

*FLAG RAISING CEREMONY*

EASTERN STAR CENTER

August 19, 1995

*"God Bless America"*

*Raising of the American Flag--Charles W. Starks, P.P. #133*

*Narration--Georgie Bell Starks, P.G.M.*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*"Star Spangled Banner"*

Flag and pole donated by the Starks

*Raising of the Colorado Flag--Robert Swope, W.P.*

*Columbine Chapter No. 11, Longmont*

Pole donated by Columbine Chapter No. 11, in memory of  
Virginia "Pat" Culbertson, Worthy Grand Matron, 1965-1966.

*Narration--Jean Dalberg, P.M.*

*Columbine Chapter No. 11, Longmont*

Flag donated by Jean Dalberg

*Raising of the Eastern Star Flag--Judy Domenico, C.E.O.*

*Narration--Patricia Dewey, President, Board of Trustees*

Flag donated by members of the Board of Trustees

When the first faint dawn of American freedom was breaking over the land, and the United States of America was coming into being as a nation, a flag was adopted to represent this new nation among the countries of the world.

The flag which was chosen was Old Glory, adopted to represent the principles of liberty, equality and justice, the principles on which the nation was established.

Guided and led, it seems by the hand of Providence, this nation and Old Glory fast attained a high standing of honor and respect throughout the civilized world and was recognized and received by older and more powerful nations.

Carried by dauntless and fearless adventurous spirits to the remotest parts of the world and the universe it has ever brought its message of goodwill and fraternity. It flies at half mast in respect to the memory of those who have made the supreme effort in the cause of freedom and justice.

Today, we honor it in our Chapter rooms, we place it in the East, the greatest tribute in our power to pay it. We pledge our allegiance to show to the world that we are sincere in our duties as true American citizens.

It is our national emblem. It is woven of heroism and grief, of the bravery of men and women's tears, of triumph and glory. He must be cold indeed who could gaze upon its folds without reverence and pride of country. 'Tis ours to love; 'tis ours to serve; 'tis ours to cherish evermore. Long may it wave o'er our Eastern Star Center.