



SCFCL MISSING MEMBER TABLE & HONORS CEREMONY

In honor of our members who are no longer with us, but are here in spirit is a table set for one. It occupies a place of dignity and honor near the head table. It symbolizes our members who are no longer with us or their families. Please join me in paying tribute to them.

Many of you were much younger when you joined this organization. You have made it what it is today, an organization rich in history and filled with many accomplishments making our families and communities a better place to live. Those missing members played just as important a role as those of us who are still working hard to keep this organization strong.

I would like to explain the meaning of the items on this special table:

The table is round -- to show our everlasting concern for our missing members and friends.

The tablecloth is white -- symbolizing the purity of their motives when asked to serve in any capacity.

The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of our missing members who kept the faith by their dedication, education and service.

The vase is tied with a red ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to always remember them

A slice of lemon on this plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those missing that we should be ever appreciative of their service and friendship.

A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers why they were taken

The glass is inverted – they cannot toast with us tonight

The chair is empty – they are cannot sit with us tonight

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope that lives in our hearts to illuminate their place on this earth.

The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us as we remember and never forget their dedicated presence.

I'd like to read the names of those members who are missing. (READ NAMES AND RING BELL AFTER EACH NAME)

Let us have a moment of silence as we recall special memories of those missing. (PAUSE FOR SILENT THOUGHTS)

Let us pray to our heavenly father that he may forever watch over our missing members, our friends.