

# *Masonic Ribbon Ceremony*

**(Room is darkened, as lecturer begins back of the altar facing East)**

In the beginning, there was the Bible. It is the center of life, and we will represent this center of life by placing a light on our altar (**altar light is turned on**), which is the center of our Masonic organizations. Each member of our Masonic Family plays an important part. We will represent each organization this evening by placing their colors on our altar.

**(Lecturer steps back from altar)**

First, the blue and white, to represent the Master Masons. It is fitting that they be the first to be represented for they are the beginning. None of the other organizations could have begun without them. They have built and maintained a Temple for all of us to meet in. We call them our "Dads", for it is from the Master Masons that we of the Masonic Youth Groups owe our heritage.

Let us next add the five colors representing the Order of the Eastern Star. Blue, yellow, white, green, and red are the rays of the star, and a star gives us guiding light. They are as our mothers, in whose footsteps we are to follow.

The Order of the Amaranth has given us a guiding hand, and with their help we maintain our goals. Add now the colors of red and green. The red represents a crown and sword, and the green for the amaranthine wreath.

The Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem gives us guidance and with their help we maintain our goals. Add now the colors of gold and white. The gold represents the star of Jerusalem and the white for Peace on Earth, Good Will to men.

We add now the colors of the Job's Daughters, purple and white. They must strive to learn, and as they learn they teach others the ways of God. They are daughters whom the Masons have faithfully guided through the years. Job's Daughters look for a worthy inheritance that they may truly say: "We hope to be known as the Fairest in all the Land".

The Rainbow Girls are represented by the seven colors of the Rainbow. Red symbolizing Love, Orange Religion, Nature by Yellow, Immortality by Green, Blue Fidelity, Indigo representing Patriotism, and Service symbolized by Violet. A Rainbow Girl learns to dedicate her current and future life to one of active service as exhibited by the culmination of the Great White Light which rests upon the Altar of her Assembly. The Rainbow Girls enrich their communities by their outstanding volunteerism and contributions to those in need.

No family is complete without son, and to complete our Masonic Family, we add the colors of DeMolay; blue, red, and gold. They, too, play an important part in our family. They are the future Masons on which the strength of our Masonic Family will depend in future years. No group of Masonic youth could ask for better support than the Assembly of Washington receives from DeMolay.

**(Lecturer steps forward to the altar)**

And now, as you behold the Altar, you will notice that a circle has been formed around the Bible. A circle is defined as an unbroken line. It is also made up of arcs. If one arc is separated from the circle, the remaining part is no longer a circle, for it has a gap in it.

It was once said of a nation: "United we stand; Divided we fall".

So may we compare this nation and this state with our circle. A circle means many things....friendship, love, unity, and infinity, Whichever word you choose to represent your circle, it must have a center, and that center is God.

**(Bow, and depart South toward Hope's station back to your place in the room.)**

We had this done with the boys in DeMolay. We had 4 girls and 5 boys. They all walked in and formed a cross behind the alter. The WA was at the top of the cross and started the talk, then walked off to the side. The next girl in line layed the ribbons for the first Masonic body, then stepped back and the next girl did the next, as they were read etc... with the first DeMolay in line doing the DeMolay ribbon. At the end the girls bowed and the boys did the DeMolay on one knee bow. It was really beautiful. They received a lot of very positive comments.

☺ GOOD LUCK!!!!!!! It is a ceremony, you can't do it wrong!