DEDICATION/REDEDICATION CEREMONIES

The purpose of the Freedom Shrine program is to encourage young people to gain a deeper understanding of the events that took place in the building of America. The Freedom Shrine documents illustrate how our forefathers showed strength and courage in changing the history of our nation.

Freedom Shrines are installed in schools, universities, libraries, state capitols, airports and other public places where they can be appreciated and studied. Although many Freedom Shrines are presented during Freedom Shrine Month, the following dedication/rededication program sample can be used throughout the year.

Sample Program Guide (approx. 45 min.)

Preliminary music while assembling — High School Band/Choir
Welcome (1 min.) — Student Council President serves as emcee
Presentation of Colors (2 min.) — Military or veteran’s unit
Song “Star-Spangled Banner” (2 min.) — Band and group singing
Pledge of Allegiance (1 min.) — Exchangite leads students
Invocation (2 min.) — Clergy
Introduction of Freedom Shrine Chairman (1 min.) — emcee
Dedication/Rededication Address (5 - 7 min.) — Freedom Shrine Chair
(Be certain the cosponsor(s) receives recognition)
Presentation of Pledge and Flag (2 min.) — Freedom Shrine Chair
Presentation of Contest Awards (3 min.) — Exchange Club President
Introduction of Guest Speaker (1 min.) — emcee
Major Address (15 - 20 min.) — Mayor, Judge or other government official
Introduction of School Principal (1 min.) — emcee
Remarks (3 - 5 min.) — Principal
Benediction (2 min.) — Clergy
Song “God Bless America” (2 min.) — Band and group singing
Recessional Music — Band