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NOTE: When this ceremony is used other than at Grand Assembly, please make the appropriate adjustments.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Today we celebrate our fathers. We offer our thanks and our love to those men in our lives who are always there, behind the scenes, trying hard to make sure our lives are filled with dreams that come true. Fathers, you do everything to make sure your children are happy and secure. We Rainbow Girls love you and appreciate your many efforts on our behalf.

Will the State Rainbow Dad, the Assembly Rainbow Dads and all fathers of Rainbow Girls please retire for escort.

Sister Drill Leader, please escort the State Rainbow Dad, the Assembly Rainbow Dads and all fathers of Rainbow Girls to the East facing West.

(The Drill Leader rises when spoken to, then escorts the men to the East, facing West, from West to East along the South side in a simple straight line; then double back to the South if the line is too long.)

LOVE:

I have so many reasons to be proud that you are my father, for a father's love is constant and true. You have always loved me, and I will always love you.

RELIGION:

May the Lord of all Creation always shine His light on you. May you be religious and may we follow your example. And when you pray, pray for me; and I will always pray for you.

NATURE:

You accept people just as they are, and genuinely appreciate the qualities that make each one of them unique. My wish for you is that you always are surrounded by the beauty of Nature, so when needed, you may be renewed by Nature's gift.

IMMORTALITY:

From you I have learned that a man can be strong and still be sensitive to the needs of others. For this characteristic you will find that even after you leave this life, thoughts of you will remain with me forever. You will always live in my heart.

FIDELITY:

You are a man people can look up to. They know they can always count on your word. To you I will always be true and loyal. You will always be trusted by me for you are not only my father, but my friend.

PATRIOTISM:

By your example, you have taught me how to win, how to loose, and how to gain from every experience. You are a man of many colors. You taught me to be proud of our country, our flag and the lessons of patriotism. You are true red, white and blue. The flag of this country flies high for you.

SERVICE:

You have taught me that giving of yourself without expectation of reward is what builds character; that the helping of another person, no matter the task is the reward. I hope that someday I will be able to render to others the help, love and service that you have shown me.

(The Bow Stations sit; Service hands the mike to the Page who gives the mike to Faith)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sisters of Faith, Hope and Charity, what words of love do you have for our fathers? *(These Sisters rise together)*

FAITH:

Though years will pass, and we may be separated by distance; though the seasons change and with these changes my world may be filled with new hopes and dreams; though others may become a part of my life, always remember that you were the first in my life, and my heart will always be filled with love for you, for you have Faith in me.

HOPE:

I often wonder what kind of person I would be if for some reason you had not been my father. I think of the values I might not have been taught, and I wonder if I would have grown up liking myself; or whether I would have had the opportunities I have had. It is now that I realize how lucky I am to have a father who cares for me the way you do. And I feel that I was meant to be your child, because if I had been given the chance to choose which father I would have - I would have chosen you. I Hope you know how loved you are.

CHARITY:

It seems like I've told people throughout my life about my Dad; about how you are always there for me, always giving, always caring, always loving me. But I have never told you how much you mean to me. Simple words do not always do justice to the wealth of feeling I have for you in my heart. I am happy to say that you are my father. I love and thank you and cherish you in my heart.

(Faith, Hope and Charity sit together. Later the WAA rises and is seated when she finishes her presentation)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister Worthy Associate Advisor, will you please share your words of love and admiration for our fathers.

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR:

Father, I am grateful to you for giving me life and for loving me as only a father can. But there is another emotion I feel for you, perhaps the greatest compliment that can be given to you as a father is that I respect you. I respect the person you are. I respect all that you have done and the efforts you have made. You have my love, gratitude and most of all my respect.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Thank you, Father, for all the feelings you have shared with us, the stories you have told. Thanks for all the times you've been there for us and reached out to help us sort out our thoughts that we might get to know ourselves better. Thanks for all the time you have spent with us, those moments doing something special just for us. Thanks for all the times you made us feel like somebody special. You have Faith in our dreams - and Hope for our future.

Thank you for all the giving, all the time, all the hugs and caring, and all the love, especially the love.

Sister Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer. (3 raps)

CHAPLAIN:

Dear God, you knew all children needed someone to look up to, to respect and in whom we would have confidence. You knew as we grew up we would need the reassurance of someone with faith and trust in us, who would always give us fatherly love. So you took the strength of things eternal and matched them to the special needs of human hearts and You made fathers. We each thank you for our very own Dad, our Assembly Rainbow Dads, and our State Rainbow Dad. Amen.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sisters, you will join me in a hearty thank you to our dads. (after applause.)
Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct our Dads to their seats.

(one rap)

(When all Dads have been seated or otherwise exited the Assembly Room, the Drill Leader returns to her Station. The Worthy Advisor then raps 2 times)

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