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(Ceremony written by Aunt Polly Norton Pledge Assembly #3 and Daylite Assembly #22)

(The new Worthy Advisor should be familiar with the floor work of this ceremony so she can help the Pledge Drill Leader be at the right places.)

INSTALLING OFFICER

Sister Marshal, you will escort the Pledge Sister of _____ Pledge Assembly Number ____ to the East.

PLEDGE SISTER

The Officers of _____ Pledge Assembly Number ____ will enter the assembly room and assume their stations.

(The members of the Pledge Assembly enter and assume their stations, standing to the side of the Rainbow line officers, and behind the stations of the Bow Officers. Pledge Sister proceeds to the East and speaks to the new Worthy Advisor and the Assembly.)

Sisters of the Rainbow - as Rainbow Pledges we have promised to follow in your footsteps so that one day soon we may be Rainbow Girls also. In Pledge, we are taught to have trust in God, to perform acts of kindness each day, to bring happiness to those we meet and to live by the lessons of Rainbow. I ask you to join the Drill Leader, that she may guide you through our Garden of Color. As you hear their words, always remember there is a Pledge looking for your guidance.

Sister Drill Leader, you will escort our Rainbow Sister that she might hear the lessons we have for her.

(The Pledge Drill Leader escorts the new Worthy Advisor into the Bow area from Love's station. The Pledge Drill Leader assumes her position behind each station of the Blossom and moves around the Blossom as each officer gives her presentation. [This is the same procedure we use during a Masonic Crowning Ceremony.] If the Pledge group wants, they could offer a token flower representing each Petal - silk may be a great idea as it could be re-used many times.)

RED PETAL

Sister of the Rainbow, I am the Red Petal. I represent the importance of love in your life, which is a gift from God to you and to me.

(If the Pledge Sisters have a token to offer, each does it as she finishes her message.)

ORANGE PETAL

Sister of the Rainbow, I am the Orange Petal. I represent the importance of religion in your life and the faith we have in God and in each other.

YELLOW PETAL

Sister of the Rainbow, I am the Orange Petal. I represent the beauty of nature in your life and the sun that allows all lessons in our Garden of Color to grow.

GREEN PETAL

Sister of the Rainbow, I am the Orange Petal. I represent the value of fidelity in your life and true friendship in good times and bad.

INDIGO PETAL

Sister of the Rainbow, I am the Orange Petal. I represent the importance of Patriotism in your life and the love for the land our Garden of Color grows in.

VIOLET PETAL

Sister of the Rainbow, I am the Orange Petal. I represent the promise of service in your life which is the key to happiness that makes our Rainbow Blossom complete.

(The Worthy Advisor stands near the Violet Petal [Service's Station] and faces the East with the Drill Leader, waiting further instruction.)

DRILL LEADER

Pledge Sister, I have obeyed your command.

PLEDGE SISTER

Sister of the Rainbow, you have heard the lessons of the Rainbow Blossom in our Garden of Color. Although each is only a single petal, they work together to make a difference in our lives with the lessons of Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism, and Service.

Sister Drill Leader, you will escort our Rainbow Sister on her journey and then return her to the altar.

(The Drill Leader continues to escort the Worthy Advisor to the sisters of Friendship, Kindness and Happiness, finishing at the altar where the Worthy Advisor kneels, facing West.)

FRIENDSHIP

Like many others, you are searching for understanding of the world we live in. I am always here to guide you on your journey through our Garden of Color, and give you these words to live by: True happiness is found through the service you perform. I hope you At my station we learn to be charitable. We learn that we can only find true happiness through our kindness to others and unselfish deeds. I hope you will lead a life of unselfish charitable deeds.

HAPPINESS

At my station, we are taught to have happiness in our hearts and to hope for the good things in life, not only for ourselves, but for everyone. I hope you will try to find happiness in all you do.

(If the retiring Worthy Advisor has the crown on, the Drill Leader should escort her to altar as well, after leaving the new Worthy Advisor there, so the crown can be removed from her head and placed on the new Worthy Advisor's head.)

PLEDGE SISTER

The Pledge Chaplain will now lead us in prayer.

(Someone in the East, like the Mother Advisor, should raise the assembly. The Pledge Chaplain can give her prayer from her position in the east.)

CHAPLAIN

Our heavenly Father, we ask your blessing to rest upon our Rainbow Sisters. May they have your divine guidance throughout this Term. We pray the lessons they learn will go with them throughout their lives. Amen.

(The Pledge Sister must move from the East to the Altar so she can do the crowning.)

PLEDGE SISTER

As Pledge Sister of _____ Pledge Assembly Number ____, it gives me great pleasure to crown you as Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly Number ____.

The Pledge Drill Leader escorts the retiring Worthy Advisor while the Pledge Sister escorts the Worthy Advisor to the East. The Worthy Advisor either introduces the Pledge Members herself or asks the Pledge Sister to introduce her Pledge Sisters.

PLEDGE SISTER

The Officer of _____ Pledge Assembly Number ____ will now retire.

NOTES

- Some minor revisions may be necessary to make this run smoothly for the young Pledge Members.
- While we expect memory work to be well done by Rainbow Girls, Pledge Members are not always held to the same "more mature" standard. The Pledge Mother can assist by reprinting these parts on small note cards for the girls to refer to. The Pledge Members should practice before they perform this Ceremony so they are as prepared and comfortable with their role as they can be.)