

Knights of Columbus Flag Manual



FLAG MANUAL
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THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER
(The National Anthem of the United States
By Act of Congress, March 3, 1931)

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave;
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

On the shore dimly seen, thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty hosts in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream;
'Tis the Star - Spangled Banner; oh, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh, thus be it ever when free men shall stand,
Between their loved home and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Power that has made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust,"
And the Star - Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Francis Scott Key

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
(Approved by Act of Congress, December 22, 1942
and amended on June 14, 1954)

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all."

Frances Bellamy

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