

Crowning Ceremony

In all the ages of Man, the crown has been the symbol of leadership, light and intelligence. When worn, its brilliance gives the wearer an aura of great distinction and nobility. How fitting it is then, for us in Rainbow, to invest our top officers with the privilege of wearing a crown on their heads, for truly the light that makes these tiny stones glitter is a light sent from God.

Faith:

Sister of Faith, life is a series of first steps. Our first steps as a baby, on our way to the first day of school, at our high school and college Graduations where we step into the unknown and unexpected. But the first steps that concern you right now are the ones the candidate takes coming over the threshold of the preparation room door. She is not sure of what to expect and you are the one that she will count of for guidance and support. We ask you to be aware of the impression you will make on her, for if she feels that she cannot trust you, the unexpected may be more scary.

_____, you are also taking first steps of your own by taking on the responsibility of Faith. Do not hesitate to ask for help, for all of us have taken first steps, and the support of others makes the path which that you start on a little easier. This crown represents first steps. Wear it knowing you are supported, and you yourself support others.

Hope:

Sister of Hope, when Noah safely landed, after God had destroyed the world with flood, he watched as God extended a rainbow across the sky as a promise that he would never again destroy the world. Promises are very important things and they should not be taken lightly. You and your station represent many promises: God's promise to Noah, God's promise to watch over us while we live our lives, but most importantly, a promise of Hope.

_____, you will make many promises in your life. Try to fulfill them all. But never forget the promise of hope for it will help you, because when you set your heart and mind on accomplishing something, that promise of hope will provide you support in your endeavors. This crown represents promises, for they are the mainstay of our society. Always be true to the ones you make, and support the ones that have already been made.

Charity:

Sister of Charity, it has always been said that charity begins at home, and it does, especially when you consider this assembly as one of your homes. Charity can take on two meanings: first it can be an institution or an organization designed to provide help to those who need it; and second, it can be a person who uses leniency in judging men and their actions.

_____, you as Charity of this assembly will carry out both of these meanings. You represent and organization which, as one of its basic principles, provides for those who may need help and support, by planning and carrying out projects that raise money to help support others. This crown represents the charitable aspects of our organization. Plan your projects, so that they will provide the best help and support possible, and remember to use leniency when meeting new girls, for they are the future of this assembly and of our organization.

Worthy Associate Advisor:

Sister Worthy Associate Advisor, at the moment, you could say you have subordinate or secondary status to the Worthy Advisor. But with the responsibility you presently hold and the forthcoming responsibilities you will have, your office is just as important as hers. The responsibilities you presently have are in the roles of planner and companion. As you sit in the West and fulfill the duties you have as Worthy Associate Advisor, you are busily planning for your term as Worthy Advisor, but do not let your plans and dreams for the future interfere with the present.

_____, your second responsibility is equally as important as your first, that of companion. This position is found in the name of your office, for companion is the same as saying associate. You are _____ 's companion, her friend, her confidant, her second in command. If she ever needs to talk, be there to listen and if she ever needs help, be there to provide it. Take the responsibility to heart, for when you are in the East, _____ will be your companion, and she will need a good example to follow. This crown represents present and forthcoming responsibilities, and dreams for the future, which do not interfere with the present. It also represents companionship. Be true to that duty because it is very important.

Worthy Advisor:

Sister Worthy Advisor, to a scientific mind, a Rainbow is an arch of prismatic colors formed in the sky opposite the sun and caused by reflection and dispersion of light in the raindrops falling through the air, but we know better. There are many stories and legends that surround rainbows. We ourselves speak of one in Charity's lecture that at the end of every Rainbow there is a pot of gold. If you continue the legend into Irish lore, we find that the pot of gold is protected by leprechauns, whom if caught, must reveal the location of their treasure.

There is also another legend we hear about in the study of Greek Mythology. Iris was a daughter of Zeus and a messenger for the Gods. She had a very unique way of carrying the messages that were entrusted to her. She would extend her arch of prismatic colors across the sky and touch it down in the area to where the message was to be delivered. For you see, Iris was the Goddess of the Rainbow and her duties were extremely important.

_____ As Worthy Advisor, you are a leprechaun that carefully guards the secrets and treasures of this assembly, but you are also a messenger who takes the time to tell

others girls of our order. So be that little leprechaun and guard well your treasures, but do not make it difficult to be caught for if you remain free, you will not be able to fully share with others the treasures and lessons that you carefully guard and the love that you find in this assembly.

Let the jewels in this crown represent those first steps you took as Faith, the promises you kept as Hope, the leniency you showed as Charity, the forthcoming responsibility you saw and your role as companion as Worthy Associate Advisor, and your new job as leprechaun and messenger. Put your heart and love into your office and you will succeed.