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FOURTH OF JULY AT THE HOME

Fourth of July at the Home at Macon dawned bright and warm, and found the members of the Home family prepared to celebrate to the utmost.

On entering our pleasant dining room to enjoy our early breakfast a flood of brilliant coloring greeted and surprised us. Decorations of artistically draped American flags made the room a bower of beauty, with a patriotic setting that thrilled our American hearts.

After our breakfast we were all invited to witness and participate in the great event of the day, our flag-raising. After great effort and many disappointments Charles A. Cameron succeeded in firmly planting at the front entrance of the Home a high flag pole, and there we gathered, headed by Superintendent Josie Cameron and assistant, Mr. Cameron, he carrying our flag and raising it to the top of the pole. As Old Glory spread its broad stripes and bright stars to the wind our stately superintendent stepped out and in clear, ringing tones repeated the wonderful pledge of allegiance to country and flag, for herself and her family. Then all joined in our great national anthem, earnestly voicing: "For the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

We had a very pleasant function at our evening meal, celebrating the highly honored birthday of Mrs. M. Hoberg, who was so fortunate as to be born on July 4. Seated at her place at the table, framed in a setting of flags, a beautiful birthday cake—the centerpiece on the table—made by our Home cook, and artistically decorated by our superintendent with small silk American flags—was a picture long to be remembered.

The speech of the occasion was delivered by Anna E. Manchester, who said that she voiced the approval of every member of the Home family in enthusiastically rejoicing over the revival of earnest patriotism in our Eastern Star and Masonic Home. The decorations, the unsurpassed beauty of the flag-raising, the beautifully prepared birthday cake, our superintendent proudly presiding at the diningroom festivities, decorated with the honored decoration of a past national aide of the Woman's Relief Corps of the G. A. R., and every member of the Home being decorated with a beautiful badge, the gift of Superintendent Josie Cameron, it was a patriotic hour. Ours is a patriotic family, headed by patriotic superintendents, and the speaker echoed the voices of all in "God bless our country, our flag and our honored superintendents."—Anna E. Manchester.

EASTERN STAR CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Eastern Star club took place July 12, and a social afternoon has been planned for July 26, at 2 p. m., in the club room, 501 Masonic Temple, to which everybody is cordially invited. Frappe will be served, and a good time is assured. Sisters Benton and Heinsfurter are the chairmen. For further details phone Superior 5867. Come and enjoy this carefully planned social, and bring your friends.—Ina Julien.