

Flag Day Exercises

JUNE 14, 1919

8:15 P. M.

St. Louis Lodge No. 9, B. P. O. Elks

Municipal Theatre, Forest Park



The Rainbow of the Free

DEDICATED TO THE

Children's American Loyalty League

BY

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St. Louis Lodge No. 9, B. P. O. Elks

Thy Children, Oh, America!
In loyal league upraise
Their voice in love and hope to thee
In this, their song of praise.

America! America!
Our love we give to thee;
In thy defense we rise or fall,
Thou soul of liberty.

Thy soil, once bathed in hero's blood,
No more will foeman thrall,
For thou hast ushered in the day
Of doom for tyrants all.

America! America!
Thy shores the blue seas lave;
Thy hills and valleys freedom's home
Or thy Old Glory's grave.

With heart and soul we love as one
Our starry flag to see;
For liberty has christened it
The Rainbow of the Free.

No foreign foe shall ever tread
The soil our fathers trod,
Their children's voice proclaim it
As the Oracle of God.

The bell whose tones in accents loud
Was heard from sea to sea,
Proclaiming Independence
And the Birth of Liberty.

Its brazen voice again will sound
O'er forest, hill and glen,
A message to the nations
In a song of Peace to men.

Order of Exercises

1. SONG—"America" Elks' Band and Audience
Bro. Chas. Seymour, Director.

My country, tis of thee,
Sweet land of Liberty,
Of Thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims' Pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

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 by Thy might,
Great God, our King.

2. THE EVOLUTION OF THE FLAG.

3. OPENING SERVICES St. Louis Lodge No. 9, B. P. O. Elks

4. INVOCATION Bro. Dr. F. W. Trauernicht

5. READING—"History of the Flag" Bro. John M. Goodwin

6. SONG—"When the Boys Come Home" Apollo Club
Mr. Chas. Galloway, Director.

7. "BIRTH OF THE LIBERTY BELL."

8. SONG—"Land of Mine" Elks Quartette
Bro. John W. Besse Bro. John A. Rohan
Bro. Geo. M. Ravold Bro. J. J. Kessler

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9. "The Elks' Tribute to the Flag" Bro. Lawrence McDaniel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and to the Republic for which it stands.
One nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

THE AMERICAN CREED.

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon these principles of freedom: Equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

10. "The Salvation Army" Bro. Maj. Horace S. Rumsey
11. SONG—"The Americans Come" Apollo Club
12. "Patriotic Address" Hon. John S. Leahy
13. TABLEAU "COLUMBIA" Mrs. Jno. H. Morische

Grand Army and Confederate Veterans.
Spanish War Veterans.
138th Infantry.
128th Artillery.
110th Ammunition Train.
21st Hospital Unit.
12th Engineers.

Sailors.
Marines.
Ambulance Corps.
Red Cross.
Salvation Army.
Home Guards.
Boy Scouts.

14. "Star Spangled Banner" Apollo Club

Joseph Solari, Stage Director.