



AFFILIATION CEREMONY



Note: You may want to have a colored ribbon or carnations for the Color Stations to present to the Affiliate Candidate.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

We will now prepare for the Affiliation Ceremony.

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Sister of Faith, you will conduct our Sister to the Altar and place her in a kneeling position to receive the Degree of Affiliation.

(Faith enters the bow from the South with the Candidate. Faith places the candidate in a kneeling position to receive the obligation as in initiation; she takes one step back.)

FAITH:

During your Initiation, I was your constant companion. As a Sister of the Outer World, you entered the Assembly room and, holding fast to the hand of Faith, completed your journey. Being no longer a "Sister of the Outer World," you are certain that Faith is always with you. I shall, therefore, take leave of you here.

(The Worthy Advisor raps the Assembly up, then she and the Chaplain approach the Altar and stand as in Initiation.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

All adults, please remain standing. All members of the Rainbow, please kneel facing the Altar. My Sister, you are now facing the White Altar of the Holy Promise in the position in which you first received your obligation; at this time, you will renew those vows. Will all Rainbow Girls and the Candidate please repeat after me the Obligation of our Order (see Book of Traditional Instruction).

CHAPLAIN:

Our Father in Heaven, as we renew our vows at Thy Altar, let us feel Thy Divine Presence and let us be inspired once more to the high ideals of Love and Service. Grant that we may repeat those vows not as cold phrases void of meaning but as warm, living phrases that are a part of our lives. As the Rainbow is a glowing symbol of Thy covenant with us, so may our lives be living symbols of our covenant with Thee. Amen.

ASSEMBLY:

Lord, help us to keep our promise.

WORTHY ADVISOR:
Arise my Sister.

(Worthy Advisor offers her hand to the candidate; the Choir may sing an appropriate melody; the Worthy Advisor and Chaplain return to the East.)

The colors of our Rainbow represent the seven cardinal truths of our lives. Sisters of Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism and Service, what messages do you bring to our Sister?

(The Bow Officers form a bow in FRONT of the Altar, facing West by marching north and east into a bow with Love leading. They are finished when they are facing west forming a bow in front of the Altar.)

LOVE:
My Sister, the first ray of color in our bow is red. What lesson has this color taught you?

CANDIDATE:
The lesson of Love.

LOVE:
Love is like a silken cord, strong as a chain of steel, binding creation together. It is the fulfillment of every law and will open to you the beauty of every virtue. Once again, I entrust you with this color for safekeeping.

RELIGION:
My Sister, the second ray of color in our bow is Orange. What lesson has this color taught you?

CANDIDATE:
The lesson of Religion.

RELIGION:
Pure Religion is a life that finds its greatest exemplification in purity of living and purity of action. It should not be thought of as a form of slavery, but should be taught as Love and Service. Once again, I entrust you with this color for safekeeping.

NATURE:
My Sister, the third ray of color in our bow is Yellow. What lesson has this color taught you?

CANDIDATE:
The lesson of Nature.

NATURE:
Nature is out of doors and it is here in the freedom of the fields, away from the crowds, that you may commune with God. Once again I entrust you with this color for safekeeping.

IMMORTALITY:
My Sister, the fourth ray of color in our bow is Green. What lesson has this color taught you?

CANDIDATE:

The lesson of Immortality.

IMMORTALITY:

Death, my Sister, with all its solemnity may come to you, but your soul is immortal, for it was the Master of Life who said, "I am the resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." Once again, I entrust you with this color for safekeeping.

FIDELITY:

My Sister, the fifth ray of color in our bow is Blue. What lesson has this color taught you?

CANDIDATE:

The lesson of Fidelity.

FIDELITY:

Fidelity, my Sister, is the greatest manifestation of the strength of the human character. Those who would be truly happy must learn to be true and faithful to every vow. Once again, I entrust you with this color for safekeeping.

PATRIOTISM:

My Sister, the sixth ray of color in our bow is Indigo. What lesson has this color taught you?

CANDIDATE:

The lesson of Patriotism.

PATRIOTISM:

Let me ever remind you to raise your voice in defense of our flag. Whether the future shall have war or peace, it shall have Patriotism, for at this station you dedicate your life to that program. Once again, I entrust you with this color for safekeeping.

SERVICE:

My Sister, the seventh ray of color in our bow is violet. What lesson has this color taught you?

CANDIDATE:

The lesson of Service.

SERVICE:

Those who give themselves to service are the crowned queens of every Assembly. It is the service which you perform that will turn into pure gold and for it, and it alone, will you receive just recompense of reward. Once again, I entrust you with this color for safekeeping.

(The Bow Officers return to their stations with Love leading and dropping off as each arrives at her chair. The Musician may play appropriate music. Hope and Charity approach the Altar and stand in front, facing West.)

HOPE:

My sister, after a time of great disaster upon the earth, God first established Hope by His beautiful Rainbow Promise. It has always remained as a fountain of clear, sparkling water from which to drink in time of despair.

CHARITY:

And now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity; these three, but the greatest of these is Charity. My Sister, remember that Charity includes not only alms for the poor and kindness for the distressed, but also the guarding against vicious gossip and unkind words. It is the key that will unlock the door to happiness.

(Hope and Charity return to their stations.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct our Sister past the station of the Worthy Associate Advisor where she will make the sign of the Rainbow as a symbol of her victory and then travel with her to the East.

(Drill Leader enters the bow from the South, leaves from the North, travels West and stops with the candidate in front of the Worthy Associate Advisor where the candidate makes the sign of the Rainbow; the Worthy Associate Advisor responds. They then approach the East, passing on Charity's side, and stop in front of the Worthy Advisor.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

(Gives a few words of welcome.)

MOTHER ADVISOR:

(Gives a few words of welcome.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct our Sister to the Recorder's desk where she will be required to sign our by-laws, and then seat her in the Assembly.

(The Worthy Advisor may ask the Assembly to salute the new member with the sign of the Rainbow and a hearty cheer.)
