memorial Service, to compile a record of all deceased Partners and to report same to the Departemental and to perform such other duties as Le Petit Chapeau may direct.”

“L’Archiviste, you are responsible for compiling and preserving the records of Le Petit Salon and for filing an annual report of same with Departemental and such other duties as may be assigned to you.”

“La Petit Caissiere, your office is one of great trust. You are responsible for conservation of the funds of the Salon, and disbursements for same in accordance with the provisions of the year’s budget and for the payment of all authorized bills. You shall submit a financial report at each meeting of Le Petit Salon and file an annual report and perform such other duties as may be assigned to you by Le Chapeau.”

“La Petit Secretaire, your duties are those of administration. You shall keep all records of Petit Salon; distribute to each Partner her current partnership card; take care of all official correspondence in the name of Petit Salon; handle all emblems and supplies; record proceedings of each Petit Salon meeting and perform such other duties as directed by Le Petit Chapeau.”

“Le Demi Petit Chapeau Premier and Le Demi Petit Chapeau Deuxieme, your duties are similar. It is the duty of each of you to assist Le Petit Chapeau in the planning and the developing of the Eight and Forty program. In the absence of the Le Petit Chapeau, either of you will be prepared to assume the duties of that office.”

“Pouvoir member, you are the representative of your Salon and are expected to attend all Pouvoir meetings called by your Chapeau Departemental, reporting the Salon activities and in turn bringing all instructions to the officers and chairmen of your Salon. Respect this responsibility that has been entrusted to you. You shall assist and advise the officers of your Salon whenever called upon to do so.”

“Le Petit Chapeau, great faith in you has been expressed by Le Petit Salon in electing you to the high office of Le Petit Chapeau. It is a distinctive honor to be the leader of such fine women, banded together, in service to children afflicted with lung and respiratory diseases.”

(Three taps of the gavel for all Partners to stand.)

Installing Officer: “Partners of Le Petit Salon, I present to you the officers of your choice. I congratulate you upon the selection you have made. I charged them with a serious responsibility. I charge you likewise. Now that you have chosen these Partners to guide the work of Le Petit Salon, it is your duty to co-operate with them. Do you pledge that you will?”

(Standing with right hand upraised all Partners of Le Petit Salon say “I do.”)

Installing Officer: “Please repeat after me:

“I solemnly promise to renew my pledge of service to the Eight and Forty and to give whole hearted support to these Petit Salon Officers.”

Installing Officer: “Will La Concierge please conduct the Petit Chapeau-elect and the Chapeau Passe to their stations and escort the other officers to their seats?”

Installing Officer: “Le Petit Chapeau, you have come to the close of your administration. You have the respect, affection and appreciation of all the Partners. In their name, I now pin over your heart the insignia of Le Petit

Chapeau Passe. May you always wear it with pride and happy memories of your year as Chapeau.” (*Pins on pin.*)

Installing Officer: “Le Petit Chapeau-elect, in the name of the Eight and Forty, I pin upon you these wings, the official badge of an Eight and Forty leader. I present to you this gavel, your symbol of authority. May you use it with discretion and always in the best interest of Le Petit Salon.” (*Le Petit Chapeau takes gavel.*)

Le Petit Chapeau: “L’Aumonier will now invoke God’s Blessing.”

Outgoing L’Aumonier: “Oh, God, let us do our work each day in Thy name, and be ever mindful of the needs of others, especially the needs of children who have lung and respiratory diseases. And, Oh, God, if darkened hours of despair overcome us, let us not to forget the strength that comforted us in the desolation of other times. Spare us from bitterness and from the sharp passions of unguarded moments. Give us friends who will love us for what we are; forbid that we judge others, lest we condemn ourselves. And when age and infirmity overtake us, dear God, please teach us to still be thankful for life. Amen”

OR

“Dear Lord, bless these new officers as they assume their role of Leadership. Give them strength to continue their work in the prevention and control of lung and other respiratory diseases in our Special Children.”

“And, Lord, grant all of our partners time for Fun, Fellowship and Service as they continue helping others. This we ask in thy name. Amen”

Le Petit Chapeau: “Let us join hands in signing.” (*Hymns suggested - “Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow” or “Holy, Holy Holy.”*)

FUNERAL SERVICES

Partners form a line at head of grave (if at Cemetery) or of casket (if in Funeral Parlor), with Color Bearers leading.

When ready for services, Color Bearers step aside one pace, leaving space between for Partners to go through.

Le Petit Chapeau carries in her right hand, a few red and white flowers (carnations preferred). All Partners carry the same kind of flowers.

Le Petit Chapeau leads the line down left side of grave, and as she reaches the foot of the grave, raises the flowers to her lips and lays them on top of casket. All the Partners following her do the same, thus building a mound of flowers over the casket of the deceased Partner.

Leave the grave on a line with the foot of the casket with Colors leading, and retire.

If the services are held in Funeral Parlors, or a Church, on leaving the casket, form in two lines at exit, so that casket will be carried between the lines.

FUNERAL PRAYER

“Almighty God, her Father and our Father, we have given to you our beloved Partner, one who was our dear friend in health and illness.

Dear God, give her our fellowship by giving her your most precious company.

Give her service in serving you and Your Heavenly Host. Lead her, as Your Child who needs your comfort and love. Give to her family an understanding of her happiness in being in her Heavenly home with Thee.

We ask the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy will, to accept for love of Thee, the trials and sorrows of this life, so that we may all be united in Heaven for all Eternity.

Almighty God, our Father, we give to Thee our Partner to be united with Thee forever and ever. Amen.”

Oh, God, our help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come;
Our shelter from the stormy blasts
And our eternal home!
Under the shadow of Thy wing
Thy saints have dwelt secure,
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure. “Amen.”

OR

AT FUNERAL HOME

Le Chapeau: “Death has entered our ranks and Partners of Eight and Forty are here to pay tribute to one, who has been called to the High Command.”

L’Aumonier: “Grant us O Father, that our present sorrow may bring us closer to Thee. We thank Thee for the understanding that death does not really separate us from the departed. O Father, we earnestly pray for our departed Partner that she may enter into all the joys of the life beyond. Amen.”

Le Chapeau: “This final moment of visible presence, with one who has left us, is sacred. Let us not remember her in anguish, for she would not have it so. Only solemn pride in her service is ours who live to remember. To those who are left behind, we realize that mere words cannot express our deep and abiding sympathy. May they feel that (NAME) is resting in endless peace.”

L’Aumonier: “Let us pray.”

“O Gracious Heavenly Father, we lift our voice to Thee,
To thank Thee for continuing to watch over us in our hour of trial,
Ever ready to direct and guide our faltering footsteps,
We thank Thee for the many friendships enjoyed by Thy children.

We thank Thee for the knowledge that in their passing
They do not tread the Valley of Shadow alone,
That always that Giver of Gifts, The Great Comforter is present,
As they enter the Eternal Haven of Rest we know, O LORD, Thy will be done. Amen.

“Almighty God, her Father and our Father
We have given to you our beloved Partner
One who was our dear friend in health and illness.
Dear God, give her our Fellowship,
by giving her Your most precious company.
Almighty God, our Father, we give to Thee our Partner,
to be united with Thee forever and ever. Amen.”

OR

FUNERAL SERVICES

Partners form a double line at the head of grave (if at Cemetery) or of casket (if in Funeral Parlor), with Color Bearers leading.

When ready for services, Color Bearers step aside one pace, leaving space for Partners to go through.

Le Petit Chapeau and L'Aumonier carry in their right hand, a few red & white flowers (carnations preferred). All Partners carry the same kind of flowers.

Le Petit Chapeau leads one line down the left side while L'Aumonier leads the other line down the right side, forming a horseshoe at the head and foot of the casket.

Le Chapeau and L'Aumonier recite the following:

Le Petit Chapeau: “O, God our Father, we thank Thee for Thy great gift of life and the opportunity of service to little children.”

L'Aumonier: “We thank Thee, for the ties that bind us one to another.”

Le Petit Chapeau: “We thank Thee for this beloved Partner, for the enrichment she has brought to our own lives. May she now rest in serene eternal peace.”

L'Aumonier: “We thank Thee for our unquenchable trust that Life with its wonder and mystery does not end with death.”

Le Petit Chapeau: “Renew within us, O God, this great faith and enduring love, so that we may always walk with eyes open to the beauty and the glory of the Eternal. Amen.”

L'Aumonier reads the following Funeral Prayer:

“Almighty God, her Father and our Father, we have given to you our beloved Partner, one who was our dear friend in health and illness.

Dear God, give her our fellowship by giving her your most precious company.

Give her service in serving you and Your Heavenly Host. Lead her, as Your Child who needs your comfort and love. Give to her family an understanding of her happiness in being in her Heavenly home with Thee.

We ask the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy will, to accept for love of Thee, the trials and sorrows of this life, so that we may all be united in Heaven for all Eternity.

Almighty God, our Father, we give to Thee our Partner to be united with Thee forever and ever. Amen.”

Each Partner, beginning with the one next to Le Petit Chapeau, then the one next to L’Aumonier, alternating will go to the casket, raise the flower to her lips and lay them on top of the casket. All Partners follow and do the same. Leave the grave or casket in a double line with the Colors leading and Le Petit Chapeau and L’Aumonier following at the end. If the services are held in Funeral Parlors, or a Church, on leaving, the casket may be carried between the lines.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A white altar, as suggested in Initiation Ceremony, may be used. In the center, place a white or crystal vase (or bowl) holding white flowers flanked by single crystal holders or candelabra, topped by long white candles.

As name of each deceased Partner is read by L’Aumonier, the Memorial Service Chairman lights a candle. (*Pianist plays softly as names are read.*)

Le Petit Chapeau: “In deepest affection we dedicate this service to our Eight and Forty Partners who have in the past year completed their earthly journey.”

“Partner.....will now sing O’Hara’s ‘THERE IS NO DEATH’.”

Other suggested music:

- THE LORD’S PRAYER - Malotte
- ONE SWEETLY SOLEMN THOUGHT - Cary
- LEAD KINDLY LIGHT - Newman
- NEARER HOME - Cary
- THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD - Malotte
- I HAVE A HOME ETERNAL - Christianson

(Three taps of gavel and Partners stand.)

Le Petit Chapeau: “L’Aumonier will read names of those Partners we hold in precious memory.” (*Names are read.*)

L'Aumonier: "A taper has been lighted for those we hold in happy memory. Each was a loyal and devoted Partner in Eight and Forty and each now 'sleeps the sleep of peace'."

"We cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with us no more;
Along the path of life we tread
They have but gone before.

The Father's house is mansioned fair
Beyond our vision dim;
All souls are His, and here or there
Are living unto Him.

And still their silent ministry
Within our hearts hath place,
As when they walked on earth with us
And met us face to face.

Ours are they by ownership
Nor time nor death can free:
For God hath given to Love to Keep
Its own eternally."

"Let us bow our heads in prayer."

"O, God our Father, we thank Thee for Thy
great gift of life, for its friendships
and fellowships and the opportunity of
service to little children

We thank Thee, for the ties that bind us
to the Eight and Forty, one to another.

We thank Thee for these beloved Partners,
for the enrichment they have brought to our own
lives. May they now rest in serene eternal peace.

We thank Thee for our unquenchable trust that
Life with its wonder and mystery does not end
with death.

Renew within us O God, this great faith and
enduring love, so that we may always walk
with eyes open to the beauty and the glory
of the Eternal. Amen.”

(One tap of gavel by Le Petit Chapeau and Partners are seated)

CEREMONY FOR DRAPING THE CHARTER

Le Petit Chapeau: “We have assembled here at the call of our Maker who has taken from us one of our beloved Partners. We have come to give, by simple token, official expression of the grief of _____ Salon.”

L’Aumonier: “Let us bow our heads in prayer. O God our Heavenly Father who ushereth Thy children into life and recalleth the soul of Thyself in Thine own good time, we thank Thee for the sweet memory of one dear to us who has been gathered to her Father. We praise Thee for all the hallowed influences of her life and for the rest and peace, which she has found with Thee. Amen”

Le Petit Chapeau:

The Father’s house is mansioned fair
Beyond our vision dim;
All souls are His, and here or there
Are living unto Him
and still her silent ministry
within our hearts hath place
As when she walked on earth with us
And met us face to face

Le Petit Chapeau: “We stand before the document, which gives our Salon life and being. Under its authority, years of devoted service were given by *(give name of deceased member and place a white carnation in vase.)* She contributed greatly to its significance. Her service is ended, but the results of her loyal efforts will go on and on for our Salon, the Eight and Forty, and for God and the Country which we serve.”

Le Petit Chapeau: *(holds black crepe over both hands-palms up)*

“It is therefore fitting that about our Charter we drape this crepe of black, an expression of the sorrow that is in our hearts and of the mourning of the Salon over its great loss.” (*Drapes the Charter*) “We ask God’s blessing for our departed friend and co-worker, then go silently to carry forward the tasks to which she was giving so much when called away.”

L’Aumonier: “O God, in final submission to Thy will and in joyous hope of life everlasting, we praise Thee in whose hands are the souls of all creatures, and the spirits of all flesh.”

Le Petit Chapeau: “May His Kingdom come, and His will be done in all the earth.”

L’Aumonier: “Praise be the Lord of life, the righteous Judge for evermore. Amen.”

Pronunciation of French words most often used by Partners

La Boutique Nationale (the national shop)	-la boo teek na see o nal
Des Huit Chapeaux (of 8 hats)	-Days weet sha po
Et Quarante Femmes (and 40 women)	-A kahrongt fahm
Chapeaux Americains	-sha posa may ri kan
La Marche Nationale (the national march)	-la marsh na see o nal
Le Salon Departemental	-luh so long da part mon tal
L’Archiviste (historian)	-lar shi veest
La Concierge (sergeant at arms)	-la kong see erz
La Surintendante (mistress of ceremonies)	-la sur an tong dongt
L’Aumonier (chaplain)	-la moan yair
La Secretaire (secretary)	-la sek ray tayr
La Caissiere (treasurer)	-la ka syair
Le Pouvoir (executive)	-luh poo vwar
Chapeaux Etrangers (candidates for	-sha poza trang zhay

membership)

Oui (yes)	-wee
non (no)	-nong
Petit (small)	-pu tee
Premier (first)	-prahm yea
Deuxieme (second)	-du zhem

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds
 Our hearts in Christian love:
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne
 We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes,
 Our mutual burdens bear;
 And often for each other flows
 The sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part
 It gives us inward pain;
 But we shall still be joined in heart,
 And hope to meet again.

