

## ROSE CEREMONY

***This ceremony is used after initiation and only under "Good of the Order." The colors should have already been retired at the close of initiation.***

*<Advance to a position directly in front of the new Sister(s) holding roses>*

Will our new sister{s} please stand.

I now extend to you a warm welcome into our Assembly. Rainbow teaches duty fourfold: duty to God, to country, to parents, and to each other. The Rainbow grasp of friendship reaches beyond the doors of this Assembly, across the great expanse of the United States, beyond the vast oceans, to girls in many other parts of the world. You are now a part of this great, undying chain of friendship. Yet remember, "a chain is only as strong as its weakest link".

For {this morning\ this afternoon\ this evening\tonight}, I would like to give you a short verse entitled, "My Hand In God's".

Each morning when I awake, I say,  
"I place my hand in God's today".  
I know He'll walk close by my side,  
My every wandering step to guide.

He leads me with the tenderest care,  
When paths are dark and I despair,  
No need for me to understand,  
If I but hold fast to His Hand.

My hand in His, no greater way,  
To go in safety through each day.  
By His great bounty I am fed,  
Warmed by His love and comforted.

When at day's end I seek my rest  
And realize how much I am blest,  
My thanks pour out to Him, and then,  
I place my hand in God's again.

{This morning\ This afternoon\ This evening\Tonight} as you knelt at the White Altar of the Holy Promise, and pledged your life to one of Love and Service, you held the hand of God. So each morning as you awaken and look upon the pages of your open Bible, remember that you once held the hand of God. So again, place your hand in His, that you may look forward to a new day of renewed strength and courage.

*<Hand the new sister a rose, then slightly bow to her.>*

## **ROSE CEREMONY – continued**

Upon this occasion, I have placed a small rose in your hand. This red rose symbolizes a girl's love for and devotion to her mother, who has made this day possible through much sacrifice and prayer. Tonight when you go home and tell your mother, or someone who has taken her place, your impressions of this ceremony, give her your rose, and when you kiss her goodnight, remind her that you love her.

*<Turn West, continue West on the North Marching Line, turn South on the West Marching Line and advance to the South Marching Line, turn East and advance to the South entrance of the Altar. Turn North and advance to a point directly behind the Altar and face East, without taking any steps to the East.>*

And now in honor of every girl's mother and in memory of those mothers who have passed to the Golden City beyond,

*<Lays the roses on the Altar to the left side (North) of the Bible. The roses are not to lay on the Bible.>*

I place these roses on our Altar, and bid you welcome into our Assembly, being assured that the lessons you have been taught will lead you to a happy and successful life.

Thank you, you may be seated.

*<Take one step back from the Altar on right foot, turn North leaving the Altar advancing to the North Marching Line.>*

*For Colorado Competitions (Frank Marshall style or attending the Frank Marshall Tournament, please request a copy from the Competition Committee for any floor work or wording changes.*