

## **BOW PROGRAM (PUBLIC CEREMONY)**

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**WORTHY ADVISOR:** Good morning. As many of you know, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is for young ladies between the ages of 11 and 20. Any girl, properly recommended by a member of a Sponsoring Order or a Rainbow Girl, can apply for membership. She does not need to be from a Masonic or Eastern Star family.

In Colorado, we have 7 Assemblies. They meet in Greeley, Golden, Littleton, Colorado Springs, Monte Vista, Gunnison and Grand Junction. We invite you to join us for any of our regular meetings or special events.

The freshness of youth and beauty is symbolized in our Assemblies by the seven colors of the Rainbow. Have you ever wondered, what the colors of our Rainbow really mean? Let us listen as each Sister describes the lesson of her color.

**SISTER OF LOVE:** The first color of the Rainbow is Red which symbolizes Love. 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."

Love should be in the center of all our relationships. It should be the greatest force in our lives. Without giving love, our lives are without purpose. We should allow love to motivate all we say and do.

**SISTER OF RELIGION:** Next is the lesson Religion represented by the color Orange. It is a basic need of mankind to revere and draw strength from a Supreme Being and to worship in a community.

Religion is essential for us to establish a moral standard by which to live. Saint James states that religion is "to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world." We should allow Religion to be the moral teacher in our lives.

**SISTER OF NATURE:** Nature is visualized through the color Yellow. Imagine a rolling hill of autumn leaves, a sunset upon the water, a field of daisies swaying in a gentle breeze, or the sun shining through an ice-covered hedge. What better sights to help us think of God!

In quiet moments, we should think about our lives, where we fit, what we will be, and what we will do. The Psalmist writes, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters." Let us then learn to feel God's presence in the beauties of nature.

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**SISTER OF IMMORTALITY:** Green symbolizes Immortality. How we hate to think of death, but what if we could see it not as an end but a beginning of a new life through Immortality. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

It’s important to have faith to face death without fear. It is the assurance of life after death, which gives us courage. It is that same assurance that quiets the grief when we are left behind. Let us have faith to believe God’s promise of peace at the last.

**SISTER OF FIDELITY:** Blue is for Fidelity. The greatest compliment we pay another person is when we say, “I trust you.” This translates to “I know you will tell the truth”, “I know you will honor a promise” or even “I know you will be faithful to obligations and duties”. This is Fidelity.

Saint Paul wrote, “We aim at what is honorable, not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of men.” Let us always be true to our vows and promises.

**SISTER OF PATRIOTISM:** Indigo symbolizes Patriotism. Sir Walter Scott wrote, “Breathes there a man with a soul so dead, who never to himself has said, ‘This is my own, my native land.’” What is the meaning of patriotism? Feeling the pride in the athletes as they follow our Flag at the Olympic Games. Standing proudly at attention and singing the national anthem. Bowing our heads in remembrance of lives lost to preserve this great land of ours. Let us respect, cherish, and defend our flag, the symbol of our country.

**SISTER OF SERVICE:** The seventh color of the Rainbow is Violet and represents Service. What greater satisfaction than to hear these words said to us, “Thank you, you have helped me so much.” To do a job and do it well, gives pleasure, but to do something kind for another, gives pure joy.

Saint Paul wrote to the Galatians, “By love, serve one another.” We should never turn away from an opportunity to do service for those who need it most: the lonely, the handicapped, the unloved, or the ones who feel they have failed. Let us work together for the good of all and give aid to those in need.

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** There they are. The seven colors that make up our symbolic Rainbow, around which our Order is formed. Its meaning is found in the Book of Genesis, Chapter 9, “Then God told Noah and his sons, ‘I solemnly promise you and your children that I will never again send another flood to destroy the earth. And I seal this promise with this sign - I have placed my rainbow in the clouds as a sign of my promise until the end of time, to you and to all the earth.’”

Through our youth, poise, inner beauty, and sisterhood we radiate the colors of the rainbow. We hope that our presence here today helps you remember God’s promise as well as the importance of all of our teachings.

**WORTHY ADVISOR:** I invite each member to introduce herself giving her Name, Assembly, and Office.

*[Wait for all to be done]*

The Officers will retire informally.