

MAJORITY SERVICE (MARRIAGE)

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Who may witness: Closed meeting only

Purpose: To formally mark the attainment of Majority by marriage before she attains her 20th birthday.

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.

Mother Advisor: Sister of Faith, you will conduct our Sister _____ to the Altar of this Assembly.

(The Sister of Faith conducts the Majority Member to the Altar)

Mother Advisor: My Sister, you stand before the Altar on which rest the Holy Bible, symbol of White Light. Since you became a Rainbow Girl, many important lessons have been taught to you, all of which, we sincerely hope, have made a deep and lasting impression on your life. You now stand before us in a new relationship, that of a wife. You have been taught at the Altar, where you now stand, that to honor that name as a crown on the head of womankind. In assuming your vows at the Marriage Altar, you began a life to glorify the teachings of Rainbow. That you may be more fully impressed with the solemnity of this moment and what it means to the Assembly, I will ask the Sister of Faith to conduct you once again in Silence about the Assembly Room.

As you are thus conducted, the journey will symbolize the silent and holy prayer that ascends from our hearts to our Father in Heaven, that He will keep you and that your new home may be one of constant happiness.

(Sister of Faith conducts the Majority Member completely about the Assembly Room one time, leaving the Bow from the North side, stopping in front of the Mother Advisor's station, facing East.)

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Mother Advisor: My Sister, thus it is that our hearts are touched for the moment, because of your retirement from our Assembly as an active Rainbow Girl. But as you stand before the station of the Mother Advisor, we are reminded that it is the happy and natural future of girls to enter the Estate of Womanhood and to become the charm and center of the home. We will recall many times your services with the Assembly, the unselfishness of your life and the happiness you have brought to many during the time we have worked together. You go forth into the adult life with our best wishes and our love.

I now present you your Majority Certificate in the hope that you will ever regard it as one of the prizes of life. May it remind you of the most beautiful years of your life, the flower years or the color years that henceforth will issue into a fine and glorious life of reality, in Love and Service.

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

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

(If the Majority Member cares to make any remarks, she may do so at this time.)

Mother Advisor: Sister of Faith, you will seat our Sister in the Assembly Room.