

DEATH OF A BROTHER

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- 1. What should I do?
- 2. What should the master do?
- 3. What ceremonies should we perform and an overview of how they are to be performed?

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- A.Be available
- **B.Prepare**
- c.Respond

WHAT SHOULD THE MASTER DO?

- A. Conduct pre death practices.
- B. Contact the next of kin.
- c. Notify the lodge members and the D.D.G.M
- D. Hold lodge rehearsals for the various ceremonies.
- E. Insure preparation of Resolution and Flowers

WHAT ARE THE CEREMONIES AND HOW SHOULD THEY BE PERFORMED?

- A. Draping of the Altar.
- B Service at the Wake.
- c. Reading of the Resolution.
- D. Service at the Gravesite

DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

- 1. Master is to insure that draping is immediate.
- 2. No identified ceremony
- 3. Tradition

SERVICE AT THE CHURCH (WAKE)

- 1. Requires rehearsals (Ritual page 219 222)
- 2. Some reasonable modifications may be made
- 3. Public or private event (may be done in the lodge, funeral home, home of the deceased, or some other place)
- 4. Deacons or Stewards at head and foot of coffin

- 1. Lineup at Church entrance and exit
- 2. Reading of the Resolution
- 3. Deacons and Stewards activity similar to Wake.
- 4. Actions at cemetery
- 5. Broken Chain Ceremony
- (Note) Service at the gravesite (Ritual pages 223-231 omitting the gravesite honors as given on page 228 in favor of the one on page 269)