

# Majority Addendum

## LINE UP OF OFFICERS

Sister of Time .....Worthy Advisor  
Sister of Life ..... Faith  
Sister of the Records ..... Recorder  
Sister of Supplication.....Chaplain  
Sister of Experience.....Charity  
Sister of Wisdom..... Hope  
Sister of Achievement..... Worthy Associate Advisor  
Infancy ..... Love  
Childhood..... Religion  
Girlhood. ... Nature  
Womanhood..... Immortality  
Wifehood.....Fidelity  
Motherhood..... Patriotism  
Age..... Service

**SISTER OF TIME:** Sister of the Records, you will read the names of the sisters who have attained their twentieth birthday or married during the past year. These sisters will please rise as your name is called.

*(The sisters should be seated on the NE side of the assembly room.)*

**SISTER OF THE RECORDS:** Sister of Time, the date of birth, of initiation, and of majority of the following Rainbow Sisters has been permanently written into the records of \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly. They have fulfilled the obligation of the Order and are legally entitled to receive their majority certificates. *(Reads names.)*

**SISTER OF TIME:** Sister of Life, you will conduct these sisters once around the room and to the East.

*(Sister of Life leads sisters around the room, advancing first to the South, thence to the West, North and East. She countermarches in East so she is at the North end of line, facing East.)*

**SISTER OF TIME:** Life is like a colorful pageant perpetually moving before our wondering eyes; sometimes it is spectacular, sometimes dull and monotonous; frequently it is filled with gaiety and splendor; then, without warning it changes to tragedy and pain. To those who search for the real purpose of life each experience has a definite significance. We say, "Time flies," but the poet has better expressed the truth in the words, "Time flies? Say not so. Time stays, we go. We designate this meeting place as the Abode of Time, where we will endeavor to portray the life of woman for these sisters who have attained the age of womanhood and are now entitled to Honorary membership. Sister of Life, you will lead our sisters to the West where they will heed your Instruction.

*(Sister of Life countermarches in the East, leading the candidates to a position in front of the Station of Achievement (W.A.A.), and causes them to face East. She then goes diagonally to a position behind Immortality and faces West for her lecture to candidates.)*

**SISTER OF LIFE:** "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." My sisters, these are the words of the Master of Life. Your Creator has given to each one of you the gift of Life, but it depends upon you whether that Life becomes valuable or useless. I would remind you that the abundant Life is the useful Life. Tonight I represent Life, and I am to lead you throughout this ceremony which is symbolic of the life of woman. During the period of time called life which is allotted to you, you will encounter adversity, disappointment, and what *may* seem to be failure, but if you are loyal to the principals that have been taught to you here, you will, through experience, attain peace, wisdom, and understanding that will finally lead you to the pinnacle of success. Then can you declare with the Psalmist, "Thou wilt show me the path of Life; in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures forevermore." "Behold... I set before you the way of Life." *(Life returns to north end of line, faces East and addresses Time.)* Sister of Time, we await your pleasure.

**SISTER OF TIME:** Sister of Life, you will lead our sisters to the East.

*(After reaching the East, Sister of Life countermarches so she is at North end of line. She causes the candidates to face East.)*

**SISTER OF TIME:** My sisters, God has made everything beautiful in His time. To everything there is a season; and a time to every purpose under heaven; a time to be born and a time to die, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to keep silence and a time to speak. To each one of you God has allotted a period of time in which to fulfill the purposes for which you were created. Let me admonish you to use your time wisely, for once lost it can never be regained. This ceremonial portrays the seven ages in a woman's life, represented by Infancy, Childhood, Girlhood, Womanhood, Wifehood, Motherhood, and Age, as symbolic of the seven colors of the Rainbow. It is exemplified for you in the hope that, having received so much of beauty and idealism here, you will carry them with you in your future life. Sister of Life, you will lead these sisters for the last time to the Altar of Rainbow where they will heed the words of the Sister of Supplication.

*(Assembly is called up, and Sister of Life again countermarches in East in leading the candidates to the Altar. Sister of Supplication goes to the Altar and kneels, facing West. She asks candidates to kneel.)*

**SUPPLICATION:** Our Heavenly Father, we pray Thy blessings will rest upon these sisters who come for the last time before the Altar of Rainbow. As they surrender their activity in their Assembly and assume the great responsibilities of life, wilt Thou, our Father, go with them and direct their paths. May the lessons they received in their girlhood, remain the ideals that shall govern their conduct throughout life. Help us to remember with joy and gratitude, their period of service to us, strengthen the bond of love between us, and grant that the memory of our association together will ever endure, and Thine shall be the praise forever. Amen.

**ALL:** Lord, help us to keep our promise. *(Assembly is then seated)*

**SISTER OF LIFE:** Sister of Time, we await your pleasure.

**SISTER OF TIME:** Sister of Life, you will lead our sisters to a position in the East, facing the Altar, where they will receive instruction from the sisters of the Rainbow.

*(Sister of Life leads candidates from Altar to a position between the Altar and the East, forming a semicircle, facing the Altar. Sister of Life is on the South end of semi-circle.)*

**INFANCY (Station of Love):** *(Rises on 1 rap of gavel and goes to Altar, leaving her station from the right.)* My Sister, we enter the world as helpless infants. Yet, before we first see the light of day, Love has prepared a haven for us. It is fitting, therefore, that the first color of the Rainbow should be represented by Infancy, that period in your life where you first experienced that supreme virtue of Love, for it was love that brought you into Rainbow, the love of someone interested in your welfare. Here, love has opened to you beautiful virtues in the midst of a companionship that will be a treasured memory forever. -----

As you continue your activity with Rainbow, we leave in your keeping this symbol of the first color. May its crimson hue ever remind you of the words of the sacred writer, "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

*(At space indicated by dashes in each of the seven color stations, take flower or other memento representative of that station, from the Altar, and advance to a position directly in front of first candidate on South end of semicircle. Continue with lecture, giving mementos to candidates while completing the lecture. If there are a large number of candidates, have two "Flower Girls" take position at either end of the semi-circle, and have them give the mementos to the candidates while the speaker says, "As you continue your activity with Rainbow, we leave in your keeping this symbol of the first color" She then pauses until all mementos have been distributed and the "Flower Girls" are back in position at either end of the semi-circle, after which she says the last paragraph of her lecture. At conclusion of lecture, each speaker returns to her station by leaving bow, or in case of just one candidate, on the North side, around seventh station, and back to her own station, entering from her right.)*

**CHILDHOOD (Station of Religion):** *(Rises on 2 raps of gavel and goes to Altar, leaving her station from the right.)* My sister, childhood has been chosen to represent the second color of the Rainbow because it is during this period of life that we acquire our first knowledge of religion. One thousand years before the Christian era, Solomon wisely declared, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." In your assembly you have been taught to have faith in God and in every righteous thing. We trust that whatever your creed may be, you will make your religion a living force in your life. -----

As you continue your activity with Rainbow, we leave in your keeping this symbol of the second color. Let its orange hue ever remind you to "Add to your faith, virtue; to your virtue, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity."

**GIRLHOOD (Sister of Nature):** *(Rises on 3 raps of gavel and goes to Altar, leaving her station from the right.)* My sister, the third stage in your journey is Girlhood, that period of life, when untroubled by material cares; we build the foundations that must carry us through the after years of responsibility. In girlhood each new adventure is anticipated with enthusiasm and filled with the vigor of life. You entered Rainbow in your girlhood, and there you learned to appreciate and understand beauty, and to seek the ideal. -----

As you continue your activity with Rainbow, we leave in your keeping this symbol of the third color. Let its golden hue ever remind you of those sacred words, "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth."

**WOMANHOOD (Station of Immortality):** *(Rises on 4 raps of gavel and goes to Altar, leaving her station from the right.)* My sisters, woman is the great conservator of life; therefore, it is appropriate that womanhood, the fourth stage in your journey, should represent Immortality. You stand on the very threshold of life where your dreams are about to develop into realities, but remember, in the outer world you will encounter cynicism, lost illusions and broken ideals which will tend to divert you from the paths of righteousness. Your training in Rainbow has been designed to prepare you to resist these temptations. I would remind you that you cannot live your life independent of others, for every deed you perform will in some way affect the life of your associates. ---

As you continue your activity with Rainbow, we leave in your keeping this symbol of the fourth color. May its verdancy remind you that "Blessed is the woman that endureth temptation for when she is tried, she shall receive a crown of life."

**WIFEHOOD (Station of Fidelity):** *(Rises on 5 raps of gavel and goes to Altar, leaving her station from the right.)* My sisters, the fifth color of the Rainbow symbolizes Loyalty. It is suitable, therefore, that this virtue should represent Wifeness, the fifth stage in the life of woman. Marriage is an honorable estate, and one to which the average woman normally aspires. I would remind you that Wifeness will demand from you unswerving allegiance to him whom you promise to love, honor, and cherish. Since time immemorial, the name of wife has been synonymous with home, for around the fireside all the ties of love and home unite. In the comfort and healing which she radiates lies her strength, for hers are the unseverable bonds of love -----

As you continue your activity with Rainbow, we leave in your keeping this symbol of the fifth color. Blue has ever symbolized truthfulness; therefore, be loyal to those who love you, for the good book says, "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband."

**MOTHERHOOD (Station of Patriotism):** *(Rises on 6 raps of gavel and goes to Altar, leaving her station from the right.)* My sisters, we designate motherhood as the sixth stage in a woman's life because like our intensified color, it demands sacrifices. The maternal instinct is strong in the heart of every woman and its fulfillment is her supreme experience. It has been truly said that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, and those of you who will be privileged to be the mothers of the coming generation will have in your keeping a sacred trust. I admonish you to train your children in the important lesson of good citizenship that the future welfare of the nation shall be assured.-----

As you continue your activity with Rainbow, we leave in your keeping this symbol of the sixth color. May its intensified blue ever remind you to so live that it can be truthfully said of you, "her children arise up and call her blessed."

**AGE (Station of Service):** *(Rises on 7 raps of gavel and goes to Altar, leaving her station from the right.)* My sisters, the last stage in life's journey is age. It represents that period in which service attains the final reward. Who among us has not seen on the face of some noble woman approaching the end of life's journey that beautiful expression of tranquility that bespeaks a soul at peace with the world and with God. You have learned that virtue is not complete without service; and "Like an echo flinging back to us what we ourselves have sent out," you will receive from life only the equivalent of what you give to it. -----

As you continue your activity with Rainbow, we leave in your keeping this symbol of the seventh color. May its violet hue remind you to utilize your talents to benefit mankind, that when you have reached the end of the road the Master will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

**SISTER OF LIFE:** *(Asks candidates to turn around and form a straight line facing East)* Sister of Time, we await your pleasure.

**SISTER OF TIME:** Sister of Life, you will lead our sisters to the North, the South, and the West, where they will heed the instruction of the Sisters of Experience, Wisdom and Achievement.

*(Sister of Life countermarches, leading candidates around room to Sister of Experience).*

**SISTER OF EXPERIENCE:** My Sisters, experience is the greatest of all teachers. An eminent writer has said, 'All that we know and feel and do, -all our facts and theories, all our emotions and ideals and ends, may be included in this one word, "Experience". You, like all others, will have your moments of doubt as well as exaltation and trials will test your faith and resistance. You will encounter sorrow and adversity and make many mistakes, but the shadows will by comparison, make the sunshine of happiness seem more bright, and the errors of yesterday can pave the way for victory tomorrow. Try to face each new experience without fear, but with a desire to discover the lesson it holds for you personally. Glean from it the wisdom and understanding that will mold your character and make your life one of achievement. As the Sister of Life leads you on your way, may you realize that "Tribulation worketh patience: and patience, experience; and experience, hope."

*(Sister of Life leads candidates to Sister of Wisdom.)*

**SISTER OF WISDOM:** "Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore, get wisdom." My sisters, may this advice given by King Solomon be your guide on the road to achievement, for wisdom without understanding is an empty virtue. There is nothing new in wisdom. The thoughts we think have been pondered by many before us, and the same conclusions we draw were discussed by the ancients. The truth that has been expressed by another becomes ours only because our understanding has expanded to receive it. The wise woman is the kind woman. Her heart has no room for envy, malice or deceit. Having experienced temptation, she understands the frailty of human nature, and finding those who are troubled or have sinned, she extends a helping hand. As the Sister of Life leads you on your way, may you realize "How much better it is to get wisdom than gold; and to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver."

*(Sister of Life leads candidates to Station of Achievement (W.A.A.))*

**SISTER OF ACHIEVEMENT:** My sisters, you seek to achieve a noble womanhood. Many have sought that goal but none have attained it without treading the difficult paths of experience and wisdom. The opportunity for achievement lies ever before you. As the pot of gold, which legend tells us recedes as the seeker approaches, so the desire to achieve ever beckons us farther on, each success and often our failures spurring us to greater effort. I admonish you to perform your daily task in love, demonstrate your religion by kindness, learn to appreciate nature, keep the immortal fires of your spirit burning, exercise fidelity towards your associates, interest yourself in your patriotic duty as a citizen, and serve by helping those less fortunate than you are. The fulfillment of these virtues will satisfy that inner consciousness which is the real you. The Sister of Life will lead you to the East.

*(Sister of Life countermarches after reaching the East, and causes candidates to face East.)*

**MOTHER ADVISOR:** Girls, your coming among us has been of mutual benefit. We are bound together by the bond of love, which has been strengthened by the service you have performed for your assembly, for even the smallest service becomes great when rendered in the true Rainbow spirit. I now present you with a certificate of honorary membership. It is tangible evidence of the fulfillment of your obligation. In time if it should be lost or destroyed, it can be replaced, but I sincerely trust that the memory of our association together has been so indelibly written upon your mind and heart that it will endure as long as you live.

**SISTER OF TIME:** Sister of Life, you will lead these sisters for the last time past the stations of the South, the West and the North, and then to the East for the benediction.

*(Appropriate song while marching - at conclusion of song, Sister of Time raps up the Assembly for the benediction.)*

**MOTHER ADVISOR:** "May the Lord preserve thee from all evil, may He preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth and even forevermore." Amen. Lord, Help us to keep our promise. *(Sister of Time seats the Assembly.)*

**SISTER OF TIME:** Sister of Life, you will escort the honorary members to their seats.