

REMARKS BY SENATOR BOB DOLE  
DEDICATION OF ELKS LODGE NO. 595  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS  
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FLAG DAY

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN LAWRENCE TO JOIN WITH FELLOW ELKS IN DEDICATING YOUR BEAUTIFUL LODGE AND FACILITIES.

YOU HAVE WORKED A LONG TIME TOWARD THIS DAY AND YOU CAN TAKE JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE IN YOUR ACHIEVEMENT.

IN ONE SENSE WE ARE HERE TO DEDICATE WORKS OF MAN -- THIS BUILDING AND ITS GROUNDS. BUT IN A LARGER SENSE WE ARE HERE TO RE-DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE IDEALS OF THE ELKS. THESE IDEALS HAVE BEEN SERVED THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY BY LODGES LARGE AND SMALL, AND THEY HAVE BEEN CARRIED TO EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD BY OUR BROTHERS.

FAITHFULNESS TO THESE IDEALS OF SERVICE, INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY LIFE AND FELLOWSHIP HAVE MADE THE ELKS A WORLDWIDE REPUTATION WHICH IS UNSURPASSED BY ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION.

TO BE AN ELK IS AN HONOR -- IT CARRIES RESPONSIBILITIES --  
IT ALSO MARKS ONE AS A CITIZEN WHO IS DEDICATED TO STRENGTHENING  
HIS COMMUNITY AND HIS COUNTRY.

YOU HAVE CHOSEN AN ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE DAY FOR THESE  
CEREMONIES. FLAG DAY IS ALSO AN OCCASION FOR RENEWAL AND REDEDICATION.  
ON THIS DAY WE PAUSE TO CONSIDER THE MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF  
OUR COUNTRY'S BANNER.

I AM SURE THE FLAG MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS TO EACH OF US, BUT  
ITS RED, WHITE AND BLUE ARE WOVEN INTO ALL OF US INDELIBLY.

AND THOUGH CONFUSION AND TURMOIL IN OUR DAILY LIVES SOMETIMES  
SURROUNDS US -- THE STRENGTH OF OUR PEOPLE AND OF AMERICA WILL ALWAYS  
SHOW THROUGH, JUST AS:

"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER IN TRIUMPH SHALL WAVE  
O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE."