

Ceremony of Color

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WORTHY ADVISOR: As I stand here in the East and look around this room, I think of the hundreds of Rainbow journeys taken here. Each one taken to reach a goal, to know the hidden contents of the Pot of Gold; but I have learned that the search does not end here, it continues into our everyday life.

(Steps from East and travels to the east of Altar; facing the west.)

WORTHY ADVISOR: As I step from the East and travel to the sacred Altar, I see the seven color stations, each station representing a standard on which a woman's life is based. To the right and near Patriotism is the banner of our beloved country and to the north at the station of Charity is the Pot of Gold that ever beckons us to search for its true meaning.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Each of us, as Rainbow Girls took seven sacred vows during our initiation.

(There is a flower of the color station placed on each pedestal. It should be picked up and held in Presenter's hand until the end of each lecture when it will be given to the GWAHonoree to put in basket.)

LOVE: The first station is Love. The color is red, a universal representation of the word Love. Love is the fulfillment of every law -love for God, love for father, mother, home, school, church and nation. Love will be with us throughout life and will follow us into death and beyond. Love is immortal.

RELIGION: The second station in our travels is Religion. Its color is orange, symbolizing the heroic in Religion. When all else fails, our religion will hold us high. Our order is based on religion - and when a girl enters here she feels a deep abiding faith present at all times. Without this faith, Rainbow would be empty and hollow. Just like the Rainbow, without faith in our lives we would have little meaning.

NATURE: The third station in our travels is Nature. Its color is yellow. Nature is out of doors and each of us should spend some time there. Under the shade of a tree, beside a bubbling brook or along the ocean side. Nature has great healing power. While visiting the out of doors, a girl has time to think and a time to pray. There is nowhere on earth that a girl can feel closer to God than in the out of doors.

IMMORTALITY: In the middle of our bow is the station of Immortality. Its color is green. We are young, we have plans and ambitions. Yet death is no respecter of persons. Death may come to any of us at any time, yet our soul is immortal. We must now prepare ourselves for death and life ever after. We must remember Jesus Christ and believe in all He stands for.

FIDELITY: The fifth station in our travels is Fidelity. Its color is blue - in all ages the symbol of loyalty. A woman must never be false to her vows, her promises, her friends, her family and God. The greatest quality a woman can possess is fidelity. But the loyalty is not only to her friends, family and God - but to herself.

PATRIOTISM: The sixth station in our travels is Patriotism. Its color is indigo. We live in a country where freedom reigns supreme. We each have to defend this flag and the country it represents with our lives if necessary. We should each dedicate our lives to our country and be good and upright citizens in honor of this banner and our precious land.

SERVICE: The last station in our travels is that of Service. Its color is violet. We learned early in our Rainbow years that to know the true meaning of the six lessons, service is necessary. Each of us can be of some service to someone every day. Not only in Rainbow, but in our homes, school, church and other activities. To sacrifice some of our time to help someone else, can bring the greatest rewards to our lives.

WORTHY ADVISOR: There are other lessons' taught in this Assembly room besides the color stations. There are the lessons of Faith, Hope and Charity - and the sacred lesson of the Pot of Gold.

FAITH: Faith taught you to have "Faith in God, in Man, in Woman, in everybody and in every righteous thing". But you must also have faith in yourself and in your dreams. Hold firmly to the hand of faith, with it by your side, you can accomplish anything.

HOPE: In the outside world you may encounter doubt and fear in yourself, but always hold on to hope. All else may forsake you, but hope will always be there like a shining beacon to show you the love and happiness you may seek.

CHARITY: Charity suffers long and is kind; it asks for nothing. The selfless giving of your love and your knowledge is what makes you a special individual. "Now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity, these three, but the greatest of this Charity."

WAA: My sister, you have realized the dream that many before you have sought. You have found the Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow. Hold inside you the meaning of the secret letters B.F.C.L., for they will aid you in times of distress and doubt.

WORTHY ADVISOR: We live in troubled times when the quality of Womanhood and our Rainbow lessons are being threatened. But each of us can live up to the standards of Rainbow and the lessons learned there, because each of us has a firm grip with the hand of Faith. And with this faith, we can be the women and leaders we were meant to be.

(This can be done for the GWA Visit. The WA takes the GWA to the east side of the Altar and faces west at the beginning. After each lecture the color station hands a flower of that color to the GWA to put in her basket. Color station will return to their station, taking one step back and going out the north side and following the bow around to their chair and entering the chair on the left. Faith, Hope, Charity & WAA will go directly into the Altar and stand facing east like the color stations give their lecture. Then give the GWA/Honoree white flowers. After WA last lecture they will return to the east.)