

DAR RITUAL

Assembly Standing

Regent: To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; to promote the development of an enlightened public opinion; and to foster patriotic citizenship; these are the objects of our Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Chaplain: Keep that which is committed to thy trust.

All: Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Chaplain: Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee.

All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Chaplain: Our Father in Heaven, we thank You for Your abiding presence in the life of our country. We thank You for all those yesterdays of our human race whose lessons and fulfillments have become a heritage to us. Continue, we pray, Your blessings upon this nation that all who are part of it may learn true nobility of manhood and womanhood. Grant us growth in understanding and increasing devotion to righteousness. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

REGENT: You are welcomed as a member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Cobbs Hall Chapter.

Your eligibility for membership has been certified by the National Society by verification of proven lineal descent from an ancestor who gave aid to American Colonists during the American Revolution.

The National Society was organized by Eugenia Washington, Mary Desha, Ellen Hardin Walworth and Mary S. Lockwood, patriotic and dedicated women. They founded the organization for the purpose of cherishing, maintaining and extending the institution of American freedom for which Americans fought and died.

The Chaplain will now give the Oath of Membership in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

OATH OF MEMBERSHIP CHAPLAIN

Please raise your right hand and respond in the affirmative to the following questions. Do you promise faithful loyalty to the Bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the Florida State Society and Gainesville Chapter, God being your helper?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: Do you promise faithfully to uphold the Constitution of the United States and to respect the Flag of the United States of America, God being your helper?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: Do you promise that at all times you will promote the objectives of the National Society, which are historic preservation, education and patriotism, to the best of your ability, God being your helper?

RESPONSE: I do.

CHAPLAIN: You may lower your hand.

CHAPLAIN: *Let us pray:* Our Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts in prayer, grateful for the blessings of liberty and for the privilege of membership in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. We thank You for this (these) new member(s) who is (are) willing to give her (their) time, thought and talent in service to the National Society. May her (their) service be pleasing to her (them) and to You. Amen.