

MISSING MAN TABLE & HONORS CEREMONY

Moderator: 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 men. The cloth is white - symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty. The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of the missing, and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith, awaiting answers. The vase is tied with a red ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing. A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God. The glass is inverted - to symbolize their inability to share this toast. The empty chair - represents the missing. Let us now have a moment of silence to honor America's POW/MIA's and to the success of our efforts to account for them.