

Dedication of the American Flag in a Canadian Chapter
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(The American Flag is presented by the Marshall on the instruction of the Worthy Matron, behind the Altar. She then asks, her honored guest to give the Dedication address)

The Past Matron begins by addressing the Chapter:

Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Honored East, (If there are honored guests)

Sisters and Brothers:

Through the courtesy of your Worthy Matron, I am privileged to dedicate your new American flag on this your International Night (or any other occasion), we are indeed honored that it will have a place in your Chapter along with your treasured Canadian flag, for we Americans have grown to love and respect the beautiful flag of our neighboring country, Canada. Let us then as members of one great Order, look rather from the point of view that these two beautiful emblems of Honor, Trust, and Faith, your Canadian flag and our Stars and Stripes of two great Democracies have lived side by side at peace.

Sisters and Brothers may we, enlightened by the teachings of our Order, so live the great principles laid down by our Eastern Star, that our strength and faith may insure the keeping of this glorious example of friendliness and honor among neighbor nations and these two flags continue side by side at peace for all times.

Your Canadian flag and our Stars and Stripes represent the same principles of life, liberty, and happiness to all who are privileged to dwell beneath their protection. May God grant they continue to wave over two nations who live in peace, divided only by an invisible line.

Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of (Name of Canadian Chapter), it has been an honor and pleasure for me to officiate in this capacity please accept my thanks.