

## **Crowning Ceremony**

This is the recommended crowing ceremony for both Sweethearts and Princesses. In order to ensure the proper dignity and respect are given, please take the time to memorize the following words and practice the placement of the paraphernalia in advance.

### Preparation for the Ceremony

- Select a few young ladies that can assist during the ceremony. Traditionally, the first to be asked are the Divisional or Jurisdictional Sweethearts or Princesses.
- Take a few moments to clean and wash the crown, this way the new Chapter Sweetheart and Princess are receiving a sparkling crown that they can be proud to wear.
- Ensure that chairs are easily available in the Chapter Room during Installation so that the set up for the Crowning Ceremony is smooth.
- Ensure that the new banners have been placed in a central location that is easy to get to and that they have pins to secure them once placed on the young ladies during the ceremony.
- Check with the Marshal to ensure that he knows where to escort the girls.
- Check with the Councilors to ensure that they know where to escort the girls.
- Confirm with the Chapter Little Sis, that she will be introduced during the ceremony so that she knows to stand and be recognized.

### Crowning Ceremony

- After the Installing Team retires, the Retiring Sweetheart and her assistants will pace the chairs in the front of the East with enough room to stand/walk behind. The new banners should be draped on the back of the chairs or placed on the steps of the East for easy access.
- The Retiring Sweetheart will ask the Marshall to escort the Sweetheart and Princess elect to the East.
  - ***“Brother Marshall, you will escort the Sweetheart and Princess elect to the East.”***
- The Retiring Sweetheart will then take the chair closest to the South. The assistants will remove the Retiring Sweetheart’s crown and banner.
- Once removed, the Retiring Sweetheart should stand and place her crown and banner on the chair that she occupied.
- The Retiring Sweetheart will then move to the Sweetheart elect, stand behind her and place the new banner on her. At the same time, the assistants will place the banner on the Princess elect.

- Once the banners are properly placed, the Retiring Sweetheart will collect the crown and say:
  - ***“As a supporter of this Chapter, these young men have honored you, by electing you to serve as \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Sweetheart and Princess for the ensuing term. As I place this crown upon you, let it serve as a constant reminder of the commitment you have made to be a friend and confidant to the members of this Chapter. As a member of a Job’s Bethel or Rainbow Assembly, it is important to act as liaison between all three Masonic Youth groups, encouraging and supporting the growth of all of these organizations. In addition, you are to support this Chapter and their activities to the best of your abilities, while upholding the precepts of filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism. May your involvement with DeMolay be one of your most rewarding experiences and your upcoming term serve as your most memorable.”***
- As these words are spoken, the Retiring Sweetheart and her assistants will place the crown on the Chapter Sweetheart and Princess.
- Once completed, the Retiring Sweetheart will return to the Podium, rap 3 times and introduce the newly installed Sweetheart, Princess AND the Chapter Little Sis.
  - ***“I take pleasure in presenting Miss \_\_\_\_\_, Sweetheart and Miss \_\_\_\_\_, Princess and Miss \_\_\_\_\_, Little Sis of \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter.”***
- After introductions, the Chapter Councilors should escort the Sweetheart and Princess to their respective places in the Chapter room.
- At this time, if the Retiring Sweetheart is to be issued a Past Sweetheart Pin the Chapter Advisor will present it.
- After presentations, the Chapter will proceed with their retirement.