

## FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY

This Ceremonial is not mandatory. It is given as a guide or basis, to be used or altered, at the discretion of the Lodge.

*(At a given signal a fanfare is sounded, and a detail of Elks, together with a group of Servicemen and Scouts in uniform, if they are available, proceeds to the Flag-pole, with the Exalted Ruler at their head. After a second fanfare all stand at attention, and those who are in uniform come to the Salute as the Flag is broken out. The Exalted Ruler says:)*

"We salute the Flag, the Emblem of Freedom, Justice and Equality. We look upon it with pride and devotion, because it is a symbol of all that is noble and enduring in our way of life. We rejoice in the bounteous protection it affords to people of every race and creed, and we recognize in it the true expression of national unity and patriotic service."

"Our Flag is a source of deep inspiration to all of us. May we ever be ready to proclaim our steadfast faith in its beneficent influence, and may we continue to impress upon us and foster the high ideals it represents."

*(The gathering, led by the Exalted Ruler, gives three cheers, to be followed by "O Canada" from the band.)*

*(Refer to Etiquette and Decorum Manual, page 12, for Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children Flag Raising Ceremony.)*