

FALLEN POLICE/FIRE FIGHTER TABLE CEREMONY

This is a ceremony to remember our nation's heroes. Those who swore on their lives to protect our values and defend our communities. We do it to "HONOR" and to "REMEMBER" them-for they are "NOT" with us.

This table-which is round-to show our everlasting commitment-will be set for all POLICE OFFICERS & FIRE FIGHTERS-so that "WE" may-"REMEMBER!!!"

The chair-is empty-for "THEY" are "NOT" here-though "WE" ever hope that they will be in our hearts.-"REMEMBER!!!"

The white tablecloth-which stands for purity-and their willingness to answer the call to duty-so that all communities will remain safe "REMEMBER!!!"

The table-which is set for only one-symbolizing the frailty of one against all Hazards of their duty's.-"REMEMBER!!!"

The wineglass-is inverted-they cannot toast with us today, for "THEY" made the ultimate sacrifice -"REMEMBER!!!"

The candle-reminds us of the light of hope-that they forever remain in our hearts! The black ribbon on the candle reminds us of those who will "NEVER" be coming home-"REMEMBER!!!"

The single rose-reminds us of loved ones and families of our comrades-who are keeping the faith. The red ribbon on the vase- just like the ones worn by thousands who admire their will, determination and who "DEMAND" justice and safety for all. "REMEMBER!!!"

The slice of lemon-is on the plate to remind us of their bitter fate "REMEMBER!!!"

The salt-on the table-which symbolizes the families tears. "REMEMBER!! !"

The Bible-which represents strength achieved from faith-helping to sustain those while in the line of duty-founded as "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" "REMEMBER!!

The faded picture-on the table-serves as a reminder to their families-that "THEY" are "LOVED AND MISSED VERY MUCH"- "REMEMBER!!!"

The candle will be lit-to symbolize the upward reach of their unequalled spirit- With complete disregard for their own safety, and despite the extreme hazards associated with their duties they entered into danger to protect and rescue with exemplary courage. We honor them, to bring great credit upon themselves, their families and friends. Also, we as a community, honor and respects our heroes "REMEMBER!!!"

Please join us now-as we bow our heads- in a moment of silence-to "HONOR" all of our FALLEN Police Officers and Fire fighters-For "THEY" surely will "REMEMBER" what we did here today-----

As you look upon this empty table-remember not-ghosts of the past-"REMEMBER OUR HEROES" -remember how "WE" depended on them-each and every day. Remember our friends-the ones we loved-for they loved life and freedom as we do. Remember all of you who served with them-who called them comrades-who served at their side-in good times and in bad-"THEY" were there for "YOU"-now "YOU" need to be there for "THEM" "REMEMBER!!!"

We would like to thank those of you who invited us here, as well as all of you who joined us for our ceremony. As each year passes their memories fade but "NO" amount of time can "EVER" heal our loss. Only with "OUR" actions-can we bring our "NATIONS HEROES" back to the forefront of everyone's thoughts-----and prayers!

We take great "HONOR AND PRIDE" in presenting this ceremony-and your attendance with us here today tells us that you are "KEEPING THE FAITH"-just as we do. With that in mind-we would like to issue a personal challenge-to each and every one of you-the challenge for you to be the one who "REMEMBERS!!!!!"

Please stand as our detail is dismissed-and-thank you again for being here.
(Detail-dismissed)-(march out single file)