

SEVEN PLUS SEVEN EQUAL TEN

A Joint DeMolay and Rainbow Program

Setup: *The room should be set up with Rainbow's seven pedestals with chairs, placed west of the Altar. The seven candles with chairs, of the DeMolay should be placed east of the Altar and lighted. A closed bible should be placed on the Altar. The American flag should be placed on the highest level in the East, on the left side when facing the East.*

Entrance: *The seven Rainbow Girls representing the bow enter escorted by the seven DeMolay boys representing the Preceptors. The boys escort the girls with the Rainbow Girl on their left arm.*

LINEUP

RAINBOW

Love
Religion
Nature
Immortality
Fidelity
Patriotism
Service

DeMOLAY

Filial Love
Reverence
Courtesy
Comradeship
Fidelity
Cleanness
Patriotism

The seven couples enter through the entrance into the Lodge room. They proceed about two steps east of west and turn north. They march north to approximately two steps south of north where they turn east. They march east until they are just beyond the east-most candle where they turn south and march to a point between the Altar and East. They turn east and march to the rise. The line stops at the rise and turns in, facing each other.

The Master Councilor now escorts the Worthy Advisor along the same line of march used by the bow and Preceptors. The couple passes through the lines formed by the bow and Preceptors. They mount the dais and face west. The Worthy Advisor takes the station to the right of the Master Councilor.

M.C.: *My brothers, you will escort our sisters to their respective bow stations.*

MOVEMENT: *The lines close ranks and face west. The girls take the boy's right arm. The couples march west to about one step east of the lead candle where they turn south. The line marches south to about two steps south of Love's pedestal where it turns west. They march west to Love's pedestal where the line turns right and arches around the bow stations. Each couple stops at the respective pedestal of the Rainbow Girl. The couples turn, face each other and bow. The girls then turn and stand behind their respective pedestals. The DeMolay boys now continue their march single file. The line passes the Rainbow*

station of Service and marches east to the candles where the line arches about the candles with each preceptor stopping at his respective candle. When all boys have reached their respective candles, they turn in facing the Altar.

FLAG SALUTE AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

M.C.: Please rise and join with us in pledging allegiance to our country's flag and singing the first stanza of our National Anthem.

Please be seated.

W.A.: The Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International are two youth groups sponsored and supported by Masonic bodies. The two organizations have a common heritage. The Order of Rainbow for Girls was founded in Oklahoma by Rev. William Mark Sexson. He recognized the need for a Masonic sponsored organization for girls after witnessing the activities of the Order of DeMolay for boys. He persuaded the members of South McAlester Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, to sponsor such an organization after he agreed to write an appropriate ritual. On the evening of April 6, 1922, the members of South McAlester Chapter initiated the first class of one hundred seventy-one Rainbow Girls. Since that date, our order has spread throughout the world.

M.C.: DeMolay International (formerly the Order of DeMolay) was founded in Kansas City in the year 1919. It was started by Dad Frank S. Land and nine teenage boys. The DeMolay ritual was written by Dad Frank A. Marshall after the boys had selected Jacque DeMolay, last Grand Master of the Order of Knights Templar as an exemplar for their order. In particular, the boys were impressed by the fidelity unto death of this knight. The candidate for membership in DeMolay International must pass through two degrees known as the Initiatory and DeMolay degree respectively. In the initiatory degree, the candidate is taught to exemplify in his life seven cardinal virtues; filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism.

W.A.: The number seven also appears in the Rainbow degree. We have seven bow stations at which the candidate is taught seven important lessons. These lessons concern seven characteristics of the individual, society and the universe, which the Order holds in respect. The seven stations are Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism, and Service. As one can observe, our seven overlap the seven of the DeMolay. The first overlap occurs at our first station, that of Love. Sister of Love.

LOVE (Rainbow): Webster defines love to be "a deep devotion or affection for another person or persons." In the Order of Rainbow we are taught that God loves us and that we should love God and our fellow man. Love opens our mind to all other virtues of humanity. Let us love one another.

M.C.: Brother First Preceptor.

FILIAL LOVE (DeMolay): Each DeMolay is taught to express deep and lasting love for his parents who have raised and guided his development. Much of our ritual expounds this filial love and at every regular meeting, after our closing prayer, we all recite the line “God bless mother, God bless father, God bless the Order of DeMolay.”

W.A.: The second overlap is Religion. Sister of Religion.

RELIGION (Rainbow): As far back as we can go in history we find human beings engaged in some form of religious worship. St. James tells us the “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” In Rainbow, we are taught religion as Love and Service.

M.C.: Brother Second Preceptor.

REVERENCE (DeMolay): While DeMolay International expounds no particular religion; we are instructed to acknowledge the concepts of a universal fatherhood and to express our beliefs at the temple of worship of our choice. A constant practice of our religious beliefs makes us better sons and better citizens. For religion is one of those moral fibers that hold our society together.

W.A.: The third overlap is Fidelity. Sister of Fidelity.

FIDELITY (Rainbow): Fidelity is a jewel of pure, blue light found in the Crown of Life. It means faithfulness and carries every mark of honor that its worth deserves. We find it is needed in every duty, every promise, and every step we take. It keeps us true to our highest good. As Rainbow Girls, we find that if we practice the teaching of the lesson of Fidelity, our own unquestioned integrity in all ways gives to Fidelity its shining beauty.

M.C.: Brother Fifth Preceptor.

FIDELITY (DeMolay): Fidelity is the cornerstone of DeMolay International. The hero of our Order was faithful to his brethren unto death. Fidelity demands that we keep our word when given. Falsehood in any form, tarnishes the blue light of the jewel of fidelity. Remember my friends “A good name is better to be chosen than great riches.”

W.A.: The last overlap is Patriotism. Sister of Patriotism.

PATRIOTISM (Rainbow): Patriotism means more than waving a flag and marching in a parade. These are necessary and most inspiring, but true patriotic

service means more. It means that as youth we must educate ourselves in the ideals, traditions and practices of democracy so that as adults we may discharge our duties as lawful and enlightened citizens. Our Pot of Gold holds the rank of patriot to be most essential. Each one should be a patriot, giving faith and love with every service rendered.

M.C.: Brother Seventh Preceptor.

PATRIOTISM (DeMolay): The young men of our country have given their lives in each of our nations trials in order to preserve our American way of life. We, as DeMolays, are taught that patriotism is more than carrying our country's banner on the field of battle. We are everyday on a battlefield where good citizenship wages war with those who would change our form of government, be it national, state, or local to serve their own self-interest. Each day as we practice intelligent and concerned citizenship we are displaying the virtue of patriotism.

W.A.: To this point our sisters and brothers have displayed those four virtues of love, religion, fidelity and patriotism, which are common to the teachings of our two groups. This, however, leaves three sisters of the bow and three brother Preceptors as yet unheard from by the gathering.

May we now hear from the sisters of Nature, Immortality, and Service and the brothers representing Courtesy, Comradship and Cleanness? Sister of Nature, what have you to offer?

NATURE (Rainbow): When God created the universe He made His creation beautiful. Nature has provided beauty for all our moods. All of this has been given to us in order that we may grow in spirit as we grow in body. If we learn to look for beauty in all things we will find it.

“If shadow or sunlight of restful shade
Be my own path which God hath laid,
I'll walk with Him and be unafraid.”

M.C.: Brother Third Preceptor, what lesson of courtesy have you to offer?

COURTESY (DeMolay): While each of us are taught to be courteous to our parents, our teachers and our elders, the truly courteous person is one who is polite and outgoing in a non-artificial manner, even to a stranger. This one act of courtesy toward the stranger may save a person from a life of crime or despair. If each of us were courteous to all of our fellow men, what a better world this would be. With this thought in mind we, as DeMolays, consider courtesy to be one of the seven cardinal virtues.

W.A.: Sister of Immortality, what lesson have you to offer?

IMMORTALITY (Rainbow): When God breathed into man the breath of life, He gave him the gift of immortality. To those who have not realized that our souls live forever and that death of the body does not mean death of our real life, death seems terrifying. Immortality makes all things new at the end of earthly life. Let us, therefore, so live these earthly lives that in that life hereafter, we may find peace, happiness and contentment.

M.C.: Brother Fourth Preceptor, what is the lesson of comradeship?

COMRADESHIP (DeMolay): Brotherhood or sister-hood is the basis of all fraternal organizations. It means more than being bound to each other by the obligation of the Order. It means being bound to each other by true and undissolving friendship. An act of true friendship will carry a brother or sister through the depths of depression to the world of hope and love. Each day I learn one more reason to say "Thank God for my friends."

W.A.: The last Rainbow lesson will be given by the Sister of Service.

SERVICE (Rainbow): Our beautiful Order of Rainbow holds a promise and a purpose. There is nothing in life that creates greater happiness than given loyal service. Wherever we go we will find people who have a need of some kind. When we recognize loyal service as a privilege, as well as a duty, we find happiness in helping others. Only our best work is good enough to offer. We must remember that as we go about our daily tasks, loving faithful services the key to a successful happy life.

M.C.: The lesson of cleanness will be portrayed by our sixth Preceptor.

CLEANNES (DeMolay): While we all hope that the people we meet are bathed, their hair combed, and that they have clean clothes, we look first for another cleanness within them. This is a cleanness of thought, word and deed. Nothing turns us off faster than the person whose mouth is foul, whose acts are deplorable and whose mind is in the gutter. Remembering that our body is a temple, let us not defile it with unclean living. Keep your life spotless before God and before man.

M.C.: It is true that the Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International for Boys each expound seven great lessons within their degree work. However, if we combine the lessons of these two great Masonic youth groups, we find that we have ten lessons in all, to better prepare us as youths approaching adulthood.

W.A.: Hence the title of our presentation, "Seven Plus Seven Equals Ten". We thank you, the adults of our Masonic Family, for your leadership and for helping us each day to better understand and practice these ten lessons. We also thank the founding fathers of our two great organizations. Their love for youth caused them to create Rainbow and DeMolay as mediums through which the great

lessons of life could be taught to each of us. May we each, Rainbow and DeMolay, manifest in our lives these ten great lessons as part of one Masonic Family and more importantly, as part of one family of mankind.

W.A.: *Thank the host/hostess of the afternoon/evening in your own words.*

M.C.: *Thank the host/hostess of the afternoon/evening in your own words.*

M.C.: Brother Preceptors, you will escort our sisters of the bow from the room.

MOVEMENT: *The Preceptors at the candles do a left or right face and march forward to the bow station of Love and then in an arch to stand behind the sister they escorted into the room originally. The sisters do a left face and take the right arm of the DeMolay boy standing next to them. The seven couples march forward and make a right turn at the station of Service. They march east to about two steps west of east. They turn right and march south.*

As the Preceptor of Filial Love and the Sister of Love pass the East, the Worthy Advisor and the Master Councilor fall in at the end of the march line with the Worthy Advisor on the Master Councilor's right arm. The line marches south to two steps north of south and turn west. They march west, stopping just short of the exit. The first seven couples open ranks and face inward. The Master Councilor and Worthy Advisor pass through the open lines. The lines then close and in turn, pass out the exit.