

**SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION NUMBER 21
FLAG PROTOCOL**

GENERAL

- 21.1 The minimum number of flags to be displayed at a Bethel meeting shall be two (2). They shall be the National Emblem of the host country and the Bethel Flag.
- 21.2 When flags of two (2) or more nations are displayed, they shall be flown from separate staffs of the same height and shall be of the same approximate size.
- 21.3 At no time shall the flag be allowed to touch the floor, the Altar, the Bible or any other piece of furniture.
- 21.4 The nation's order of longevity in the Job's Daughters' world is as follows: The United States, Canada, Australia, The Philippines, Brazil.
- 21.5 Other flags (Masonic, Christian, etc.) may be displayed as determined by the governing jurisdiction. Their placement shall be to the left of the Junior Princess and to the right of the Bethel and State, Province or Territory flags.
- 21.6 All flags shall be presented and displayed following correct protocol and affording respect to their meaning.

ESCORT

- 21.10 All flags except that of Canada shall be carried on the left side of the body.
- 21.11 The Canadian flag shall be carried upright on the right side of the body.
- 21.12 The National Emblem of the host country shall be presented first followed by any others in the order of longevity (See 21.4). Should the Supreme Guardian be present, the National Emblem of her country, if different from that of the host, shall be presented second.
- 21.13 The State, Provincial or Territorial flag of the host Bethel, if presented, shall be first. Flags of other States, Provinces or Territories may be presented as appropriate. Alphabetical order may be followed.

HONORS

- 21.20 The National Anthem of the country shall be played after the flag is presented west of the Altar. The flag then shall be escorted to the East.
- 21.21 Tributes may be given to the national or other flags while at the Altar or in the East during receptions and installations.

DISPLAY IN THE EAST

- 21.30 Flag stands shall be placed in the East prior to the meeting or event. They shall be in line with the Honored Queen and Princesses.
- 21.31 The stand for the National Flag of the host country shall be the farthest right of the Senior Princess.
- 21.32 The stand for the Bethel Flag shall be farthest left of the Junior Princess.
- 21.33 Other stands shall be placed and filled as per the order of flag escort.
- 21.34 National flags shall be placed to the right of the Senior Princess.
- 21.35 All other flags shall be placed at the left of the Junior Princess with the Bethel Flag farthest left.

21.36 A Pledge of Allegiance may be given after the flag has been escorted to the East and after it has been placed in its stand. Countries not having such a Pledge may use an inspirational pledge as determined by the governing jurisdiction.

RETIRING

21.40 In countries where the National Emblem is normally retired, the instructions in the Ritual shall be followed