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PENALTY

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All persons not members in good standing in the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and our sponsoring Orders, or who are not Majority members, Parents, Grandparents, Legal Guardians of active or Majority Rainbow members, or nonaffiliated spouses of members of our Sponsoring Orders, will please retire. Sister Drill Leader, you will invite the officers of this Assembly to enter the Assembly Room.

By order of the Mother Advisor of this Assembly, the officers will enter the Assembly Room.

Sister Drill Leader, you will conduct the Worthy Advisor to her station.

Officers, assume your proper stations.

* {1 Rap}

Sister Confidential Observer.

Worthy Advisor.

Inform the Sister Outer Observer that the doors are now to be closed, and the Assembly will begin its study of True Womanhood.

Sister Outer Observer, the doors of this Assembly are now to be closed and the Assembly will begin its lessons of True Womanhood. You will guard against all who cannot make themselves known by our traditional signs and passwords.

*** {3 Raps}

**** {4 Raps}

Worthy Advisor, I have obeyed your command.

Sister Drill Leader, you will present our Flag in the East.

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You will join with me in giving the Pledge of Allegiance and singing one verse of America.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of Liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

* {1 Rap}

Sisters Hope and Charity.

Sisters Hope and Charity, you will approach the East and receive the Word.

You will satisfy yourselves that all present are members of this Assembly, or some regular Assembly. Visiting members must be vouched for by some member of the Assembly.

Will all adults please stand?

Mother Advisor, is there anyone present who will vouch for these guests?

Sister of Charity, I will vouch for these guests.

Thank you. You may be seated.

Worthy Advisor, I have obeyed your command and find all present entitled to be with us in our deliberations.

Sisters Hope and Charity, since the Word has safely arrived in the East, and all are entitled to be with us in our deliberations, you will give the sign of the Rainbow and retire to your respective Stations.

Members of our sponsoring Orders and Friends, we are delighted to have you with us in our deliberations. It is because of the organizations you represent and because of your interest in the girlhood of our country that we have this Assembly. You are an inspiration and a help. We extend to you a cordial invitation to be present at all of our meetings.

All adults who are attending a closed meeting of Rainbow for the first time will please stand. You will raise your right hand and repeat after me:



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I promise upon my honor that I will never reveal any of the traditions of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and that the cause of this Order shall have my earnest support.

As adults who support this organization, you are entitled to know the Sign of Rainbow, which I shall now give you.

On entering and leaving the Assembly while in session, you should advance in front of the Worthy Associate Advisor's station, facing the East, give the Sign of the Rainbow. This will be answered by the same Sign from the Worthy Advisor, which gives you permission to be seated or retire. You should respond to all raps of the gavel.

* {1 Rap}

Worthy Associate Advisor.

Worthy Advisor, I beg to serve you.

Be advised, and through you, the Sister of Faith, who is seated near the Altar, the Sister of Hope, who is seated in the South, and the Sister of Charity who is seated in the North, that this Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is about to be opened.

** {2 Raps}

Sister of Faith, what does your station represent?

An inward acceptance of the Word of God.

Why is your station near the Altar?

The Altar is the most sacred place in our Assembly Room. Upon it rests the Holy Bible, symbol of white light, from which we derive strength to sustain us through life.

Sister of Hope, what does your station represent?

The sun.

What is the hour?

The noon day, when the sun's rays are the brightest.



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What is its meaning?

The light, the Bright Light, should always shine on our pathway.

Sister of Charity, what does your station represent?

In olden times, a place of darkness.

What does your station represent at this hour?

The Rainbow on the fringe of the clouds.

What is its meaning?

That even while the sun is shining brightest, the storms of life will come; but through the storms will come the White Light of Promise, and after the storm, the victory.

Sister of Charity, be pleased to advise the members of this Assembly, by order of the Worthy Advisor, that the Assembly is about to be opened for any business that may come regularly before it.

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Sisters, this Assembly is about to be opened. Through prayer comes countless blessings. Let us face the Worthy Advisor and then bow our heads in prayer.

Our Father, we pray Thy blessings to rest upon the members of this Assembly and upon our homes. In all our deliberations, may we ever keep in mind gentleness and kindness, chief characteristics of womankind. May we endeavor to exemplify these virtues in our lives, and reconsecrate and rededicate ourselves anew to Thee. Bless the Girlhood of our Nation; may it feel and know its responsibilities and especially may it have Thy divine guidance through the early years of life. Bless, we pray Thee, the members of our Sponsoring Orders; bless our Masonic homes and the people therein; keep us from evil; teach us reverence, teach us to give to Thee each day a portion of our time. Then we shall have Victory, and praise Thee forever. Amen.

Lord, help us to keep our promise.

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Worthy Associate Advisor, what is the symbol of this Assembly?

The Rainbow in the heavens spanning from the North to the South.

What does it symbolize?

The ancient promise of God to His people that He will never again destroy the world by flood.

What does it further symbolize?

That out of every trial and temptation through which Girlhood may pass, there shall come a Rainbow of Promise and Victory.

What are its rays?

Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet.

Whence do they originate?

From the great source of the White Light, which is symbolized in our Assembly by the Holy Bible.

By what color do we designate the Holy Bible?

It is white, the color of purity.

What does it represent?

It is the symbol of True Womanhood.

Be pleased to order the Holy Bible opened that its White Light may penetrate the heart of every member of this Assembly.

Sister of Charity, by order of the Worthy Advisor, be pleased to order the Holy Bible opened that its White Light may penetrate the heart of every member of this Assembly.

Sister of Hope, by order of the Worthy Advisor, you will open the Holy Bible on our Altar.

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Sister of Charity, the order of the Worthy Advisor has been obeyed.



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Worthy Associate Advisor, the order of the Worthy Advisor has been obeyed.

Worthy Advisor, your order has been obeyed.

By authority of the Supreme Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I declare this Assembly duly opened. Sister Confidential Observer, you will be pleased to inform the Outer Observer that this Assembly is now open for any business that may come regularly before it.

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Sister Outer Observer, by order of the Worthy Advisor, this Assembly is now open for its deliberations. You will admit none but those who are duly qualified and have permission from the Worthy Advisor.

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Worthy Advisor, I have obeyed your command.

* {1 Rap}

Officers, our labors being over, the time has come for us to depart.

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Worthy Associate Advisor, you will be pleased to inform the sisters of this Assembly that it is about to be closed, and that its deliberations must be forever hidden from the outside world.

Sister of Charity, you will be pleased to inform the sisters of this Assembly that it is about to be closed.

Sister of Hope, God said: This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations; I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the Earth. You will advise the members of this Assembly that it is about to be closed.



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Sisters of this Assembly, the storm clouds of the North vanish under the rays of the sun at noonday; and in the words of the Sacred Writer: 'And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the Earth.' Be advised that this Assembly is about to close. This command is given by order of the Worthy Advisor, and you will now face her station under the sign of the Rainbow, while we engage in prayer.

Our Great Creator, Our Father, we thank Thee for the deliberations of this Assembly, and for its lessons. Implant them in our hearts that we may heed in our life their principles. That the lessons taught at our stations, symbolized by the colors of the Rainbow, shall ever be the seven cardinal truths in our lives, and that we may be rededicated to them and strengthened by them to meet whatever responsibilities the girlhood of our nation must meet. Bless us, we pray Thee, bless our fathers and our mothers, our homes, our schools, our Church, our Nation, bless those who are less fortunate than we are, and help us to help them every moment we can. Fill our hearts with sympathy and in loving kindness may we give ourselves to our country for service and Thine shall be the praise forever. Amen.

Lord, help us to keep our promise.

Worthy Associate Advisor, you will please have closed the Holy Bible, symbol of White Light.

Sister of Charity, by order of the Worthy Advisor, you will please have the Holy Bible, symbol of White Light, closed.

Sister of Hope, by order of the Worthy Advisor, you will please close the Holy Bible, symbol of White Light.

Let us sing **Blest Be the Tie That Binds.**

Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Sister Confidential Observer, be pleased to advise the Outer Observer that this Assembly is now closed and that peace and harmony are in every heart.



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Sister Outer Observer, this Assembly is now closed and peace and harmony are in every heart.

Worthy Advisor, your command has been obeyed.

Dear girls, as you leave this Assembly Room and go to your respective homes, may He who neither slumbers nor sleeps, watch over you, and lead you in the way of righteousness and truth, until we meet again.

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