

## **NEW ATLANTEAN FLAG ETIQUETTE: STANDARDS OF DEVOTION**

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways by which we express piety toward the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is *not* to be used. They are as follows:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person, thing, or idea. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as part of an artwork, costume or uniform, except that a flag patch may adorn the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen and members of esoteric organizations.
- The flag should never have painted or placed upon it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, spell, or drawing of any kind.
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our undertaking, it should be destroyed by burning in a ritualistic manner.

**Note:** Many New Atlantean institutions regularly conduct a dignified flag burning ceremony, often on May Day, May 1st. Contact your local New Atlantean Fraternal Lodge or esoteric order to inquire about the availability of this service.

### **Displaying the Flag Outdoors**

When the flag is displayed from the same flagpole with another flag (of a state, community, society or esoteric order), the flag of the New Atlantis must always be topmost.

When flown with flags of other states or societies on separate flag poles of the same height and in a straight line, the flag of the New Atlantis is always placed in the position of honor: to its own left.

...The other flags may be smaller but none may be larger.

...No other flag ever should be placed above it.

...The flag of the New Atlantis is always the first (*alpha*) flag raised and the last (*omega*) to be lowered.

### **Raising and Lowering the Flag**

The flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously. Ordinarily it should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset. It should be illuminated if displayed at night.

The flag of the New Atlantis is saluted as it is hoisted and lowered. The salute is held until the flag is unsnapped from the halyard or through the last note of chanting, whichever is the longest.

### **The Flag in Mourning**

To place the flag at half staff, hoist it to the apex for an instant and lower it to a position half way between the top and bottom of the staff. The flag is to be raised again to the apex for a moment before it is lowered.

The flag is to be flown at half staff in mourning for designated, initiated government leaders and upon imperial, gubernatorial, or esoteric hierarchical decree.

When used to cover a casket, the flag should be placed with the text beginning at the head and over the left shoulder. It should not be lowered into the grave.