

CHAPTER 6

CEREMONIES

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.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

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.)

BOOK OF TIME CEREMONY

(Optional, for use at Installation)

The day is come and so I strain to read as best I may
A page upon the Book of Time opened here this day.
A book wherein are written the names of the girls
Who will serve for a term,
Who will love Rainbow one and all
Throughout their lives, without a fault.
So in the Rainbow Book of Time untold,
They sign their names with the Pen of Gold.

The Worthy Advisor signs, and as she writes
A vision comes from out of the night.
A presence near the Book of time
Watches as she writes her name,
and says to her in sweet accord,
"Do all who sign here Love the Lord?"
For only those who do, I'm told
May sign this book with the Pen of Gold

The Pen of Gold is taken now by the Worthy Associate Advisor
Who makes a vow to ably assist in every line,
As she writes her name in the Book of Time.

Charity signs, her pledge she makes,
To give her Service for the sake
Of aiding those searching for the Pot of Gold
At the end of the Rainbow, we are told.

The Pen of Gold is taken now by Hope,
Who makes a vow to be with the girls in time of doubt.
Whether sunlight or darkness is about,
Hope always awaits you, we are told,
She signs with the Pen of Gold.

But the waiting presence softly said to them,
"You must have Faith in God and Man."
So Faith clasps now the golden Pen.
She represents girlhood when all is bright,
And the Holy Bible, symbol of White Light.

The Recorder and Treasurer advance in manner kind,

To inscribe their names in the Book of Time,
To make their pledge to guard the funds of all,
For their's is the task that character tests,
But ... they agree to do their best.

"God, let me be aware, let me now stumble down the ways,
Please keep me eager, just to do my share.
God, let me be aware."
The Chaplain writes this prayer to revive,
So in Christ shall all be made alive.

The Drill Leader now advances ... and falters
For the Presence is again before the Alter,
and asks, "What wilt thou unite?"
'Tis this, I'll lead the way and guide those who
Come here to take their vows so true;
Encourage them and show the way,
To serve the Lord in all their days.

(Read each Color Station's part when that officer starts to walk to the Altar to sign the Book of Time)

The Rainbow rays before you stand,
And Love now takes the Pen in hand.
Religion follows closely by ...
And Nature shows how time does fly...
Immortality symbolizes eternal life...
Fidelity with color of Royal Blue...
Indigo teaches Patriotism in peace and strife...
And Service, last, of violet hue,
Has healing power I entrust to you.
Until your Rainbow Dreams come true.

The two Observers of the Rainbow Treasures,
Whose duties are beyond all measures,
Await the Presence who whispers now,
"Take Pen in hand and sign your vow."
All high ideals we keep for you,
Until your Rainbow Dreams come true.

The Musician and Choir Director, vow to sing and play,
Our Rainbow music in an understanding way.

The grace in bearing our flags they shall hold,
Our Flag Bearers now sign with a pen of gold.

These Rainbow Girls will be installed this day,
Having signed this book in the Rainbow way.
Their promise is made until time does end,
In this Book of Time, with the Golden Pen.

(Flag Bearer portion added by Mt. Rose Assembly, 8/96)

CROWING CEREMONY

PERFORMED BY RAINBOW SISTERS

(Optional, for use at Installation)

INSTALLING OFFICER:

Will the Line Officers please approach the East?

(The Worthy Associate Advisor walks with square corners to Hope's Station; Hope stands and waits for her. At the same time, Faith approaches Charity's Station; Charity stands and waits for her. When all are in their places, they approach the East.)

INSTALLING OFFICER (to the new Worthy Advisor):

These girls are your Line Officers. You can work diligently, but without their true faith in you and their hope that you will fulfill your desires, you can not have complete success during your term.

(to the Line Officers) Do you promise to work for the complete success of _____'s term, aiding her in the Assembly's work, making this Assembly one of the best?

LINE OFFICERS in unison:

We do.

INSTALLING OFFICER:

Will you work for her and the Assembly, showing that you all are Sisters and to be successful Sisters you must be united. And will you ever remember that any success she enjoys is contributed by your unselfish efforts?

LINE OFFICERS in unison:

We do.

(WAA takes one step out of line and speaks, returning to line for the next officer to speak.)

As Worthy Associate Advisor of this Assembly I promise to be at your side at all times. Come to me in times of trouble or despair because, _____, I promise I will always be there.

HOPE:

I, too, as Charity, realize the difficult position you have and promise to always work in your behalf. I promise to chair the fund-raising projects of the Assembly. Remember at all times to be charitable to others for this is what we learn at my station.

HOPE:

As Hope of this Assembly, I will give just that to you. You have learned that Hope always awaits you. In your darkest hours and when you have doubts, Hope is always there. Hope for the good things in life and they will be yours.

FAITH:

Faith should be your constant companion in life; without Faith one would falter at every trial, temptation and tragedy as we travel. Have Faith and God will lead you through your term of office.

INSTALLING OFFICER:

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

CHAPLAIN:

Dear God. We bow our heads in prayer, and ask that you guide us through this term; help us to lend a hand each day, and spread Love and Charity along the way, being ever mindful of the lessons told, whose teachings to others they may enfold. Give us courage; protect us with Thy glory so we may continue to tell the Rainbow story. Amen.

ASSEMBLY:

Lord, help us to keep our Promise.

INSTALLING OFFICER:

You have heard the promises of your Line Officers but they are not all you will need. Will the members of _____ Assembly, # __, please stand? Sisters, the Worthy Advisor and Line officers are very important its true, but believe me, we could have not Assembly without the true support of each of you.

Do the Members promise to be active and to be the backbone for this Assembly in every way?

ASSEMBLY: We do.

____(Worthy Advisor)____, you have heard the pledges of the Line Officers and the Members of this Assembly. If help is needed, please remember, we will be backing you every minute and, remember, you get from your office exactly what you put in to it.

(The Line Officers form two lines like out-going march, allowing the Installing Officer and the new Worthy Advisor to walk between the rows to the Altar; she kneels at the Altar.)

INSTALLING OFFICER:

As Installing Officer and a Member of your Assembly, it gives me great pleasure to crown you Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly, #__, for the ensuing term. May you wear this crown with dignity and pride and always work for the best interest of our Assembly. Congratulations.

DEMOLAY ROBINING CEREMONY

The DeMolay Chapter follows its regular procedures for Installation until they are installed.

INSTALLING OFFICER

Brother Marshal, you will invite the Officers of _____ Assembly # __, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, to enter the Chapter room.

MARSHAL

(Speaks upon reaching the doors and opening them.) My sisters, it is the wish of the Installing Master Councilor that you enter the Chapter room. *(The Marshal conducts the Worthy Advisor to the East.)*

INSTALLING OFFICER

My Sister, as a symbol of our fraternal relationship as members of the Masonic family, and as a token of friendship which exists between our Orders, it is my pleasure to invite the Officers of _____ Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, to install our Brother as Master Councilor of _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

WORTHY ADVISOR

On behalf of _____ Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I accept your invitation to install _____ as the new Master Councilor of _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay. *(The Worthy Advisor turns and faces the altar; she remains on the main floor level.)*

Sisters, you will enter the Chapter room. *(The Officers enter the room in the usual manner, forming a bow except for the line officers who group themselves about the altar, Faith at the northwest corner, Charity at the north, and Hope at the south, as in balloting; and the Worthy Associate Advisor to the west.)*

Sister Drill Leader, you will present _____ at the altar, upon which rests the Holy Bible, symbol of White Light, where he will stand with bowed head. *(The Chaplain advances to the East and escorts the Worthy Advisor and the new Master Councilor to the altar where they place themselves as in Initiation.)*

CHAPLAIN

Our Father, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind. We pray that you will grant this young man wisdom; aid him so his efforts on behalf of this Chapter of young men may prosper under his leadership and guidance and that the individual members profit from his administration. Amen. *(The Worthy Advisor and Chaplain return to the East; the Worthy Advisor seats the Chapter.)*

WORTHY ADVISOR

Officers, assume your proper places in the Chapter Room. *(The Drill Leader remains at the altar with the Master Councilor.)*

Sister Drill Leader, you will present the Master Councilor to the Sister of Faith.

DRILL LEADER

Sister of Faith, I present to you, by order of the Worthy Advisor, Brother _____, newly elected Master Councilor of the _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay. (Drill Leader returns to her station by following Faith and the Master Councilor to that position.)

FAITH

Brother Master Councilor. I am Faith; I will go with you on your journey through this installation, and thence throughout life that you may have faith in God, in man, in woman, and in every righteous thing. Let me guide you on your way. (Faith conducts him into the bow, facing west where the Bow Officers address him.)

My Sisters, I present Brother _____.

LOVE

Brother _____, my color is red. It symbolizes love and devotion. Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself."

RELIGION

My station is religion. Its color is orange. Religion is defined in the new testament by St. James as "Pure religion, undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

NATURE

The third station is called Nature. My color is yellow. Remember it is in the great out of doors, away from the crowds and social activities, that God speaks to you.

IMMORTALITY

The fourth station is called Immortality. My color is green. Jesus 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."

FIDELITY

My station is Fidelity. My color is blue, a symbol of loyalty and truth. Great confidence has been place in you by selecting you for this office. Heed the words given at this station and begin at this moment to be true to every vow.

PATRIOTISM

My station is Patriotism. Its color is indigo. Here you re-dedicate your life to your country and its flag, the symbol of American civilization, enlightenment and liberty.

SERVICE

My station is Service. My color is violet. You can never know the meaning of the other lessons until you learn the meaning of offering yourself as a living sacrifice in the service of others.

(Faith now conducts the Master Councilor to the Hope as she stands near the altar area.)

FAITH

I present Brother _____.

HOPE

Brother Master Councilor. I am Hope, symbolic in the Rainbow of God's promise. "The storm clouds of the north vanish under the rays of the sun at noonday and, in the words of the Sacred Writer, 'And the bow shall be in the cloud and I shall look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living thing that is upon the earth.' " The responsibilities of your office are many, and you are to remember that Hope always awaits you. Sister of Faith, you will present Brother _____ to the Worthy Associate Advisor.

(Faith escorts the Brother to the Worthy Associate Advisor, while speaking.)

FAITH

"And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I can remove mountains and have not charity, I am nothing."

I present Brother _____.

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR

My Brother, I am pleased to welcome you to the station in the West. You are for a short time to be a leader of a group of young men. Although you are elevated for this short time to a station above them, you must treat them with impartiality and equality at all times, and your term in office will be remembered in the years that are to come. Sister of Faith, you will present Brother _____ to the station of Charity.

(Faith proceeds to Charity while speaking.)

FAITH

"Now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity. These three, but the greatest of these is Charity."

CHARITY

My Brother, I am pleased to welcome you to the station in the North. We now accept you as the Master Councilor of this Chapter. My office symbolizes the end of the journey. It is the last lesson and we would impress upon you that the real secret of life that leads to happiness is Charity. May God help you and keep your life the living

example of your office. Sister of Faith, you will conduct our Brother to the Worthy Advisor in the East who will be pleased to invest him with the robe of his office.

FAITH

Worthy Advisor, I am pleased to present to you Brother _____ who is to receive from you the robe of his office.

WORTHY ADVISOR

Sister Drill Leader, you will present the robe in the East. (Drill leader retrieves the robe and remains beside the Worthy Advisor to help place the robe.)

Brother _____, at the request of the installing officer and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I invest you with this robe, symbol of your authority as Master Councilor of _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Be zealous in your work and may the blessing of the Almighty God be on you and this Chapter over which you preside. (Worthy Advisor raises the group with three raps of the gavel.)

Master Councilor, behold the members of your Chapter; members of _____ Chapter, behold your Master Councilor and greet him with a hearty cheer.

Rainbow officers retire in the usual manner and stand in a bow while the CHAPLAIN gives the benediction:

I pray the prayer that the Easterners do,
May the peace of Allah abide with you.
Wherever you stray, wherever you go,
May the beautiful flowers of Allah grow,
So I touch my heart as the Easterners do,
May the peace of Allah abide with you.

WORTHY ADVISOR

Officers of _____ Assembly, you will invest each of the officers of _____ Chapter, Order of DeMolay, with the robe of his office.

(As the Drill Leader and Faith get the robes, the Marshal reads the names of the two officers of be robed. They go behind the altar and Hope and Charity put the robes on them.)

DREAM BOAT CEREMONY

(Optional, for use at Installation)

(Officers enter the Assembly room as each name is called; WA through Drill Leader are individually escorted; Color Stations enter without the assistance of the Marshal other than Love; the Marshal individually escorts the remaining officers. The Recorder should have a copy of this ceremony in advance so she can WRITE the names of the officers in, rather than fumbling with multiple pieces of paper to get the names in the right places.)

Above the gateway of our lighted pathway, we see the colors of our beautiful Rainbow. The glory and strength of these brilliant rays lead all who enter into a life of loving service.

Along the lighted pathway steps a young woman. The eyes of all are upon her, for she is to be the Worthy Advisor of this Assembly, _____. In her hands has been placed a great trust. She has been given the confidence of her associates that she may help those about her discover the true meaning of Rainbow. Guided firmly by faith and love, she will not fail in her responsibility.

Following close is one whose power is symbolized by her title, Worthy Associate Advisor, _____. She teaches that although life's trials are hard, our pathway will not be so difficult if we are guided by high ideals.

The greatest of all virtues is Charity, _____. With wisdom and grace, she tells the true meaning of the Pot of Gold. Her sisters look up to her with loving gratitude for her devoted service.

And not unlike Charity is Hope, _____, who always awaits us with a guiding hand. Whether in trouble or happiness, she brings us words of encouragement and inspiration.

To help Hope and Charity is Faith, _____, who is a girl's best friend. Her's is the firm guiding hand that leads us through trouble and brings us close to the teachings of God.

To have faith and trust in our sisters has ever been the teaching in Rainbow. We place that confidence in our Sister Recorder, _____, who will do her work willingly and well, although her duties will be heavy.

Another who shares the confidence of her sisters is the Treasurer, _____. Hers is an office that demands the utmost accuracy and fidelity.

To bring us closer to our Heavenly Father in our devotion is the Chaplain, _____, whose soft words of prayer supplant our fears with courage and strength.

The dignity and beauty of our Assembly is exemplified by the Drill Leader, _____, whose graceful leadership should be an inspiration to us all.

The powerful rays of the Rainbow that radiate from the White Altar of the Holy Promise are lead by the Sister of Love, _____, who teaches us that Love is of God, and when we love, we are like Him.

The Sister of Religion, _____, also reflects the teachings of God, for she tells us we should be gentle and forgiving.

The Sister of Nature, _____, shows us that God is all about us, in the trees, the flowers, and every living thing. All of life's secrets are to be found in the out-of-doors.

The Sister of Immortality, _____, helps us plan and build so that our times of grief may be lessened by the belief of Life Eternal.

For your friends to have faith in you and for you to serve them loyally is the lesson taught by the Sister of Fidelity, _____. It was through loyalty and faithfulness to God that we have preserved the beautiful story of our religion.

Faith to our Country and to its flag is an important ideal told by the Sister of Patriotism, _____, for loyalty and courage are true virtues of Rainbow.

The last station is represented by the Sister of Service, _____. It is at her station where we learn that to attain our goals we must be unselfish and help others at all times.

[pause] No life should be complete without the knowledge of these virtues, for they are the mileposts on the journey toward truer and happier womanhood.

To protect our Temple of Reverence, we have the Confidential Observer, _____, whose duty it is to guard the inner door of the Assembly Room.

Following close is the Outer Observer, _____, whose duty it is to guard our sacred portals from intrusion.

The Musician, _____, helps us express our thoughts in music.

To help the Musician is the Choir Director, _____, who leads our sisters in songs of beauty and devotion.

The Flag Bearers offer tribute to our honored banners adding grace and beauty to our ceremony.

[Marshal escorts the last officer to be installed to her position and makes her way timely back to her chair while the Installing Recorder concludes with some combination of these remarks.]

All of our officers have passed by now, and to them we say: Remember this night and the vows you have taken. Be thankful that as daughters of today you can be guided by Faith, Service and Love.

As the last girl passes we still retain the vision of a Dreamboat, simulated with the beautiful rays of the bow that is in the clouds on the day of rain.

We now close the gate to dreamland and journey on our way, carrying with us the hope that each of these young women shall keep the beautiful teachings of Rainbow forever in her heart.

(Flag Bearer tribute added by Mt. Rose Assembly, 8/96)

FATHER'S DAY CEREMONY

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)

INSTALLATION OF THE ASSISTANT MOTHER ADVISOR

INSTALLING OFFICER:

SISTER MARSHAL, YOU WILL PRESENT THE ASSISTANT MOTHER ADVISOR FOR INSTALLATION. *(The Marshal escorts the Assistant Mother Advisor behind the Bow, facing East.)*

MARSHAL:

INSTALLING OFFICER: IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT MRS. _____, WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED TO SERVE AS THE ASSISTANT TO THE MOTHER ADVISOR.

INSTALLING OFFICER:

MRS. _____, YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THIS ASSEMBLY TO ACT AS THE ASSISTANT TO THE MOTHER ADVISOR. YOUR DUTY WILL BE TO ASSIST THE MOTHER ADVISOR IN ALL HER DUTIES. YOU WILL NEED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE RITUALISTIC WORK AND BE READY TO ASSUME THE STATION OF THE MOTHER ADVISOR IF YOU ARE NEEDED. YOU WILL KEEP A CLOSE RECORD OF ALL THE GIRLS' ACTIVITIES AND WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM. MAY THE PLEASURE OF WORKING AND BECOMING BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH OUR GIRLS BE YOUR'S.

SISTER MARSHAL, YOU WILL INVEST THE ASSISTANT MOTHER ADVISOR WITH THE BADGE OF HER OFFICE.

MRS. _____, THE BADGE OF YOUR OFFICE IS THE CIRCLE OF SILVER, AND IS SIGNIFICANT OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE GIRLS OF OUR AREA.

SISTER MARSHAL, YOU WILL CONDUCT THE ASSISTANT MOTHER ADVISOR TO HER STATION IN THE WEST, TO THE RIGHT OF THE WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR.

MAJORITY SERVICE-used in Nevada ONLY at Grand Assembly

Because the Majority Officers are usually not the current Grand Officers, they are not addressed as "Grand" during the ceremony. The wording in this ceremony is slightly different from that used at local Assemblies. As Faith presents the sisters at Hope, Charity and WAA, she should always take one step back during their lectures and then step forward as she receives her next instruction.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister Recorder, you will read the names of our Sisters who, having attained the age of twenty years, are to receive their majority degree tonight.

(The Recorder stands upon being address, reads the names of these Members, and is seated.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Will the Sisters whose names have just been read please rise and step to the side lines.

Sister Drill Leader, you will present our Sisters at the Altar.

(The Drill Leader rises upon being addressed. She marches from her station directly North, then West, then South and finally East to enter the Altar from the South side. She bows to the first girl she meets but does not bow after that. The girls in the Southeast section should fall line in since the Drill Leader will not walk past them. The Drill Leader should center the girls before the Altar. See diagram which follows.)

DRILL LEADER:

Worthy Advisor, I have the pleasure to present these Sisters who are prepared to receive the Majority Degree of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

My Sisters, several years ago, while your Assembly was engaged in its active duties, you approached the inner door and asked to be admitted. Your request was granted, and your admission to your Assembly, and to this Order, was your dedication to a life of Service.

The search in which you were engaged was acclaimed a laudable one, and permission was given you to travel. It is unnecessary for me to review the ceremonies through which you passed. It is sufficient to say that you finally arrived at the end of your symbolic journey, were received as members of your Assembly, and the traditional lesson was explained to you. The hope was expressed that you would truly live the life that you had obligated yourself to live. In recognition of our belief that you have been true to your vows, we have asked you to approach the White Altar of the Holy Promise for the last time as active members of our Order.

Around you are seated the symbolic rays of the Rainbow. They have nothing to say at this time Their lessons have been given to you. Their colors are not now in view, for they have been entrusted to you for safe-keeping.

You came to your Assemblies as girls; you leave us as women. We hope the lessons you have learned while among us, the friendships you have made while in our midst, and the Service you have given your Assembly, have made you better and wiser women than you would have otherwise been.

As you stand on the threshold of this newer life, with the symbol of White Light before you, let us thank our heavenly Father for this guidance.

(Worthy Advisor gives three raps.)

CHAPLAIN:

Our Father, we thank Thee for Thy many blessings given this Assembly. And we especially thank Thee for the blessing Thou has given these Sisters who now assume the duties and responsibilities of womankind. May they have an appreciation of their study of true womanhood. May they realize that the teachings of this Order extend beyond the age of girlhood, and that their observance of these teachings will make them better women. We ask that Thou wilt help us who are to follow them so that we, too, may have the knowledge and strength to perform our tasks. Amen.

ALL: Lord, help us to keep our promise.

(Worthy Advisor seats the Assembly.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Faith, you have been told, is a girl's best friend. She led you well through your journey of initiation, and I am going to ask her to once again be your companion. Sister of Faith, you will conduct our Sisters on their way.

(Faith rises when she was addressed. She now leaves her seat and walks directly to the head of the line, entering the bow from Service's station. The Drill Leader takes one step back and allows the girls to pass by and takes her place at the end of the line. She drops off at her seat as the line goes by and is seated. Faith leads the sisters to the station of the WAA being sure to center them. WAA stands once the girls are centered and facing her.)

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR:

My Sisters, the Rainbow of Promise and Victory about which you have heard many times in this Assembly is symbolized by your having reached woman's estate. The last time you passed this station symbolized Victory. You had been prepared, and had conquered those characteristics that had failed. You were found to be pure in heart, noble of purpose, and free from distress. I congratulate you upon your success thus far, and express the hope that as you leave this station, you also leave behind all burdens. With that thought I will ask Faith to lead you on to the Sister of Hope, in the same trusting silence in which she brought you here.

(Faith leads the Sisters to Hope's station being sure, again, to center them in front of the station. WAA is seated after the last Sister passes by. Hope stands once the girls are centered and facing her.)

HOPE:

My Sisters, having Faith as your companion, this station is easily reached. You have learned that I always await you, and henceforth it will become more and more necessary for you to know that there can be no success without the confidence of Hope. At this station in your life, when the sun's rays are the brightest, you should pause and reflect upon the glorious future before you. With the courage of Hope always with you, the storm clouds of the North will vanish, and the bright light shall shine forever upon your pathway. I will ask the Sister of Faith, in the same loving silence in which she brought you here again, to escort you, once more, past the Station of the Worthy Associate Advisor, not as a mere symbol of Victory, but as an actual Victory attained.

(Faith conducts the sisters to WAA station being sure to center them. Hope is seated as the last sister passes by. At WAA's station, they all turn to face her; she does not stand until all have faced her. Faith should instruct the Sisters to make the Sign of the Rainbow. Faith makes the Sign as well, and the WAA responds. The Sisters then face North and Faith leads them to the Station of Charity by counter marching at the Northeast end of the line. The WAA is seated after the last Sister passes by.)

CHARITY:

My sisters, we now take leave of you as members of this Grand Assembly.

(Charity steps down, as during Initiation, but this time she gives the Grip of the Order to each Sister. After the last Sister, Charity walks behind to return to her station.)

CHARITY:

Our traditional lesson, first taught to you several years ago, displayed a few of our treasures. The treasures of life, however, you will receive only in proportion to your Service given during that life, for ours is an Order founded on Service. At this station you have heard many times the explanation of the tangible treasures contained in the Pot of Gold. As women who, during girlhood had the benefit of Rainbow Membership, you are asked to always keep them sacred. Sister of Faith, you will escort our Sisters, for the last time, to the East as active members of our Order.

(Faith stepped forward when addressed. She now leads the Sisters to the East by first marching West and counter marching East. Once in the East she counter marches once again to center the sisters in front of the WA's station. The WA stands once they are centered in front of her station. Charity is seated as the last Sister walks by her station.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

My sisters, in welcoming you for the final time to the Grand East as active members of our Order, it becomes my duty to bid you farewell. It is a pleasure, however, to present one who has been so near and dear to all of us, our (Supreme Officer)

SUPREME OFFICER:

My dear girls, your affiliation with our Assembly is not entirely severed, for the laws of the Supreme Assembly give you the privilege of continuing your regular attendance, and we shall be happy to welcome you at every meeting. You will receive your majority certificate from your local Assembly as testimony of the Service you have given the Assembly. Your certificate will entitle you to visit assemblies of the Order wherever you may be. Even though you are no longer active members of our Order,

please feel free to contact me at any time. We wish you well and may God bless each of you.

(The Supreme Officer leaves the East to make individual presentations to the Majority Members.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

My Sisters, we have enjoyed your association, and we hope this ceremony will not terminate your attendance at our meetings, for the experience you obtained during your active membership in our Order will be of valuable assistance to those who are your successors. As you leave our Order, we ask you to again face the West and hail with the Sign of the Rainbow those girls who remain as active members.

(Worthy Advisor gives three raps. Majority Members face West and make the Sign. Faith does not join them; the Membership and Faith, who turns to face them, respond.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister of Faith, you will seat our Sisters in the Assembly Room. The Majority Officers will please retire. The Grand Officers will please resume their stations.

MASONIC CROWNING CEREMONY

(Optional, for use at Installation)

(The Worshipful Master (or presiding officer) at the request of the newly installed Worthy Advisor, approaches the East, remains on the floor level and addresses the Crowning Team.)

MASTER:

The Members of the Crowning Team will take their respective Stations.

(When all have taken their positions, the Master addresses the Worthy Advisor. The Chaplain must remember to bring a Bible and places it on the Altar (closed) as the Officers assume their places BEHIND the Assembly's bow officers.)

MASTER:

Miss _____, we, Masonic members of _____ Lodge, # __, your friends, are here to crown you Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly, # __. It is indeed an honor and pleasure to have been asked to perform this ceremony, for without Masons and Eastern Stars there would not be beautiful Rainbow Girls and without beautiful Rainbow Girls, we would miss a lot of sunshine. You passed through the Bow with its seven rays upon your Initiation, and again upon the Initiation of your Sisters, renewing your lessons and vows upon each occasion. I would ask you to join me now, so you may again pass through these seven Stations and recall the lessons and hear further words of admonition, keeping in mind that our fraternity bids you God speed and wishes for you a prosperous term as Worthy Advisor.

(Master conducts Worthy Advisor from the East to the 1st Station of the Bow. The Master stands behind each gentleman as he speaks; only the Worthy Advisor enters between the Altar and the Bow.)

1ST STATION (LOVE):

As Worthy Advisor of this Assembly, you have learned the lesson of the Station of Love. Therefore, may I say to you, "Love your neighbor and fellow man, and above all, love your God whose love is Supreme and will never leave you."

2ND STATION (RELIGION):

You have learned that God is Love. Religion teaches us that He will prevail. To be a leader in this Assembly and this World, we would ask that you heed the lessons of Religion and try to ever lead a life of righteousness and virtue.

3RD STATION (NATURE):

The station of Nature teaches that you should take time from your busy young life to spend in the great out-of-doors, for there you can better commune with God and see and learn of His wonderful creations.

4TH STATION (IMMORTALITY):

At this Station you are reminded that one is never too young to prepare for Immortal Life. We have been taught that we must ever live according to God's Holy Word if we would gain Immortality.

5TH STATION (FIDELITY):

The Station of Fidelity teaches responsibility and trust. You should be true to every vow. Never make a promise to anyone if you feel you will not be able to keep it.

6TH STATION (PATRIOTISM):

This Station, Patriotism, reminds you of your duty to your country. Our forefathers died that we may speak freely, have equal justice, and above all, worship God as we choose.

7TH STATION (SERVICE):

At the Station of Service you learned that Service must be a part of everyday living. It is the noblest of all virtues. As a leader, you must help and serve your Sisters and your Assembly, and remember always to serve God.

(The Master conducts the Worthy Advisor from the 7th station toward the East, where they are met by the Chaplain and the Jr. Past Worthy Advisor. All approach the Altar where the crown will be removed from the Jr PWA and placed on the new Worthy Advisor's head. During the walk from the 7th station, the Master will say...)

MASTER:

You have again passed through the stations of the seven rays of the Rainbow whose beautiful colors emanate from the source of the White Light, the Holy Bible, which is on the Altar before you. As the new leader of this Assembly, I would admonish you to seek strength, wisdom and courage from its pages to aid you in conducting the affairs of this Assembly so that it will prosper under your direction.

(The two girls kneel at the Altar; the Master stands directly in back of the girls; the Chaplain stands to one side. As the Jr PWA leaves the East, she should rap 3 times to raise the Assembly; if she forgets, the MA should raise the assembly.)

MASTER: Brother Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer.

CHAPLAIN:

Our dear God, we bow our heads in prayer
and ask that you guide these girls through this year.
Help them to lend a hand each day,
and spread Love and Charity along the way,
Being ever mindful of the lessons told,
whose teachings of others they may enfold.
Give them courage; protect them with Thy glory
so they may continue to tell the Rainbow story.
Amen.

MASTER:

And to signify the trust which has been placed in your hands, I now crown you Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly, #__.

(The Master and the Chaplain escort the two girls back to the East. The new Worthy Advisor requests the Worshipful Master to introduce the Crowning Team.)

MASTER: The Crowning Team will retire.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Supplies necessary for this Service: flowers for each Bow Station; a spray of flowers for the Bible which includes all seven colors. Faith should wear a white formal.

Faith leaves the Assembly Room prior to this Service and re-enters later.

The Bible is not on the Altar; it must be removed to the ante room prior to the service.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Mothers, we have invited you to join with us in this service in order that we may pay loving Tribute to you.

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR:

I have called this court of beauty in order that we may pay respect and honor to our mothers.

CHARITY:

It was she who went down into the valley in order that she might receive from the Great Giver of all life my trembling soul and carry it back into the sunshine of living day.

HOPE:

It was she who toiled and sacrificed and denied herself that her child might take its place of honor and trust among the useful citizens of our country.

FAITH:

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister Chaplain, you will kneel at the White Altar of Holy Promise and lead us in prayer. **(No Sign is given during this prayer.)**

CHAPLAIN:

Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thy blessings to rest upon our Mothers. Dear Lord, it was Mother who taught me to come to you in every moment of trial, disappointment and victory. We pray that you might teach us how we may repay her for the fine brave things she has done for us. Let us always remember to tell her how we appreciate her. Thus may we honor her. Amen.

RESPONSE: Lord, help us keep our Promise.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Greater light has come to all of us through prayer. I, therefore, declare this court open to pay loving Tribute to our Mothers.

Sister Confidential Observer, you will invite Faith to enter the Assembly Room that we may have Faith in God, and so that we may pay Tribute to her who must forever have first place in the hearts and minds of those to whom she gave life.

(Faith enters the Assembly Room carrying the Bible, dressed in white. When she reaches the Altar, she reverently places the Bible on the Altar and gives her tribute at the Altar.)

FAITH:

Faith in Him who was, is and always will be, that Divine Power. It was God who said, "Let there be light and there was light." It was blended with all its colors in the life of the first man and woman. It was the living breath of the first child. There is no sculptor that can convey its meaning, no love that can tell its story, no painter knows its blending power. It is God himself in man, such is Faith. (Faith returns to her Station.)

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR:

Being now illuminated by the power of Faith, and thus being able to understand and appreciate more keenly than we ever have, we shall proceed to pay Tribute. *(The Bow Stations approach the Altar; after their tribute, they place their flower on the altar in a reverse bow shape.)*

LOVE:

To you, Mother, I bring this red flower. You taught me how to love. As surely as God so loved the world, you loved me. From you I drew my first breath. God gave it to you for me. From you I learned to live, walk and to talk. I lay this flower on the White Altar to honor you and by this act I pledge to you again my obedience. May God bless you in my Prayer.

RELIGION:

To you Mother, I bring this flower. It seems you have always been by my side. You taught me my first Prayer. "Now I lay me down to sleep." You taught me to love the Lord, my God. You showed me how beauty could come out of sorrow, no less than an angel of God and to honor you fills my soul with delight and thus I lay this flower on this White Altar.

NATURE:

To you, Mother, I bring this flower. You taught me how to love the day, the sunshine, the flowers and the music of flowing waters. Your sweet tunes were like the winds that shaped the flowers. I have been made to believe that I am a part of the earth, air, sky and seas, because of you. I lay this flower on this White Altar in memory of the hours we have spent in the out-of-doors.

IMMORTALITY:

To you, Mother, I bring this flower to place upon the White Altar of Rainbow in honor of Mothers. I am immortality. I have no beginning, no end. Mother's love approaches me more closely than all else. God made me and through me love came. It will not die. This flower will mark the spot where we have made these vows. Such is the Tribute that Rainbow girls pay to their Mothers and thus join with all the world in that love.

FIDELITY:

To you, Mother, I bring this flower. Well do I remember when I looked into your eyes the first time. In them I found truth. No storm clouds ever shut out the light of your eyes to mine. You made it by example easy for me to trust in God, and in Honor, I lay this flower on the Altar.

PATRIOTISM:

To you, Mother, I bring this flower. You gave me my first lesson in love of country and glory and respect of my Flag. You told me that those who carried the Flag in conflict never retreated. The Star Spangled Banner, long may it wave, over the land of the brave. I place this flower on the White Altar to tell you that I will die for my flag. It is above all other Flags.

SERVICE:

To you, Mother, I bring this flower. You who taught me how to work and serve and who, by example, showed the way. To work is noble and while an hour lost can never be found, I am coming every day now to realize how valuable each hour is. You not only taught me this, but you let me become a Rainbow girl and this is what Rainbow taught me. I lay this flower at the White Altar to honor you.

(The Bow Officers return to their stations. The Worthy Advisor reads an appropriate poem, while the Drill Leader - or each Member - gives a flower to each Mother.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Will the Assembly please rise for the benediction.

CHAPLAIN:

Our Father in Heaven, as we leave this Assembly and go our respective ways, be Thou close to us. Let no day pass that we do not thank Thee for our Mothers. Let us pay gratitude to her and keep her in our hearts forever. Amen.

ALL: Lord, help us to keep our promise.

OPEN MEETING

(Please use as a guideline; some creativity is encouraged so that the work AND fun of each assembly is depicted.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister of Hope, you will attend the Altar. *(Worthy Advisor gives three raps. Hope leaves her station in the usual manner, opens the Bible after a nod to the WA, bows slightly to the open Bible and returns to her station. NO Sign is given.)*

WORTHY ADVISOR:

The Assembly will now bow their heads while the Chaplain leads us in prayer.

CHAPLAIN:

Heavenly Father, we ask Thy Blessings on this gathering of our Rainbow Sisters and friends as we have an evening of fellowship. Grant us wisdom, O Lord, in the work that we are about to undertake and the courage to continue in Thy Service. Bless all of our Sisters, Dear Lord, and help those who may need Thy Divine Guidance through their lives. Bless our parents and friends who have come to join us in this evening of Service and give us guidance to understand and live the lessons of our beautiful Order of the Rainbow. We ask Thy guidance as we teach others to lead a life of Service through our actions. This we ask in the Master's name. Amen.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister Drill Leader, you will present our Flag in the East.
(This is done in the usual manner.)

You will join me in giving the Pledge of Allegiance.
Sing one verse of America. *(The Flag is returned in the usual manner and the Assembly is seated. The WA now gives two raps to raise the Officers.)*

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister Worthy Associate Advisor, what is the International Order of Rainbow for Girls?

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR:

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is an organization for girls from the age of 11 to 20 and is dedicated to helping others less fortunate through daily acts of Service. Our Assembly is sponsored by _____ *(name of Chapter or Lodge).*

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister of Charity, who may belong to the Order?

CHARITY:

A girl of good moral character who has been properly recommended by a Sister of the Order, and who has applied for membership and been sponsored by a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Order of the Amaranth, a Majority Member or a member of the Masonic Lodge.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister of Hope, when and where does our Assembly meet?

HOPE:

_____Assembly meets twice each month on the ____ and ____ _____days, at ____ pm in this Masonic Temple.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister of Faith, what are some of the activities of our Order?

FAITH:

We are dedicated to serving others, and we do so by helping with fund raising projects for (*Muscular Dystrophy, Make-a-Wish, Shriner's Children's Hospital - identify recent projects of your assembly*) and other similar organizations. We also make (*tray favors for hospitals - activities unique to your assembly*) and help in our community in any way possible to make it a better place in which to live. Our Statewide Service Project is the Alzheimer's Association.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister of the Bow, what do your stations represent?

LOVE:

Love is represented by the ray of Red and teaches us that through Love to each other and devotion to God, we can make this world a better place in which to live.

RELIGION:

The Orange Ray teaches us if we have Religion in our lives, combined with Faith in the Almighty, we can help those less fortunate.

NATURE:

The Yellow ray teaches us that a part of each day should be spent in God's great out-of-doors enjoying the Nature that is around us.

IMMORTALITY:

The Green ray teaches us that even though we may fear the unknown, there is a life after death, and we should keep faith in God.

FIDELITY:

The Blue ray teaches us to always be loyal to our friends and loved ones, and to have confidence in our own actions.

PATRIOTISM:

The Indigo ray teaches us to love our Country and not to let anyone take away our freedom.

SERVICE:

The Violet ray of Service is the ray on which our Order was founded and teaches us to help those in need and those less fortunate.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

You have learned your lessons well, and I hope that we all heed the seven lessons of our Order so that we can all be better people tomorrow than we were yesterday. *(one rap)*

Sister Recorder, you will read the minutes of our last meeting and call the roll.

Sister Recorder, have we any correspondence?

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Unfinished business....

New business....

Miscellaneous business...

WORTHY ADVISOR:

(The Worthy Advisor may ask girls who have volunteered to give short talks about other Service, fund raising or fun projects the Assembly is involved in.)

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Good of the Order; Secret Sisters, birthdays, sunshine/rain, etc.

WORTHY ADVISOR:

Sister of Hope, you will attend the altar.

(Invite your guest to join the Membership in the dining room for refreshments.)

Outgoing March...

Rainbow Prayer

Rainbow Dreams

NOTES

- Open meetings require a dispensation from the Supreme Officer in advance;
- While the Assembly can have formal escort and introductions, NO signs are given.
- During the business portion of the meeting, dispensations, communications, petitions, bills and receipts may be read.
- No balloting or election of officers may occur.
- The Mother Advisor should carefully review the Worthy Advisor's agenda to ensure good taste and discretion are used.

RAINBOW ROSE LECTURE

(This lecture can be given by any member of the Assembly, from memory, at a special time honoring our mothers. The Worthy Advisor gives one rap, announcing the beginning of the Ceremony. If the Worthy Advisor gives this lecture, the Mother Advisor gives the raps of the gavel. Hope and Charity rise, with their roses, entering the altar area. They place their roses on the altar around the closed Bible and return to their Stations.. All lights should be off, except the altar light. The Speaker positions herself in front of the altar, carrying the Rainbow Bible and begins her lecture. Be sure to have ample red roses, and several white roses, even if unaware of any mothers who may be deceased.)

SPEAKER:

This altar is dedicated to our mothers, whose lives never fails us. We may rise to positions of great influence, but we can never reach the heights of our mothers secret hopes. We may sink into the lowest depths of degradation, but never below the reach of her love. And the memory of her love will always stir our hearts. There is no daughter so entirely base, so utterly low, that she does not keep deep down in her heart a shrine, secret and apart, for the memory of her mother's love.

It was Mother who loved us before we were born, who carried us for those long months close to her heart, and in the fullness of time, took God's hand in hers and passed through the valley of shadows to give life. It was mother who carried us during the helpless years of infancy and the scarcely less dependent years of childhood. As we have grown less dependent, she has done the countless, thoughtful, trouble-healing, helpful and encouraging things which somehow only Mothers seem to know without conscious gratitude or any expression of our appreciation. We are rapidly approaching the time in life when we will be entirely independent of our Mothers. The ties with which dependency has bound us to her will be severed as we grow older, but the tie of Mother's love can never be broken.

These flowers which we see on our altar are symbols of that Mother-love. The white flower represents the love of the Mother who has gone; the red represents the Mother who still lives to bless our lives. God first created Eden for a home, then called forth Eve to keep it beautiful.

Man finds the timbers and he builds the house;
But woman, lover and artist, makes it home.
He kindles the flame upon the hearth,
But she keeps it alive with watchful mother-hands.
The man stands every ready to defend the endangered brood;
The woman to comfort them, to care for them in all love's tender ways.
She never asks if duty should be done, but how to do it.
So she ever stands, close to the life-tree nourishing its roots.

And yet, her griefs are greatened,
From the hour she brings her babe into the light of day.
A host of fears press ever at her heart.
And still she never knew her joy before:
What bliss to hug the child against her breast;

What bliss to lay the fondled baby to sleep.
In this full joy she tastes eternity -
Joy not to be told in words, only in tears.

O, mothers of the world, I lift this cry of honor to your name.
But in my heart there is another cry.
That each of you be mother to all babies.
Share in a universal motherhood.
Reach out your hands to every child in need.
Even as Christ commanded, when of old He would make us all one family,
Reach out your hearts in love, becoming hands and feet and lips for God.

We want each of you to take a rose from this altar. *(Speaker picks up an appropriate flower which she will later give to the Worthy Advisor.)*

If your Mother has passed over to the other shore, take a white rose and keep it always sacred to her memory. May the sight of it always quicken every tender memory of her and strengthen you anew in your efforts to be worthy of her hope and aspirations for you.

If your Mother is living, take a red rose. This small rose symbolizes a Rainbow girl's love and devotion for her mother who made this day possible for her to enjoy through sacrifice and prayer. So tonight, when you tell your Mother or someone who has taken her place, about this ceremony, give her the rose and when you kiss her good night, remind her that you love her.

(The Worthy Advisor raps 3 times. Officers, except the Worthy Advisor, approach the altar, in same order as when balloting, followed by the members, to choose a rose; returning to their seats. When all have returned to their stations, while the Speaker remains at the altar, the Worthy Advisor seats the group.)

Someday you'll find that rose, I know not where, perhaps in your mother's Bible or prayer book or some sacred place, a reminder of the deep love of a Mother. Rainbow can ask no more of you than that you endeavor to live so as to be worthy of that love.

RE-OBLIGATION CEREMONY

Officers, with the exception of Faith, Hope and Charity, march into the Assembly room and take their stations. Faith, Hope and Charity remain in the ante room.

WORTHY ADVISOR

Sister Confidential Observer, you will close the doors of the Assembly room that we may have peace and harmony during the REOBLIGATION of our Rainbow promise.

CONFIDENTIAL OBSERVER

Sister Outer Observer, the doors are now closed. You will admit none but those who are qualified.

***Alarm is given at the door of the preparation room by Faith.*

DRILL LEADER

Worthy Advisor there is an alarm at the door of the Preparation Room.

WORTHY ADVISOR

Sister Drill Leader, you will ascertain the cause of the alarm.

(The Drill Leader answers the door, returning to the Worthy Associate Advisor's station to address the Worthy Advisor.)

DRILL LEADER

Worthy Advisor, the Sisters of Faith, Hope and Charity are waiting to receive admission. They have questions to ask their Rainbow Sisters.

WORTHY ADVISOR

Sister Drill Leader, you will admit them.

(Faith, Hope and Charity enter, stand behind the bow, and give the Sign.)

DRILL LEADER

Worthy Advisor, we have come to request all Rainbow girls to re-pledge themselves to Faith, Hope and Charity, and to renew their Rainbow promise.

WORTHY ADVISOR

Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct the sisters of Faith, Hope and Charity to the White Altar of the Holy Promise. *(The Drill Leader leads Faith, Hope and Charity before the altar and returns to her station.)*

FAITH

I represent Faith. I have come in behalf of our noble Order to request you, my Rainbow Sisters, to publicly acknowledge our indebtedness to Him with and to renew our faith in God, in man, in woman, in everybody, and in every righteous thing. *(Faith lays flowers on the altar.)*

HOPE

I represent Hope. Hope lifts us above sorrow and persecution into the presence of the living Christ. It represents truth with its triumphs. Let us build and plan for the future without any hope of personal gain. Let us bury all that is selfish within us, that our Order of the Rainbow may grow and prosper. *(Hope lays flowers on the altar.)*

CHARITY

I represent Charity. I have come to ask that Rainbow Girls never stop searching for the end of the Rainbow. I ask that you continue to find new treasures in the Pot of Gold, so that our decisions may be characterized by thought and modified with judgement, that our lives may be influenced by kindness and tempered with the fine steel of charity. *(Charity lays flowers on the altar.)*

WORTHY ADVISOR

My Sisters, it is well that you have come to remind us. It shall be as you wish. Rainbow Sisters, let us go to the altar and re-obligate ourselves.
(The Worthy Advisor raps 3 times; she and Chaplain advance to the altar as in Initiation; Chaplain enters the bow area. The Worthy Associate Advisor takes her place in back of Faith, Hope and Charity.)

WORTHY ASSOCIATE ADVISOR

I represent future leaders and I will guard our life-patterns that they may reflect the teachings of the great White Light which rests on our altar, never hesitating to look to our Supreme Being for additional wisdom and judgement.

WORTHY ADVISOR

Sisters, as leader of our Assembly, I feel I can speak for all Worthy Advisors, past, present and future, when I re-dedicate myself to service through love, and promise my eternal loyalty to our Order.

LOVE

Red for love to God and parents,

RELIGION

Orange for the faith that leads us on the road to Heaven above,
Over mountains, plains, and valleys, guided by our Father's love.

NATURE

Yellow is for the world of nature, spread abroad for our delights.
Sea and shore forever singing, always perfect in His sight.

IMMORTALITY

Green, that ever in the springtime shows new life in grass and trees,
Telling us the wondrous story of our Immortality.

FIDELITY

Blue denotes the ever faithful; let us strive true blue to be;
Woman's crowning glory surely is Fidelity.

PATRIOTISM

Indigo, for our devotion, to the land that gave us birth.
May we bear its standard onward, to the nations of the earth.

SERVICE

Violet stands for service. As our daily course we run,
Til the great White Light of Heaven blends our colors into one.

WORTHY ADVISOR

My Sisters, you have heard the pledges of Faith, Hope and Charity. You have heard your officers re-pledge themselves to their offices. Will each of you kneel now, place your hand on the shoulder of the girl next to you, and join me in the Obligation of our Order, that we may renew our promise and return to our work strengthened and with new determination.

All adults, please remain standing.

(Obligation is recited in unison; see Book of Traditional Instruction)

CHAPLAIN

Here beneath the bow of promise, at Thine altar, Lord,
We meet, seeking out the path of duty
For our young and wayward feet.
In the great White Light of Heaven,
May our lives and actions be, as becomes the Rainbow Daughters,
Dedicated, Lord, to Thee.
May our hearts, that light receiving,
Turn into colors bright.
Make our lives a Rainbow pathway,
Leading upward in Thy sight.
May we follow that bright archway,
Finding the Pot of Gold at last,
Filled with womanhood's best treasurers,
When our Rainbow days are past.
On the summit of life's foothills,
Let us still our flag unfurl,
Calling to each friend and comrade,
"Come, and be a Rainbow Girl."
Amen.

Unison: Lord, help us to keep our Promise.

WORTHY ADVISOR

(The Worthy Advisor rises, then speaks, pausing for others to rise). Officers, you may repair to your stations. (Worthy Advisor also returns to her station. She seats the Assembly when all have returned to their seats.)

Sisters Faith, Hope and Charity, your questions have been returned. May you be serene and rest confidently in the assurance that our Rainbow Sisters have renewed their faith and their obligation to our Order. It gives me pleasure to invite our Mother Advisor, Mrs. _____, to speak to us

MOTHER ADVISOR

Dear Girls. In re-dedicating your lives to the highest principles set forth in our Order, you have again traveled upward on a path to worthwhile living, which will bring serenity and happiness to all who are true of purpose. May each of you keep your face to the sun, so the shadows will always fall behind. Farewell.

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTION FROM THE LECTURER TO INITIATES

As Lecturer of this Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, it is my privilege to instruct you regarding Assembly, its plans, principals, and purposes.

Your initiation fee of \$___ and dues of \$___ per year have been paid. Our dues are payable in January and become delinquent in July, according to the by-laws of our Order.

You have witnessed this initiation and you have been instructed by our 20 Officers. These Officers change twice (or three times) each year, except for the Recorder and Treasurer who are elected for one-year terms. The Officers known as the Line Officers are the Worthy Advisor, who sits in the East; the Worthy Associate Advisor who sits in the West; Charity who sits in the North; Hope who sits in the South; and Faith who sits near the Altar. These Officers, along with the Recorder and the Treasurer, are elected officers. The other officers are appointed each term by the Worthy Advisor. The members of the Choir are usually those members who have recently been initiated and we invite you to be a member of our choir this term.

We have a Merit Point System whereby a girl earns her color bars by working on Assembly projects. The Merit Point System is in your New Member's Handbook. You must learn the Obligation which is in the Book of Traditional Instruction of our Order to receive the Merit Bar, and you must memorize the American's Creed and earn 100 points before receiving your red bar. After a girl has been elected to the Office of Faith, unless there is some very good reason, she will move up the line, serving as Hope, Charity, Worthy Associate Advisor, and finally becoming Worthy Advisor of our Assembly.

We also have a few "don'ts" in our Assembly and all girls are asked to adhere to these rules. They are:

- a Rainbow girl does not cross her legs or chew gum while in the Assembly room;
- a Rainbow girl follows the established dress code which will be provided to you;
- Talking, whispering, giggling and so forth are discouraged while the Assembly is in session; we want to be courteous participants in our meetings.

We behave like young ladies at all times, and we recognize those times when its just time to have fun. This is one of our purposes, and each of us profit from it.

The membership of the organization consists of girls who are now 11 and have not reached the age of 20. You are encouraged to invite your girl friends to become members of the Assembly. You are urged to become familiar with all the rules of our Assembly and our procedures so that you might speak intelligently to any one who might ask questions about Rainbow. The principals and purposes of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls are to instill into the minds and hearts of the average girl

a better understanding of life, to teach her poise, grace, self-confidence and how to become a leader.

A Rainbow girl should be associated with some religion. It is not a question of what the religion is, but we believe we should all be members of some denomination.

The work you have witnessed this evening is confidential and you are not to discuss it with anyone other than those who were here this evening: that is, Rainbow girls, members of the Eastern Star or the Masonic Fraternity, and Majority Rainbow Members and, of course, your parents and grandparents.

We hope you will find pleasure and friendships with our members. Again, we all welcome you to Rainbow and to our Assembly.

SUGGESTED ROSE LECTURE FOR INITIATES

My Sisters, I extend to you a hearty welcome into our Assembly. Rainbow teaches duty, four-fold -- duty to God, country, parents and to each other. It also teaches harmony and friendship. The Rainbow grasp of friendship goes beyond the doors of this Assembly; it reaches across the vast lands of the United States, and across the expanse of the oceans to other girls in every part of the world. You are now a part of the link of this great undying chain of friendship. Ever remember, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

For this evening, I would like to share with you a short verse entitled, My Hand in God's.

Each morning when I wake to say,
"I place my hand in God's today."
I know he'll walk close by my side.
My every wandering step to guide.

He leads me with the tenderest care.
When paths are dark and I despair.
No need for me to understand,
If I but hold fast to His hand.

My hand in His, no greater way
To go in safety through each day.
By His great bounty I am fed,
Warmed by His love and comforted.

When at days end I seek my rest
And realize how much I am blest,
My thanks pour out to Him, and then
I place my hand in God's again.

Tonight, as you knelt at the White Altar of Holy Promise, you pledged your life to one of love and service . You held the hand of God. Each morning when you wake, look upon the pages of your open Bible, remembering that you once held His hand. And so again, place your hand in His, that you may look forward to a new day, with renewed courage and faith.

(The speaker places a small rose in each new member's hand.)

On this occasion I have place a small rose in your hand. This small red rose symbolizes a girl's love and devotion for her mother, who has made this day possible for her to enjoy through sacrifice and prayer. So tonight, when you tell your mother, or someone who has taken her place, about this ceremony, give her your rose, and when you kiss her good night, remind her that you love her.

(At the Assembly's discretion, the speaker can enter the altar area, from Hope's station, place additional roses on the altar, and continue....)

And now, in memory of every girl's mother, and those who have passed into the golden city beyond, I place these roses on the altar and bid you welcome into our Assembly with the hope that the words of Love and Service will guide you in a happy and successful life.

CEREMONY HONORING EASTERN STAR MEMBERS

Women are no part of the Masonic Order. But a woman's heart does beat responsively to the same inspiration that prompted man to noble deeds and, out of this desire to serve in a like manner and the human desire for fraternal fellowship, came the banding together of women of Masonic relationship known as The Order of the Eastern Star.

This glorious star, significant of the Star of Bethlehem which heralded the coming of the Light of all Lights, has in less than a century shed its ray of light into all parts of the world. Its dignity and beauty as a fraternal order is respected and revered by Masons and laymen alike.

Oh, great and glorious Eastern Star whose light has shed both near and far
To bless and comfort young and old,
Yea light their path to a sheltered fold, we honor thee.

Your ray of blue has taught us too
That God loves us as fathers do.
Fidelity in each kindred soul
Is the valued lesson by the blue ray told.

The golden light of the second ray
Has changed the outlook of many a day.
Here we recall that labor brings love,
The reward of labor sent from above.
Constancy of purpose, be it humble or great,
Is blessed with companionship, a joy to relate.

Loyalty shines from the pure ray of white;
And loyalty pierces the darkness of night.
It demands allegiance to family and friend,
To nation, to God, to the World, without end.
Loyalty is the lesson on our hearts we must write,
If God is to guide us in the pathway of right.

Green pastures mean growth and new life on the earth
For good Eastern Stars, green symbolizes rebirth.
The green of the fourth ray is the hope of all men
For it tells by its story, We shall live again.

The red of the fifth ray is the symbol of love,
Mother love, Fraternal love, love from above.
That God in His Fatherhood gives to each one,
Who seeks but to know Him and His Blessed Son.

Yes, Glorious Order of the Eastern Star,
We pay you just tribute, for nothing can bar
The light of your good deeds, your teachings of faith,
The gifts of fine women to country and state.
This star of your Daughters is our tribute to you,
With our respect and honor, in all that we do.

NOTES

- While "parts" have not been identified in this ceremony, it may work well if the Worthy Advisor opens and closes the dialogue and the Line Officers divide the other parts.
- Parts should be memorized by the participants.
- The girls may want to perform this Ceremony when their sponsoring Chapter honors them or at some other special occasion when a number of Eastern Star members are expected.

CROWNING CEREMONY PERFORMED BY PLEDGE GROUP

(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.)

CROWNING CEREMONY BY EASTERN STAR

(Officers needed for this ceremony: Worthy Matron, Chaplain, seven bow officers; Revised: 4/02)

WORTHY ADVISOR

Will the Worthy Matron of _____ Chapter Number _____, please enter the Assembly room.

(The Worthy Matron enters the Assembly Room and, while remaining on the floor level, addresses the other members of the Crowning Team.)

WORTHY MATRON

The members of the Crowning Team will enter the Assembly Room and assume their stations.

(The members enter and assume their positions behind the Bow Stations [as in the Masonic Crowning]. The Chaplain assumes a position near but outside the altar area, placing a closed Bible on the altar.)

WORTHY MATRON

Miss _____ (new Worthy Advisor's name), we, the members of _____ Chapter # ____, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Nevada, are here to crown you Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly, # ____. It is indeed an honor and pleasure to have been asked to perform this ceremony. Eastern Star is happy and proud to sponsor this lovely assembly. Miss _____, you passed through the Bow with its seven rays upon your Initiation. I would ask you to join me now, recalling the lessons as we travel, keeping in mind that _____ Chapter # ____ bids you God speed and wishes for you a prosperous term as Worthy Advisor.

(The Worthy Matron leads the new Worthy Advisor toward Love's station and then assumes her own position behind each Bow Officer as they say their message-as is done in the Masonic Crowning.)

LOVE

The first station is Love. Its color is red, a universal symbol for love. Love your mother; love your father; but above all, love God.

RELIGION

The second station is Religion. Its color is orange. Religion teaches us of God. To be a leader in this Assembly, we ask that you heed the lessons of Religion and try to ever lead a life of righteousness and virtue.

NATURE

The third station is Nature. Its color is yellow. It teaches that you should take time from your busy life to spend in the great out-of-doors, for there you can better commune with God.

IMMORTALITY

The fourth station is Immortality. Its color is green. Ever be reminded that one is never too young to prepare for Life Immortal.

FIDELITY

The fifth station is Fidelity. Its color is blue. Fidelity teaches responsibility and trust. You should always be true to every vow. Never make a promise to anyone that you can not keep.

PATRIOTISM

The sixth station is Patriotism. Its color is indigo. Patriotism reminds us of our duty to our Country. Our forefathers died that we may speak freely, have equal justice, and, above all, worship God as we choose.

SERVICE

The seventh station is Service. Its color is violet. Service is an important lesson and the noblest of all virtues. As a leader, you must help and you must serve your Sisters and your Assembly. Try to make your life one of service, for only in service to others do we find the greatest rewards.

(At the end of the Bow lectures, she again holds the Worthy Advisors hand and leads her to the East side of the altar, facing the West, while she waits for the Chaplain to escort the retiring Worthy Advisor from the East to the same position at the altar. Both girls are East the altar at this point with the Worthy Matron and the Chaplain.)

WORTHY MATRON

You have again passed through the seven station of the Rainbow whose beautiful colors emanate from the source of the White Light, the Holy Bible. As the new leader of this Assembly, I would admonish you to seek strength, wisdom and courage from its pages to aid you in conducting the affairs of this Assembly so that it will prosper under your direction. The Chaplain will now lead us in prayer.

(The Mother Advisor raises the Assembly from the East. The Chaplain offers the prayer from a convenient position near, but not behind the altar.)

CHAPLAIN

Our dear God, we bow our heads in prayer and ask that you guide these girls through this term. Help them to lend a hand each day, and spread love and charity along the way. Help them be ever mindful of the lessons told, whose teachings to others they may enfold. Give them courage; protect them with Thy Glory so they may continue to tell the Rainbow story. Amen.

(The Worthy Matron lifts the crown from the retiring Worthy Advisor's head and places it on the new Worthy Advisor as she continues.)

WORTHY MATRON

And now to signify the trust which has been placed in your hands, I crown you Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly # ____.

(The Worthy Matron escorts the new Worthy Advisor while the Chaplain escorts the retiring Worthy Advisor to their positions in the East. The new Worthy Advisor seats the assembly and should immediately thank the Chapter and ask the Worthy Matron to introduce her officers.)

WORTHY MATRON

The Officers of _____ Chapter will now retire.

NOTES

- Those participating in the Crowning Ceremony should be prepared by being present in formal attire.

CROWNING CEREMONY BY EASTERN STAR

Written by Indian Springs Assembly #24, Billie Huddleston, Mother Advisor

(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.