

MAJORITY SERVICE (AGE)

Book of Ceremonies, version 3.5

Who may witness: Closed meeting only

Purpose: To formally mark the attainment of Majority by age.

Participants: Mother Advisor, a member of the Advisory Board, or someone designated to give the service.

Paraphernalia: Majority certificate for each member receiving her majority.
Individual wrapped rose, membership information

Mother Advisor: Sisters of Assembly Number _____, upon me devolves at this time a very pleasant duty, at the same time this duty has in it an element of sadness for it marks the parting of the way. As we travel through life, it has many roads. Along the road of babyhood, we are carried by our mothers. This is the path in which we learn first to walk, but as we grow older and our steps grow steadier, we find leading from this road another highway. It is young womanhood. It is filled with sunshine and refreshing showers. It is lined with overhanging shrubbery and beautiful wild flowers of every shade. Along it we hear the songs of the birds; it has the purple of the morning and the gloaming of the evening. Along this highway are the homes of people and from these homes there comes our companions; those we love and from this companionship there grows the group life of our community and along this highway we stroll together. We find here our social life, our school life and our church life, all designed to make us see the beautiful side and encourage us to higher things. From this highway, there leads another road which is one of conflict, or strife and toil. It is on that highway that one of our members enters tonight. Sister of Faith, you will please conduct Sister _____ who has been a member of this Assembly since _____ and who on _____ attained her twentieth birthday, before the Altar of Rainbow that she may receive another crowning admonition before she starts on her journey in adult life.

(If there is more than one candidate, the names of each of the girls should be given, with their dates of birth as provided for in the above paragraph.)

(The Sister of Faith conducts the girl(s) who has attained the age of twenty to the Altar facing the East.)

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Mother Advisor: My Sister, it has been twenty years since your eyes first beheld the light of day. During these twenty years, some of the most important things in international life have happened. Events so great as to change the course of human history and make the world in which you shall live as a young woman quite a different thing from the world twenty years ago. One of the most significant things that has happened, and one which prophesies untold blessings for the future, is the interest manifested in youth. When you arrived at your teen age, that time of your life that was most impressionable, there stood awaiting you at the gate, two very time-honored Fraternities of the Nation, their arms outstretched to you as a timid girl, offering you their support and help. At the Altar where you now stand, you took upon yourself an obligation which was designed to make you a channel through which these Fraternities might benefit mankind. Your life in our midst has been a devoted life; it is a life that has reflected every color of the Rainbow. We believe it is life that began in Love and is now ending in Service and while we congratulate you upon attaining your twentieth birthday; our hearts are filled with sadness to know that we shall not have you as an active member of our Assembly. We do ask, and we know that you will grant our wish, that you continue to think well of the organization which we trust has meant much to you. If Rainbow has borne fruit in your life after having received and practiced its lessons, we know you will enter upon a greater fraternal life, which it has been our pleasure to prepare for you.

Sister of Faith, you will conduct our Sister to the East.

(Sister of Faith conducts the Majority Member(s) to the East on the South marching lane.)

Mother Advisor: My Sister, I take pleasure in presenting you with this diploma which represents your graduation from Rainbow to a larger field of Fraternal activity. We trust it will be a reminder to you of the most beautiful and fruitful years of your life and it is given to you with the love and respect of the entire membership of your Assembly.

(Mother Advisor presents each Majority Member with her certificate.)

Mother Advisor: Sister of Faith, you will cause our Sister to face the Assembly. *(Calls Assembly up)*

Sisters of this Assembly, it is my privilege to present to you _____ who has attained her majority and you will salute her with the Sign of the Rainbow.

Mother Advisor: Sister of Faith, you will now conduct our Sister to her seat.