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The salute to the flag ceremony is under the direction of the Worthy Patron who has each officer, in turn, give the salute represented by the emblem he mentions. Each officer remains at his or her station while reciting the salute as the flag-bearer holds the flag aloft at the altar.

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### WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the STAR WITH THE GAVEL in the center.

### WORTHY MATRON:

Flag of our country, emblem of freedom, may we remember the Divine Leadership which has made our country looked upon by peoples in every land as the one place of refuge where all may have opportunities to know the glorious freedom which you personify -- under God, one nation indivisible.

Your red, your white, your blue, will ever remind us that by courage and loyalty, as well as by devotion to principle, our own United States was founded under



its great leader, George Washington. Each time we behold you, may our hearts surge with love for our own, our native land.

2.

WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the STAR WITH THE SQUARE AND COMPASSES in the center.

WORTHY PATRON:

Flag of our country, ever will we remember the principles of justice and equality established for us in the Constitution of our glorious United States.

As the Mason uses his compasses and his square in laying straight and true the foundations of the building he is erecting, so did our forefathers lay straight and true the principles by which our country has grown great and strong. As we look upon you, oh Banner of the Free, may we remember to keep our lives square and true, as are the corners in your field of blue.

3.

WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the STAR WITH THE EFFULGENT SUN in the center.

ASSOCIATE MATRON:

Flag of our country, this nation represents to the down-trodden peoples of the world, the light and hope of a country living in freedom. The effulgent sun now, as in the dim pages of the dawn of history, re-

minds us of the power of a Supreme Being, who, through His light, guides and nourishes the world.

So may our lives bring light to all around us. May we ever remember as we gaze upon your folds, that the light from the effulgent sun is given to our nation that we may grow strong and be truly "the light of the world."

4.

WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the STAR WITH THE STAR in the center.

ASSOCIATE PATRON:

Flag of our country, with your forty-eight stars, long ago a bright star shone over Bethlehem, bringing a new era to the world. By divine guidance that star shone over the place where the Christ Child lay. By divine guidance, the Wise Men were led to that spot. By divine guidance our country was born. Your stars were chosen to be symbolic of that Holy Star of long ago.

May we ever remember, in surges of patriotism, as we gaze upon your white stars in their field of blue, that it is by divine guidance that we may still see the holy stars in their heavens of blue; that it is by divine guidance our country retains all of its forty-eight stars and none has been lost from its field of blue.

5.

WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the STAR WITH CROSSED PENS in the center.



## SECRETARY:

Flag of our United States, born in time of great stress, as our sacred documents of freedom were penned by men of great intelligence and patriotic fervor, may we remember an educated populace is a paramount necessity that our nation may fulfill its destiny as a world leader of freedom of thought and deeds.

May the crossed pens of our secretary's emblem remind us that the pen is mightier than the sword in directing man's intelligence.

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## WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the STAR WITH THE CROSSED KEYS in the center.

## TREASURER:

Flag of our United States, may we who live in this glorious land, never forget we have security in life and freedom because our people have been willing to sacrifice life and fortune that we may remain secure from foreign domination.

As the crossed keys in our treasurer's emblem remind us that the strictest fidelity must be observed in retaining the security of our treasures, so must we ever remember to guard with word and deed the integrity of our nation, thus keeping it secure.

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## WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the STAR WITH THE SCROLL AND BATON in the center.

## CONDUCTRESS:

Flag of our country, emblem of freedom, may we realize that prepared plans are necessary in every walk of life. Our nation needs prepared citizens. As life's scroll is unrolled for each of us at birth, and plans are made for our journey through life, may we realize that the fulfillment of these plans can be accomplished as the Master wishes if we follow the Golden Rule laid by Him.

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## WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the STAR WITH THE BATON in the center.

## ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS:

Flag of our country, dearly beloved, as each citizen of our United States subscribes to the oath of allegiance to our nation, he places himself under the discipline of the laws of our country. The baton is an emblem of leadership. With leadership by one, goes the discipline of many.

May our people recognize that willing discipline under wise, unselfish leadership will make our nation a cohesive force for good, welding us together into a dynamic group of citizens.



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WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the STAR WITH THE BIBLE in the center.

CHAPLAIN:

Flag of our country, blest emblem of freedom, as our forefathers came to these shores bearing the Holy Bible in their hands, and in their hearts prayers for religious freedom, may we fully realize that freedom without God can never be a satisfying freedom. We must have love for GOD and COUNTRY inseparable.

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WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the STAR WITH THE CROSSED BATONS in the center.

MARSHAL:

Flag of our country, which under God is one nation indivisible, may we ever remember that only under the direction of the Supreme Being can our people retain their place of leadership in the world of nations.

May we ever remember we must have a direction toward which we set our goal and be willing to follow God Who is our Leader. May the baton of leadership ever remain in the hands of men and women who will be faithful to that holy trust.

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WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the LYRE WITHIN THE STAR.

MUSICIAN:

Flag of our country, your colors form a harmonious picture. Floating in the breeze you are ever a sight to thrill our hearts. Draped in decorations, your colors blend. The lights and shadows of our national life through the centuries form an ever-changing picture but always you are in harmony with our national setting.

Guide us to that peaceful time in our national life when, as David of old, playing his lyre, we may have time to listen to the harmony of Nature's world.

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WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the SWORD AND VEIL within the triangle.

ADAH:

Flag of freedom, you have flown over many battle-fields where souls have pierced the veil of unbelief and indifference to find the Great God in Whom they finally placed their trust. Now, may the emblem of Adah ever remind us that fidelity to our country, our families and our friends, requires a constant exercise of faith. May we pierce the veil of indifference and misunderstanding and find true friendship with all peoples.



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WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the SHEAF within the triangle.

RUTH:

Flag of our country, floating in the breeze as our ships bring food to starving peoples of other lands, may we, with Constancy of purpose, pledge ourselves to assist those people less fortunate than ourselves. As the sheaf of golden wheat, borne by the gleaners in days of yore - represented their material needs, so may we remember there is need for food for the soul as well as food for the body.

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WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the CROWN and SCEPTER within the triangle.

ESTHER:

Flag of our country, emblem of freedom, ever have you seemed to longing eyes, a symbol of nobility of purpose. May we remember, as did Queen Esther who risked her life to save her people, that the crown and scepter without nobility of purpose is only an empty emblem of power. May we never forget that the exercise of power, even in small affairs, should be accompanied by justice.

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WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the BROKEN COLUMN within the triangle.

MARTHA:

Flag of our country, the trusting faith of Martha is comparable to the faith our soldiers at Valley Forge displayed when they placed their trust in their great leader, George Washington, who knelt and implored God for divine leadership in their darkest hour when a new nation was struggling to be born.

May all our leaders renew their trusting faith in God so our nation may continue great and strong and not be a broken column in the building that the Greatest Architect of all has designed for His world.

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WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the CUP within the triangle.

ELECTA:

Flag of our country, as Electa offered the cup of hospitality to the down-trodden in her day, so is our nation today offering hospitality to the down-trodden and oppressed who come to our shores seeking freedom and asylum from persecution. May we never betray that trust.



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WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the DOVE within the star.

WARDER:

Oh glorious flag, waving over a peace-loving nation, we honor thee and our beloved country when we teach our citizens that it is better to see the Dove of Peace resting upon our shoulders than to enter into senseless bickering with other powers. But, remembering your glorious history and the heritage brought to us encompassed within your silken folds, we pledge we shall try to promote peace but not at the sacrifice of principle. Only PEACE WITH HONOR can ever be our goal.

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WORTHY PATRON:

The salutation to our flag will be given by the officer whose emblem is the CROSSED SWORDS within the star.

SENTINEL:

Flag of our country, born in time of stress when hearts were straining for freedom and many lives were sacrificed for its principles, help us to remember though swords and guns have won our precious freedom, the duty is ours to retain it by righteous living.

As we gaze upon your brilliant colors, we pledge that never shall we refuse the call to service for our beloved land, humble though the service may be, or great the sacrifice therein. Emblem of freedom, this is our pledge to you.