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Flag Day, 1916.

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# Wheeling Lodge No. 28

B. P. O. E.



## FLAG DAY

Wednesday evening, June 14, 1916



## SONGS

### AMERICA

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of Liberty!  
of thee I sing;

Land where our Fathers died, Land of the Pilgrim's pride,

From ev'ry mountain side let Freedom ring,  
My native country thee, land of the noble free,  
thy name I love;

I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills,

My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees

Sweet freedom's song;

Let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake;

Let rocks their silence break,

The sound prolong.

Our Fathers' God to thee, author of liberty,  
To thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,

Protect us with thy might great God our King.

## THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Oh! say, can you see by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last  
gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the  
perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly  
streaming;  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting  
in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still  
there.

CHORUS:

Oh! say, does that star spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the  
brave!



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| 1.  | Piano Selection             | - | Bro. H. M. Schockey        |
| 2.  | Introductory Exercises      | - | -                          |
|     |                             |   | Exalted Ruler and Officers |
| 3.  | Prayer                      | - | -                          |
|     |                             |   | Chaplain                   |
| 4.  | Song—"America"              | - | -                          |
|     |                             |   | Audience                   |
| 5.  | Flag Record                 | - | Bro. C. Morgan Vester      |
| 6.  | Selection                   | - | -                          |
|     |                             |   | Elks Quartette             |
| 7.  | Altar Service               | - | Esquire and Officers       |
| 8.  | Elks Tribute to the Flag    | - | -                          |
|     |                             |   | Bro. Frank W. Nesbitt      |
| 9.  | Selection by                | - | -                          |
|     |                             |   | Elks Quartette             |
| 10. | Address                     | - | -                          |
|     |                             |   | Rabbi A. H. Silver         |
| 11. | Song—"Star Spangled Banner" |   |                            |
|     |                             |   | Audience                   |

## ELKS' QUARTETTE

Allan H. Robinson

John O'Conner

Wm. L. Leach

David A. Crawford

## OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	James Dyson
Esteemed Leading Knight	J. H. Brennan
Esteemed Loyal Knight	H. Lee Robinson
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	O. W. Truax
Secretary	Jno. F. Richardson
Treasurer	H. A. Oberman
Tiler	Martin J. Malooly
Esquire	E. L. Leonhart
Inner Guard	W. M. Schenk
Chaplain	T. W. Foulk
Organist	Lee W. Swift



## COMMITTEE

J. W. Cummins

R. H. Durst

James B. Bane

Earl J. Hedges

Gabe S. Emsheimer

A. K. Sonneborn

Lee W. Swift

Harry King, Jr.



# Read Flag Day - Elks

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"The flag is a symbol. The symbol is an ideogram. It is a representation in act or object of a vital ~~fact~~ <sup>fact</sup> or an efficient idea. The cross is a symbol and so is the crescent. The word is a symbol and so is all truth. ~~The symbol is a magic thing~~, we live in a world made intelligible to us by symbols and we think in terms of symbols.

The symbolic act or object ~~in itself~~, stripped of its suggestiveness and significance is in itself nugatory. The cross and the crescent as mere physical objects are trifles. As suggestions and intimations they are tremendous. The symbol is a magic thing. ~~for~~ It conjures up vast realms of high ineffable truth. It is a treasure to treasure coves of blessedness.

"Our flag is such a symbol. <sup>viewed</sup> As a tricolor piece of brunting only it has nothing to recommend it for a eulogy. But viewed as



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a symbol of America, of American life and American ideals, of American visions and American aspirations it is no longer a variegated piece of bunting but a floating piece of poetry. <sup>a divine harmony where</sup> ~~each~~ <sup>every</sup> stripe is a bar and ~~each~~ <sup>where every</sup> star is a note in the great symphony of ~~our~~ <sup>an inspired people.</sup> ~~national~~ life. We call it the Old Glory. We press it close to our bosoms. We love it and we worship it. For when <sup>we</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>are</sup> we ~~as~~ <sup>are</sup> look upon it it becomes transfigured into a rapturous grandeur. In ~~the~~ stripes we behold the stream of tendencies <sup>arising through</sup> in our national life. In the white we read the purity of our <sup>purposes</sup> ~~ideals~~ and <sup>the chastity of</sup> ~~purposes~~. In the red the strength of <sup>our</sup> will and the valor of <sup>our</sup> service passion. And in the stars we behold the twinkling hopes <sup>and</sup> of the heavenly aspirations of <sup>a great</sup> ~~our~~ people.

"The flag, then, is the symbol of our life. It stands for the things which are nearest and dearest to us - for home and the home ties



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for hallowed memories and sacred emo-  
tions, for ancient loyalties and consecra-  
tions, for deep-rooted principles and convictions, <sup>in a word</sup> for the fundamental things of our life.

It means liberty, equality and fraternity. It means fair play and the square deal. It means social justice and religious tolerance. It means the American standard of life and of living. It means a self-consecration to the <sup>great</sup> task of enlarging, of deepening and of widening the life of the individual so that he may the better serve society.

"I do not mean to imply that we are at all times fully conscious of this. Unfortunately the tribute which we pay to our flag is frequently mechanical and the service which we render it mere lip-service. Our patriotism is, as a rule, of that habitual customary and conventional kind, <sup>which is</sup> the ~~kind~~ <sup>which is</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>we love our country because</sup> ~~we are so comfortable in it~~ <sup>produced by a</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>prosperous</sup> prosperity. ~~It is not~~ <sup>It is not</sup> of that ~~habitual~~ <sup>burning</sup> ~~radical~~ <sup>transfiguring</sup> kind



that is born of storm and stress, ~~it is~~  
the type of patriot in that ~~demands~~ wins  
our love because of the sacrifices which it  
demands of us. War renders this great  
service to a people. It makes it conscious  
of itself, of its duties and of its mission.  
It destroys the sham, the foibles and the  
fetty vices. <sup>of its life</sup> It stirs the higher spiritual  
emotions within it. It strengthens it by  
trial and suffering. It purges it in the  
crucible of burning pain. In a word, it  
makes a people truly patriotic. The war  
that is raging over Europe to-day has  
procured the salvation of France and ~~will~~  
also redeeming England. "We can see for the  
first time," said Mr. Lloyd George recently, "the  
fundamental things that matter in life and  
that have been obscured from our vision  
by the tropical growth of prosperity." The  
rolling thunder that echoes across the



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European Continent are heralding the advent of a new day for Germany and for Russia. It appears that the fires of Mars are kindling the torches of patriotism in all the lands of Europe.

"But peace and prosperity ~~have~~ are extinguishing the fires of patriotic enthusiasm <sup>our land</sup> within us. Our idealism is being choked in the obesity of <sup>national</sup> ~~material~~ wealth. We are growing cold and indifferent to the our national mission and destiny. In our wild scuffle to grow <sup>materially</sup> ~~wealthy~~ we make no endeavors to remain spiritually healthy. We feed and grow fat upon the sorrows of Europe and feel no sense of national obligation towards ~~the warring people~~. We speak of liberty and yet we tolerate the worst kind of industrial slavery in our midst. We proclaim fraternity equality and yet we are perpetuating a veritable



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feudalism of social inequality among us. We boast of our Fraternity and yet our brotherhood is constantly disturbed by religious dissensions, industrial strife and rampant prejudices.

"It is the supreme duty of every loyal American at this time of universal upheaval to become severely critical of himself and of his people, to analyze the institutions under which he lives, to investigate the economic, social and political conditions of his country. Let us not wait for a portent of calamity to strike to us amidst thunder and lightning, a revelation which we had foolishly lost sight of. Let us not wait for the ruthless sword of Mars to slough off the crust of superficiality from off our national character <sup>words to</sup> and lay bare the ~~the~~ <sup>its</sup> innermost glory of and strength.



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