

## GAVEL CEREMONY

<b>Who may witness</b>	:	Open or closed meeting
<b>Purpose</b>	:	For use at Installation when presenting a gavel to the new Worthy Advisor
<b>Participants</b>	:	Worthy Advisor Person Presenting the Gavel
<b>Paraphernalia</b>	:	Gavel
<b>Other</b>	:	This ceremony must always be given by memory. The ceremony may be presented at the west side of the Altar or in the East. The Presenter should be in formal attire.

**Presenter:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Worthy Advisor's name), this gavel I hold in my hand is the age-old symbol of the authority of office.

When you accept this gavel, you will accept it in all of its wrappings. These wrappings, just like Rainbow's Color Stations, are seven in number. They are invisible. You can't see them, but they are just as real as the gold and enamel that cover the wood (or other material) of which this gavel is made.

The first of these wrappings is that of **RESPONSIBILITY**. This Assembly is now your responsibility. Your responsibility is to see that it thrives and grows while you are in office.

The second wrapping is that of **LOYALTY**. Members of this Assembly will, without doubt, be loyal to you. But it is far more important that you be loyal to them.

The third is that of **LOVE**. Just as you have been reared in love, let that same love flow from you to all members of this Assembly around you. Love is like a pebble dropped in a still pond. The waves of love will radiate from their origin and will spread to encompass everything and everyone around you.

Then there is the wrapping of **HUMILITY**. Do not be overly proud, because you occupy this office, not by your work alone, but by the efforts of all those assembled around you.

The next wrapping you will find, is the wrapping of those twins that always go hand-in-hand, **JUSTICE** and **FAIRNESS**. Just as a judge wields his gavel with these two great virtues in mind, so must you always strive to be fair and to be just.

And then down underneath, you will find that the innermost and finest wrapping of all is that of **REVERENCE**. Our entire Order is founded on a belief in a Supreme Being, our GOD. Without Him you can do nothing. With Him, there in nothing you cannot do.

May you always be reminded of the wrappings of **RESPONSIBILITY**, **LOYALTY**, **LOVE**, **HUMILITY**, **JUSTICE**, **FAIRNESS** and **REVERENCE** as you serve our Beautiful Order.

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