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(Revised to conform with current guidelines regarding non-active Rainbow Members in the altar area, etc. Officers needed for this ceremony: Worthy Matron, Marshal, Chaplain, Faith, Hope, Charity, WAA, and seven bow officers for a total of 14; the Marshal and Chaplain can be male.)

WORTHY ADVISOR

Will the Crowning Team please enter the Assembly Room.
(The Worthy Matron and other officers enter the Assembly Room; the WM proceeds to the East and, while remaining on the floor level, addresses the other members of the Crowning Team, who have formed an oversized bow behind the seated Bow Officers)

WORTHY MATRON

We have been invited here to crown Miss _____, Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly # _____. You will take your stations and prepare for our duties.
(The Marshal advances East and stands to the right of the Drill Leader's station. Those assuming the Bow Officers' stations stand behind each position. Those assuming the stations of Chaplain, Faith, Hope, Charity and the Worthy Associate Advisor stand to the side of the seated officer. The Chaplain should remain on the floor level.)

WORTHY MATRON

Sister Marshal, you will present Miss _____ at the altar, where she will kneel while the Chaplain leads us in prayer.

(The Marshal escorts the new Worthy Advisor by the right arm TO the altar area where the new Worthy Advisor kneels, with head bowed. The Marshal remains outside the altar area. The retiring Worthy Advisor raises the assembly prior to prayer.)

CHAPLAIN

(Praying from the East a prayer of his/her own choosing/writing. The new Worthy Advisor stands at the altar when the retiring Worthy Advisor seats the assembly after the prayer.)

WORTHY MATRON

Sister _____, during your Initiation you were taught certain lessons by the members of the Bow, as well as by the sisters of Faith, Hope and Charity. To renew the meaning of these beautiful lessons, you will be conducted again on the Rainbow Trail that you might be reminded of the lessons taught in your Assembly. These lessons should be a way of life each day you live.

Sister Marshal, you will conduct Miss _____ to the station of Faith.

(The new Worthy Advisor exits the altar area, near the Marshal (on Hope's side) and is escorted around the room to the Sister of Faith. The Marshal steps to the sidelines and waits until the Worthy Advisor finishes her travels through the Bow before she again takes charge of the Worthy Advisor.)

MARSHAL

Sister of Faith, by order of the Worthy Matron, I present _____ to travel with you on the Rainbow Trail.

FAITH

My dear girl, Faith should be your constant companion in life, for without Faith one would falter at every trial, temptation and tragedy. As we travel, have Faith and I will lead you through the beautiful Rainbow Trail.

(Faith takes the Worthy Advisor's arm and advances East, then South to the station of Love where she starts her into the altar area, assuming her own position behind the Bow Officer who will be speaking - after she makes the following statement. As the Chapter chooses, a flower in the appropriate color can be presented to the Worthy Advisor by each bow officer.)

Sisters of the Bow, by order of the Worthy Matron, I present _____ that she might renew the lessons taught here.

LOVE

_____, I represent the red ray of love. This ray reminds us of God's Love. Remember, if we love others as He first loved us, there would be no room in our lives for hate.

RELIGION

The orange ray of Religion teaches a lesson that should be an enjoyable way of life. We should be religious and visit often with God to learn how better to travel through life.

NATURE

The yellow ray of nature teaches us to take time from our busy schedules to be in the great out-of-doors, for there we can better commune with God and see His wonderful creations.

IMMORTALITY

_____, you are so young, but now is the time to prepare for an Immortal Life. The green ray of Immortality teaches us to live as we are taught by God's word and to prepare for life eternal.

FIDELITY

The blue ray of Fidelity teaches us to be ever faithful, and to always stand steadfast for what is right. We should live our lives so that others cannot question our integrity.

PATRIOTISM

The indigo ray of Patriotism teaches that our country has given each of us many opportunities not offered around the world. We need to always respect our flag and contribute to what it represents that others might enjoy the freedom we have.

SERVICE

The violet ray of service teaches us that every day of life should provide us with an opportunity to be of service to someone. Remember, no service is too small, and that in life, we harvest what we sow. Sow the seeds of service everyday, and begin this day.

(The new Worthy Advisor returns to her position before the altar [inside the altar area as before]; the Faith remains standing near Service's station, returning to her "station" as the Marshal again directs the Worthy Advisor.)

WORTHY MATRON

My sister, the lessons of the bow are for a lifetime; live by them and your rewards will be great. Sister Marshal, you will conduct Miss _____ to the stations of the sister of Hope, the Worthy Associate Advisor and the sister of Charity to complete her Rainbow Trail.

(The new Worthy Advisor joins the Marshal by exiting the altar area [on Charity's side], and is escorted by the Marshal toward the East, then to the station of Hope, where the two pause.)

MARSHAL

Sister of Hope, by order of the Worthy Matron, I present Miss _____.

HOPE

Hope always awaits you, helping to erase any doubt you may have. I will always stand steadfast with you. The Marshal will now travel with you to the Station of the Worthy Associate Advisor.

MARSHAL

Sister Worthy Associate Advisor, by order of the Worthy Matron, I present Miss _____.

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR

Miss _____, this was your last position; you have now been elevated to the station of the Worthy Advisor in the East; I would remind you that your elevation is only for a short period of time. You, too, will soon return to the ranks. Lead your assembly with a firm but understanding hand. Be patient and kind to all, for a good leader is but a servant to those she leads. Sister Marshal, you will conduct Miss _____ to the station of Charity.

MARSHAL

Sister of Charity, by order of the Worthy Matron, I present Miss _____.

CHARITY

In God's words, Charity is love. To love as God loved is to give of one's self without second thoughts and to love with all our heart. You have reached the last station of your Rainbow Trail and you are now ready to be crowned Worthy Advisor of your Assembly. Sister Marshal, you will conduct Miss _____ to the East where she will receive the crown of her assembly.

MARSHAL

(addressing the Worthy Matron) Miss _____ has walked with me and the Sister of Faith on her Rainbow Trail of Remembrance and is now ready to receive the crown of her assembly.

WORTHY MATRON

Sister Marshal, you will prepare for the crowing of Miss _____.

(The Mother Advisor raises the Assembly. The Worthy Matron takes the Worthy Advisor's left hand and faces the West in front on the altar area; the Marshal escorts the retiring Worthy Advisor, who is wearing the crown, by holding her right hand. All proceed to the altar [as in the Masonic Crowning Ceremony]. The Marshal removes the Crown from the retiring Worthy Advisor's head, and hands it to the Worthy Matron who, holding it, states the following.)

WORTHY MATRON

By authority invested in me as Worthy Matron of _____ Chapter, # _____, Order of the Eastern Star, and with much love, I crown you Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly # _____, and bid you God speed on your journey through this term.

The Worthy Matron escorts the new Worthy Advisor while the Marshal escorts the retiring Worthy Advisor.

The new Worthy Advisor seats the assembly and immediately thanks the Crowning Team, asking the Worthy Matron to introduce her officers.

WORTHY MATRON

The crowning team will now retire.