

FAMILY

Deceased Members Headstone Cleaning and Prayer Program

Higher purpose

During our admission degree, we learned of our binding and no higher duty than the care of our widows and the children of our deceased brothers. Our highest rated and trusted insurance program covers that in spades nor should it be the only way we can care for our widows. Cleaning the gravesite and praying for the repose of the soul of their deceased husband every year is very comforting to our departed brothers' widow.

Planning the program

Well in advance of your planned date; contact the local cemetery to help locate all deceased members and plot on a map. Explain the program to the cemetery staff and inquire about any bylaws for leaving any KC marker flags at each gravesite and the length of time that it can be displayed in the ground. If not permitted, substitute by giving the widow the miniature flag after the prayer at her deceased husband's gravesite. Surviving widows are also helpful to identify the gravesites of their deceased husband.

Purchase your KC miniature marker flags from the State office using SO-50 form, a minimum of 30 days prior to your planned date.

Request assistance from your Pastor or Council Chaplain or Parish Deacon for a prayer suitable at the gravesite for our departed brothers.

Implementing the program

Recruit members, Squires or non-members to volunteer to help clean the headstones and grounds around them on a day prior to your planned day for the prayer program.

Write invitation letters and personally deliver them to all the widows asking them for their support and attendance.

Gather at the entrance or designated spot at the cemetery and ask the Clergy to recite a prayer for all deceased members. Together everyone visits each gravesite, and everyone prays the Lords Prayer or a prayer your Pastor has written for the program. Invite the widow or family member to place the KC miniature marker flag (if permitted at the cemetery).

Membership component

Visitors to the cemetery will witness our support of our deceased members by the sight of us praying together at each gravesite and the site of our KC miniature marker flags waving in the wind throughout the cemetery.

