

Emblem Talk

Needed: Worthy Advisor, Bow Officers, Musician, Singer(s). Rainbow, Masonic Order, Eastern Star, DeMolay, Job's Daughters Emblem; one 4x6 American Flag and stand; one 4x6 Christian Flag and stand; Bible and ribbon holder (as in Rainbow Initiation).

(Instructions: WA stands East of the Altar and the Bow officers would be in their stations with their respective emblem on their pedestals. When addressed by WA, they light their station, give part of their talk, and then carry their ribbon to the Bible, leaving their stations to their left.)

WORTHY ADVISOR: We have placed the Holy Bible on the Altar because it is our unfailing guide. It is God's word, pure and precious, bringing strength and joy to those who believe. We believe it to be a rule of right living for all. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is an organization for teenage girls from Masonic, Eastern Star or Amaranth homes and for girls who are friends of Rainbow Girls. It is a character building organization and dedicated to God in the bonds of love and service. The Ritual of the Order is based on the following passage from the Book of Genesis, "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a covenant between me and the earth." Thus, the rainbow in the heavens reminds us of this everlasting covenant. Sister of Immortality, you represent the green ray of Immortality. On your station is the Rainbow emblem. Why is this ray so meaningful to Rainbow Girls?

IMMORTALITY: The lesson of Immortality reminds us that our soul is immortal. Even though our bodies may die we shall live forever. 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." Believing this, Rainbow Girls prepare for Life Eternal. From the Rainbow emblem we attach the green ray of immortality to the Bible.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Fidelity, you represent the blue ray of Fidelity. On your station is the Masonic emblem, representing all Masonic brethren. Will you explain why this Order means so much to Rainbow Girls?

FIDELITY: Rainbow Girls are bound to the Masonic Order by the dearest ties. It was a 33rd degree Mason, and a Minister of the Gospel. The Reverend W. Mark Sexson, who conceived the idea of a junior organization for girls, included some of the truths of Masonry. It was he who gave it the name of "The Order of the Rainbow for Girls," making girlhood the medium through which God fulfills His Promise. It was he who wrote the beautiful ritualistic work, basing it on the Rainbow. Its symbolism and colors had never before been used as a basis for a ritual. Never before had the traditional journey to the end of the Rainbow been used as a pathway of initiation. On some of the oldest Masonic charts the Rainbow is one of the symbols used in

connection with fraternal life. To the Masons, blue denotes the universal color of the heavens and universal friendship and benevolence. From the Masonic emblem we attach the blue ray of Fidelity to the Bible.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Love, you represent the red ray of Love. On your station is the emblem of the Order of the Eastern Star. What connection does this organization have to the Order of Rainbow?

LOVE: The Order of the Eastern Star is very important to Rainbow Girls. It was an Eastern Star Chapter, of which the Reverend Sexson was a member that first exemplified the beautiful ritualistic work of Rainbow. Rainbow Girls are thankful and grateful to the Eastern Star Chapters that sponsor our Assemblies and to whom the girls look for advice and counsel. The red ray is symbolic of one of their lessons, to love one another, and reminds us of our great love for the members of the Eastern Star. From the Eastern Star emblem we attach the red ray of Love to the Bible.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Nature, you represent the yellow ray of Nature. On your station is the emblem of the Order of DeMolay. Why is this organization included in the Masonic family?

NATURE: The Reverend Sexson took great interest in the development of the Order of DeMolay; an organization for young men from Masonic homes and for those who are sponsored by Master Masons. It was because of his interest in this organization that prompted him to think of a comparable organization for girls. So it was, that he conceived the idea of Rainbow. So we like to think of them as our brothers. They, like other Masonic affiliated organizations, enjoy God's great out of doors as a place of peace and quiet where many important lessons may be learned. Here they may commune with God. From the DeMolay emblem we attach the yellow ray of Nature to the Bible.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Service, you represent the violet ray of Service. On your station is the emblem of the Order of Job's Daughter. Why do we honor this organization?

SERVICE: The Order of Job's Daughters is an organization for teenage girls from Masonic homes. The Daughters subscribe to very much the same principles and high ideals as Rainbow so we are proud to call them our Sisters. They, like Rainbow girls, promise to devote themselves to a life of service. The deeper shade of violet, or purple, is significant to the members of Job's Daughters and denotes royalty. From the emblem of Job's Daughters we attach the violet ray of Service to the Bible.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Religion, you represent the orange ray of Religion. On your station is the Christian Flag. What significance has this Flag to the Masonic family?

RELIGION: The United States of America and all Masonic affiliated organizations were founded on religion. The Rainbow ritual was written in the study of the First Christian Church in McAlester, Oklahoma, by Reverend Sexson, then the minister of that church. The church has an important part in the life of every Rainbow girl. They are usually identified with some church and try to live a life that is pleasing to God. From the Christian Flag, symbolic of the Christian religion, we attach the orange ray of Religion to the Bible.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Patriotism, you represent the Indigo ray of Patriotism. On your station is the flag of the United States of America. Why does this most precious flag have a place of honor at the meetings of all of the organizations represented here?

PATRIOTISM: All organizations represented here have many things in common. But the most important treasures are the Holy Bible and the American Flag. The American Flag is the emblem of the land we love, the home of the free and the brave, a symbol of American liberty and independence. It is a symbol of a free nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. At every meeting of any' of these organizations the members declare their allegiance and devotion to their country, the United States of America, through the Pledge of Allegiance to its Flag. From this beautiful Flag we attach the indigo ray of Patriotism to the Bible.

WORTHY ADVISOR: The greatness of this nation, or any nation, is measured in part by the spiritual values of its people. Since all Masonic affiliated organizations share the same spiritual values and recognize the Holy Bible as the source of all power and wisdom, we have attached the seven colors of the Rainbow to the Holy Bible, thus completing our Rainbow rays. As these seven colors blend into the Great White Light of the Holy Bible they represent the crystallization of all colors and the unity and purpose of our five organizations.

SONG: Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

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