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This is a patriotic ceremonys and because it requires only a Reader, and group singing by the members, it may be used by any Capter, whether large or small. Have mimeographed or typed copies of the songs, so all the members may take part. They love it.

Reader: Part One, is Sharing our National Heritage.

I HEAR AMERICA SINGING.....by Walt Whitman.

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear,
Those of mechanics, each one singing his as it should be,
blithe and strong,
The carpenter singing his as he measures his plank or beam,
The mason singing his as he makes ready for work, or leaves
off work;
The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat,

The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat, The deckhand singing on the steamboat deack.... The shoemaker singing as he sits at his bench, the hatter

The wood-outters' song, the ploughboy's on his way in the morn-

The wood-cutters' song, the ploughboy's on his way in the morning, or at noon intermission or at sundown;
The delicious singins of the mother, or of the young wife at
work, or of the girl sewing or washing,

Each singing what belongs to him or her and to no one else, The day what belongs to the day-at night the party of young fellows, robust, friendly,

Singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs.

Song: America.

Reader: Following the Norsemen of the year 1000, five hundred years later Columbus came to America. He was followed by other explorers, - Spanish, Portuguese, French, English and Dutch. Then came the Colonists. First, only two settlements, both Spanish existed - St. Augustine in Florida, and Santa Fe in New Mexico. After 1600, other settlements followed. The English made settlements first in Virginia in 1607, and in Massachusetts in 1620. The Dutch established a trading post on Manhattan Island before 1614, while the French concentrated their efforts in Canada. Other settlements followed.

Song: Yankee Doodle

Reader: The time came when the Colonists united for freedom, and the Revolution followed. Aided by the French, the Colonists established the thirteen independent States. In spite of great difficulties and hardships, the yearning for justice and freedom prevailed, and a new nation was born, destined to become the greatest in the world.

Song: Star Spangled Benner

Part Iwo, is Sharing our Regional Heritage.

Reader:

America's channels of growth were many. The Louisiana Purchase doubled the country's size. Exploration added claim to the Oregon Territory. The westward movement was great. The seed of a nation was developing into a full-grown plant. Settlements spread as far West as the Mississippi.

Song: Carry me back to Ole Virginia

Reader: The American Navy during the Revolution was a makeshift, but in 1794 six frigates were authorized, and this was only the beginning. Growth was more rapid after the war of 1812. The past of our Navy boasts not only names like Perry, Decatur, Farragut, John Paul Jones, and Tripoli, but its history is colorful and courageous.

Song: Marine Hymn

Reader: After the Constitution was adopted, new States began to ask for admission to the Union. The West was always the country just beyond, and meant different things at different times of history. We secured Florida, and the Oregon country, and them from Mexico a vast extent of land including California. Then gold was discovered in California, and pioneers moved west-ward, roads and railroads began, and the plant blossomed.

Song: Oh, Susanna

Resder: From mountains to the sea, vast herds of cattle rosmed, and cattle empires were built up. The colorful cowboy singing in the twilight was the forerunner of the stockyards and the beef marts of today.

Song: Home on the Range

Reader: America was the promised land of freedom and opportunity, and its fame spread to far-off places. Immigration swelled. The big cities became the home of all nationalties, Irish, Scotch, Scandinavians, Italians, Greeks and others. New York was a famous melting pot.

Song: Sidewalks of New York

Reader: Home meant America and America meant home. Pioneers or immigrants, native and foreign, made permanent homes and neighbored, and the land blossomed with the industry and inventiveness of this merging of peoples.

Song: Bone, Sweet Home

Reader:

Part Three, is The Heritage of Today

Opportunities are all about us, and each one must contribute what he can to the civilization he enjoys. We are amply protected from without and our tribute now is to our Armed Forces-- the Army, Navy, Marine and Air Corps.

Army Song: Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere

But each one within himself must be acting also for defense. Wars must not continue to ravage the world. We must live Democracy, we must share our heritage, and help the blind to see. Upon the thrilling foundations of our past, we must build a glorious future....a future that will last forever.

Song: America, the Beautiful.

This ends the ceremony.

This ceremony may be put on for the Good of the Order, or may be put on at an open or public meeting. It is equally suitable for either. If the Chapter has some special musical talents, some of the numbers may be instrumental, or solos, or duets. This rests upon the program committee.