

Song: Star Spangled Banner

Reader: Part Two, is Sharing our Regional Heritage.

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 then from Mexico a vast extent of land including California. Then gold was discovered in California, and pioneers moved westward, roads and railroads began, and the plant blossomed.

Song: Oh, Susanna

Reader: From mountains to the sea, vast herds of cattle reared, 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 nationalities, 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 neighborhoods, and the land blossomed with the industry and inventiveness of this merging of peoples.

Song: Home, 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.