

Parents' Degree

Drill Leader escorts Mother Advisor into the room.

Mother Advisor welcomes all, then "Sister Drill Leader, you will escort the Worthy Advisor to her station in the East."

Drill Leader escorts Worthy Advisor alone from the ante room.

Drill Leader: By order of the Mother Advisor of this Assembly, the Worthy Advisor of _____ Assembly will enter the Assembly room."

Mother Advisor - 3 raps "Worthy Advisor, I present to you your gavel of authority that you may begin with the Parents' Degree, because only under your leadership and direction can the officers pay tribute to their two precious gifts sent from God, their Mothers and their Fathers."

Worthy Advisor: "Sister Drill Leader, you will invite the officers to enter the Assembly room."

Drill Leader is handed the Rainbow bouquet.

The officers march in and form a Bow around the Color stations and sing the Rainbow Song. As the girls sing the Rainbow Song, the Drill Leader goes to the Altar and places the flowers in a bow, starting at the left with red.

Worthy Advisor:

"Officers, assume your proper stations."

"Sister Drill Leader, you will present our Flag at the Altar."

"Let us salute the Flag of our United States by pledging allegiance to the purity of the Red, White, and Blue."

Lights are out, except for one on the Flag at the Altar. All salute.

**Worthy Advisor: "You will join me in singing "God Bless America'."
Flag is placed in the East. Lights are dim.**

Worthy Advisor: "Sister Chaplain, you will attend the Altar."

Lights are still dim. Chaplain goes to Altar, opens Bible and faces Worthy Advisor.

Worthy Advisor: "Sister Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer."

Chaplain: "Come to our aide, Oh Father, on this our parents night. That we may teach a lesson, with beauty, faith, and right. Make all our words a tribute, to those who in our hearts, stand for all love and honor, this night and forever more."

One Rap. As Chaplain goes to her Station, sing some appropriate hymn.

Worthy Advisor goes to Altar "The Bible here on our Altar stands for many great principles to each of us. Basically, it is the Word of God, so written and gathered together in the New and Old Testaments, that its psalms, prophecies, and stories provide us with inspirations whatever our need or anxiety might be. It is a kind of communication system also by which we can come closer to

understanding and loving God. No family could live or exist without the foundation of their home, the Holy Bible. A Father and Mother's love for each other, their love of God, together with their love for their children, makes their home secure and so stable it will last into eternity."

Picks up the cross

"I hold a symbol of that unity in the bond of marriage, these seven white roses for the letters of Mothers and these seven for the letters of Fathers. With the thought that marriages are made in Heaven, I place this White Cross upon our Bible reminding us throughout the Degree of the unity of a family with God. As He bore a cross and gave His own Son that we might have life with love, love for our parents and neighbors. May each day of our lives become a fulfillment of that Promise."

Worthy Advisor places cross on Bible and stays while song is sung. Lights are out except one on Altar. Sing The Old rugged Cross

Lights Dim

Love- "So familiar to us is the red color of love, a basic need of every human being. We must love something and feel someone loves us or our lives would be worthless and empty. At our age, we may sometimes feel our parents just don't understand us, but we are so completely in the dark. If we were deprived of the love they so willingly give we would realize the loss was priceless. Learn from this flower a great lesson, that love, especially from our parents, is the first and greatest treasure to be found at the end of the Rainbow. (Take red flower.)

Religion- "The orange stands for Religion. No matter how strong our Faith is or how great the meaning we receive from our Church service, we owe the opportunity of this wonderful experience to our parents. They first taught us the need of worship when we were taken on Sunday morning through the holiness of its open doors. For the rest of our lives as our religion grows more meaningful, we will be grateful for the right path they trod when we were introduced to the House of God. (Take orange flower.)

Nature- "Yellow is the color of the sun which gives the earth the warmth that enfolds the beauties of our out-of-doors. The fall, the spring, the summer, and the winter-- we can enjoy all of the seasons. For our way of life, and good, a heritage established long ago by our parental ancestors. (Take yellow flower.)

Immortality- " Green, the color of immortality, is a cool, soothing color to remind us that death marks not an end, but the beginning of an eternity in the realm and glory of God Heavenward. When you look to the sky filled with the brightness of the stars, the sun, and the moon, remember that in this life we are preparing ourselves for the next. Try to make each day a better and richer one, that when the light of your life is extinguished, your soul will shine in heaven, giving faith to those who live. (Take green flower)

Fidelity- "Fidelity, loyal and true, is represented by the color of this pure blue. Of all the traits you possess in your character, the one most cherished is loyalty. No person or parent stands so straight or strong or is more respected than the one who can be true to his family, church, and nation, whatever the consequences for him. Our parents stand as a living example of this truth. May we learn this lesson from them and grow more loyal to the principles we believe are right- those of fidelity. (Take light blue flower)

Patriotism- "Indigo, deep and strong, is the color of patriotism. It is the darkest color for it represents a blend of the red of love, the orange of religion, the yellow of nature, the green of immortality, and the blue of fidelity. This combination is needed in our lives too, for to be truly patriotic, you must have an understanding of a belief in the first five colors of the Rainbow. We love our country because of the fine example our parents have set. Patriotism, whether it be practiced in the school room by saluting the Flag, or on the battlefield in time of war, is that glow in our hearts that makes America great. If we can continue to be as patriotic as our parents have been, our country and all it stands for will endure. (Take indigo flower)

Service- "The last color of the Rainbow is violet, symbolic of Service. No home, family, or organization could work and function without the hundreds of unselfish services performed each day by those members who are interested in making a success of that institution to which they belong. Many who do the most and work the hardest go unrewarded for to them the satisfaction of a job well done is tribute enough. Who is it that keeps our homes provided for food, clothing, and education, and gives us their love and security? Our fathers and mothers especially deserve a word of appreciation for all they have tried so hard to do. May the sincerity of this degree be a Thank You, may the rest of our lives, like theirs, be lives of service. (Take violet flower)

Worthy Advisor- "The colors have painted us a beautiful picture, symbolic of the seven qualities a person must hold dear if he is to find happiness throughout his life. Sister Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer." Three raps.

Chaplain -"Dear Father in Heaven, we ask thy blessings upon each parent here this evening and for those throughout the world, that their undying efforts, their dreams, and desires may be fulfilled in us. May we be respectful, true, and kind in thought, word, and deed. We pray that your

Commandment- "Honor thy Father and thy Mother- will have a real meaning for us now and grant also that our lives, with your help, may be true to this law to come closer to the Step of the Stairway pf Eternal Life. Amen."

Song Oh, Master Let me walk with Thee

Worthy Advisor - " Worthy Associate Advisor, the rest of this dedication to our parents is up to you. Go to the Sisters of Faith, Hope, and Charity so they may express their tribute and help us realize how fortunate we are that our parents share their lives with us. "

Worthy Associate Advisor takes the four carnations and gives first to Faith, then Hope, then Charity - each time giving them the flower and stepping back so they can say their parts.

Faith- "This red flower means to me the glow of a fire that was instilled within us when we were born and continues to glow because our parents have kindled it with love and truth. They gave us our values of right and wrong., our eagerness to be happy and our belief in God. With these sparks implanted in our character, our fire of Faith can never go out. Have Faith in all things, and you will find Faith in yourself."

Hope- " This red carnation, as all flowers are, is ever expressive of the Hope of our goals. For our parents, Hope is the happiness of the family, the health of their children, and the success of their education. To us, Hope is the pride of our appearance, good marks, and popularity. Our cultures and society places material possessions very high. This makes the duties of Hope much more important. If all these superficial objects were taken away, we would hope our character and individuality would not have been so materialistic it would fade away also. Hold your hopes high,

believe firmly without doubts, in God and then would you have fulfilled your parents hopes for you. Your character would then be so strong as the hand of God, hopeful of your wisdom to live a righteous life.

Charity- "This flower means to me that real true charity is not directed toward ourselves but is pointed in the direction of those about us who need our help and trust. Our parents live for us - learn by their example, that everyday we live it is our duty to be watchful and help others. To carry out in our lives all that we have learned tonight is a great and hard task for which we need some inspirational assistance. If you will carry one thought with you into your life, it will be to find faith, hope, and charity each day by walking with God over life's highways. "

Song - appropriate

Worthy Advisor goes to Altar when song is finished, picks up flowers from Faith, Hope, and Charity, then the Bow, starting with Love, then to WAA for bow.

Worthy Advisor - "Now our bouquet is complete, for it represents the teachings of the Bow, held together by Faith, Hope, and Charity which surround the pure white Cross of Life, symbolic of our Mothers and Fathers. May the beauty of these flowers go home with each parent tonight, with the thought that we are thankful of God, that we have you to walk the paths of life with, not only tonight but forever more.

Worthy Advisor takes the bouquet and gives it to her mother, Puts a flower on her father's lapel.

Worthy Advisor- (If so desired) Sisters Hope and Charity, you will distribute the flowers to our other parents present. (Men-white, women- red)

Worthy Advisor - "Sister Chaplain, you will attend the Altar, leaving upon the closed Bible, the cross, in memory of those Fathers and Mothers in the glory of God in Heaven.

Song - Now the Day is Over or Oh, Perfect Day

Setting up the Assembly

1. Every officer receives two flowers
2. WAA has large red ribbon to tie on bouquet
3. White cross of roses at the Altar
4. No Flag at Patriotism Brought in from ante room
5. Rainbow bouquet in ante room Bouquet handed to Drill Leader when she brings in officers
6. Red carnations at WAA
7. Enough red and white carnations for those expected to witness the degrees
red for women; white for men

Flowers may also be given to each girl to give to her parents instead of Hope and Charity handing them out