

SEVEN PLUS SEVEN EQUAL TEN
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A Joint DeMolay and Rainbow Program – approved for use in Pennsylvania by
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Setup: The room should be set up with Rainbow's seven pedestals with chairs, placed west of the Altar. The seven DeMolay candles should be placed east of the Altar and lighted, with a chair by each one. 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. The diagram at the end of this ceremony shows a sample Lodge Room setup, which we will use to help explain the floorwork.

Entrance: The seven Rainbow Girls representing the bow enter, escorted by the seven DeMolays representing the Preceptors. Each DeMolay is to the left of the Rainbow Girl, and he escorts as the Marshal does, offering his right arm to her. Couple 1 leads the procession.

LINEUP OUTSIDE THE LODGE ROOM

Door "A"		
<u>DeMOLAY</u>		<u>RAINBOW</u>
Patriotism	Couple 1	Service
Cleanness	Couple 2	Patriotism
Fidelity	Couple 3	Fidelity
Comradeship	Couple 4	Immortality
Courtesy	Couple 5	Nature
Reverence	Couple 6	Religion
Filial Love	Couple 7	Love
M.C.	Couple 8	W.A.

The first seven couples enter in two straight lines through the entrance marked "A" into the Lodge room. They proceed to point "C", then "E", then "S", then "R". If the Lodge room is sufficiently large, they proceed to "U", with the first couple stopping at the dais, and the other couples in straight lines between the dais and the 4th Candle. All couples stop and turn in, facing each other, leaving around four feet of room between the two lines.

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 ascend 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.

The lines close ranks and face east. The DeMolays escort the Rainbow girls as before, led by Couple 1. The couples first march from point "U" to "T", if the Lodge room was large enough for the opening procession, or from point "R" to "Q" otherwise. They then proceed to "I", then towards "J". They move in an arc around the bow stations, with all couples arriving at the same time at the pedestals. Once all couples are in place, they turn, face each other and bow. The girls then turn and stand behind their respective pedestals.

The DeMolays now continue their march single file. Lead by the 7th Preceptor (Patriotism), the line moves East, arcing clockwise from Candle 1 to Candle 7, with all DeMolays arriving at the same time at their respective candles. They turn in facing the Altar.

M.C.: Please rise and join with us in pledging allegiance to our flag.

All recite pledge, led by the M.C.

Please be seated.

W.A.: The Order of Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay International are two of the 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 success of the Order of DeMolay. 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.: The Order of DeMolay was founded in Kansas City in 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 Jacques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, as the exemplar of their Order. In particular, the boys were impressed by the fidelity that Jacques DeMolay showed to his brothers, even unto his death. Each candidate for membership in DeMolay must pass through two degrees. In the Initiatory Degree, we are taught to exemplify, in our daily lives, seven cardinal virtues: filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness and patriotism. In the DeMolay Degree, we witness a dramatic portrayal of the final days of Jacques DeMolay.

W.A.: The number seven also appears in the Rainbow initiation ceremony. 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 we can observe, our seven overlap the seven virtues of DeMolay. The first overlap occurs at our first station, that of Love. Sister of Love.

Love: 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 minds to all other virtues of humanity. Let us all strive to love one another.

M.C.: Brother First Preceptor.

1P: Each DeMolay is taught to express deep and lasting love for his parents, who have raised and guided his development. Much of our ritual reinforces this concept of filial love, and at every meeting, after our closing prayer, we all recite the line, “God bless mother, God bless father, God bless the purposes of DeMolay.”

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

Relig.: As far back as we can go in history, we find human beings engaged in some form of religious worship. St. James tells us that, “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.

2P: While DeMolay teaches no particular religion, we are reminded that we are all children of a universal Father, and encouraged to express our beliefs at the house of worship of our choice. Carrying religious teachings into our daily lives will make us better men and better citizens, for religion is one of those moral fibers that holds our society together.

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

Fid.: The station of Fidelity is represented by the color blue. Fidelity 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 teachings of this station, our own unquestioned integrity will give Fidelity its perpetual shining beauty.

M.C.: Brother Fifth Preceptor.

5P: Fidelity is the cornerstone of DeMolay. The hero of our Order, Jacques DeMolay, was faithful to his brethren unto death. Fidelity demands that we remain loyal to our promises, our friends, and ourselves. Falsehood in any form tarnishes the bright light of the jewel of fidelity, and while we live by this precept, we will never fail as citizens and men.

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

Patr.: Patriotism means more than waving a flag and marching in a parade. These are necessary and most inspiring, but true patriotic service demands more. It means that as youth we must educate ourselves in the ideals, traditions and practices of democracy. It emphasizes the importance of respecting the laws of our country and its flag. Our Pot of Gold holds patriotism to be essential, and each of us should strive to be patriotic.

M.C.: Brother Seventh Preceptor.

7P: The young men of our country have given their lives in each of our nation’s trials, in order to preserve our 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, every day, on a battlefield where good citizenship wages war with those who would change our form of government 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 the four virtues of love, religion, fidelity and patriotism, which are common to the teachings of our two groups. This, however, leaves three bow Sisters and three Brother Preceptors whose virtues have not yet been explained.

Sister of Nature, what have you to offer?

Nat.: Nature emphasizes the importance of spending time in the outdoors. We should work to preserve the beauty, the quietness, and the freedom of the field. Through these efforts, we may gain inspiration and comprehend nature's lessons, for "when we learn to look for beauty in all things, we find it."

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

3P: While each of us is taught to be courteous to our parents, our teachers and our elders, the truly courteous person is one who is always polite and outgoing. One act of courtesy toward the stranger brings a warm feeling and a smile, making life more pleasant. A truly refined person displays courtesy in a natural way, without appearing artificial. Since courtesy lights the pathway before us, we consider it to be one of our seven cardinal virtues.

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

Imm.: Immortality teaches that death is a part of life. Immortality emphasizes that, even though our body dies, our soul lives on forever. Let us, therefore, conduct our earthly lives so that we may find eternal peace, happiness and contentment.

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

4P: Brotherhood and sisterhood is the basis of all fraternal organizations. It means more than being bound to each other by the Obligations of our Order. It means being bound to each other by true and unwavering friendship. An act of true friendship can raise someone from the depths of depression, for the highest honor in life is to be valued as a friend and trusted as a brother or sister.

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

Serv.: Service is the foundation of Rainbow, for we find happiness in helping others. Service emphasizes the importance of spending our time and energy unselfishly. These acts of servant leadership can be on the state or local level. Every day, there are opportunities to help others and be of service of them.

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

6P: While we all hope that the people we meet maintain clean hygiene, we look first for something beyond that: a cleanliness 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. We should all keep our lives spotless before God and before man, as this prepares us to be effective adults and citizens.

M.C.: It is true that the Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Order of DeMolay both 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 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. gives brief remarks, and thanks the hosting organization.

M.C. gives brief remarks, and thanks the hosting organization.

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

The Preceptors move clockwise around the candles. The 7th Preceptor, leading the procession, moves West and arcs around the seven bow stations, until each DeMolay arrives at the Rainbow Girl he previously escorted. The DeMolays stand behind the bow stations, then the Rainbow Girls all do a left face and each takes the right arm of the DeMolay standing next to her. The seven couples march to point “K”, then point “V”, then point “T”, then point “C”.

As the last couple passes point “U”, 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. Once the procession has reached point “C”, 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 exit through door “A”.

