

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS



NEVADA GRAND ASSEMBLY 2012
“*Winter Wonderland*”

SESSIONS
June 16, 17, 18, and 19, 2012
Reno, Nevada

To:

- All Mother Advisors
- Assistant Mother Advisors
- Grand Deputies
- Directors, Advisor
- Nevada Dignitaries

To be shared with:

- *Rainbow Members*
- *Parents, Grandparents and Guardians*
- *Majority Members*

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NOTE: *Mother Advisors must ensure the important (highlighted-blue) sections are shared with the girls and adults during at least two Assembly meetings and one Advisory Board Meeting prior to departing for Grand Assembly **or** that this letter (or a version of it) is provided to the girls and their parents in writing). Please inform your parent group that this information is on our website for reference and detail.*

Our 78th Session of Nevada Grand Assembly will be held in Reno at the Peppermill Hotel/Casino beginning with FUN Night, **Saturday, June 16th through Grand Installation on Tuesday, June 19, 2012**, which will conclude about 7:30 pm. The registration, housing and meal information from the Grand Assembly Committee 2012 will be posted on our website. Please ensure your Assembly meets the deadlines the Committee has established - a late fee of \$5 per person will be assessed to Nevada Assemblies whose registration is postmarked beyond the established due dates, unless other arrangements are made **in advance** with our Registration Chairperson, Mrs. LeAnn Cox (contact information is on the Registration/Housing form). Each year the GAC takes on a very large task - we all want to make it as easy for them as possible.

RAINBOW SMILES

One of my favorite parts of Grand Assembly - or anytime Rainbow Girls and adults gather together - is to see bright and enthusiastic smiles and our BEST Rainbow attitudes. Please bring yours with you - and display them with pride - share your smile and your Rainbow enthusiasm with others ALL day and evening. By working together, we can make these “*Winter Wonderland*” sessions of Nevada Grand Assembly outstanding! I hope to see every one of our OVER 175 members and each supportive and caring Nevada Rainbow adult, parent, grandparent and Majority Member in June!

TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of each Assembly to arrange its own transportation to and from Reno and while attending Grand Assembly. Again this year, we have scheduled all activities at The Peppermill property so once you arrive, no further transportation needs should arise until you are ready to go home Wednesday morning. If needed, there is a Hotel shuttle from the airport to the hotel. *Girls and adults who have no responsibilities on Tuesday afternoon may want to explore nearby venues for entertaining your girls.* The Grand Assembly Committee has provided some of this information on their map which will be on our website when we are closer to Grand Assembly time.

If your Grand Representative’s counterpart is attending our Grand Assembly, she should be housed with your assembly and included in all assembly activities during Grand Assembly, including housing, meals, and fun. Please remember your Grandies will be busy – please include her and her adult traveling companion if she has one.

TRANSPORTATION RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND RELEASE for GRAND ASSEMBLY 2012

Mother Advisors and Grand Deputies must ensure this single revised form is completed by all girls **and** adults attending Grand Assembly. These forms must be in the physical possession of the Mother Advisor (or designated adult) at all times until your group returns home following Grand Assembly - just in case an emergency arises. This form is available on our website. Additionally, please encourage your girls, as necessary, to prepare a listing of medications they may be taking which would be useful to an emergency room physician in case of an emergency, and place it in a sealed and confidential envelope - and to give that to you with her release form. Once home, you may return this envelope unopened to your member. This process does not place an additional burden on us as adult advisors, nor does it compromise what an attending physician can do with the information. **Girls and adults who are taking prescriptions medications during Grand Assembly should be traveling with those items in original containers, with the prescription label affixed...not in a baggie for our personal convenience - but to provide the most information to medical personnel.**

Grand Officers are to submit their Release Form (and/or confidential envelope) to me upon their arrival at Grand Assembly on Friday afternoon BEFORE practice starts.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Peppermill is set up to house four girls per room - no exceptions can be made because of the existing Fire Code. Therefore, additional day beds, sleeping bags, etc. are not allowed. **Grand Deputies will be housed on the same floor with their Grand Officers, not with their assemblies.** (Be sure you have sufficient female adult chaperones to care for your girls without including your Grand Deputy.)

If you book a room with fewer than four girls, the full cost of the room must be shared equally among those girls. The GAC is not responsible for “filling” assembly rooms -- if you want to make those arrangements among yourselves, housing forms must be clear when they are submitted. **Based on several years of unmanageable last-minute changes, the Grand Assembly Committee will not make room changes once the forms are submitted.....**

Grand Officers will be assigned rooms by our Registration/Housing Chairperson; she will, to the extent possible, manage room nights appropriately for those who don't live in the Reno area and who probably can check out Tuesday rather than Wednesday. Mrs. Cox will not be making changes for Grandies, based on issues such as “.... I must room with”

Additionally, our Registration/Housing Chairperson, Mrs. Cox, will have all the room keys at the time of check in; please do not attempt to get your keys at the front desk. THERE IS NO REASON FOR YOU TO ENTER THE FRONT DESK AREA (NEAR THE GAMING)! If you need accommodations such as pay-for-view movies, etc., those arrangements can be made at the front desk once you have your keys. **Keys and registration packets will be available at our Registration area at the entrance to our Grand Assembly Room. Before your arrival, please check our website for specific directions to this area, to avoid walking through gaming areas.**

Each room also has a snack bar available to guests. This system is extremely sensitive and will charge the room if any product is even TOUCHED. We suggest you ask the girls to leave this cabinet closed!

HOTEL RULES (new)

- For Grand Officers and Members, once checked in, no one leaves the hotel.
- To avoid confusion with respect to additional charges, long distance calls are blocked in all hotel rooms unless a deposit or credit card guarantee is confirmed with the Hotel Desk, by an adult.
- Maid service is provided each day of our stay – however they cannot, and are not expected to, clean a room that is “knee-deep” with “stuff.” Therefore, each person should neatly organize her things in the closet and in the drawers, utilizing a specific corner of the room. When leaving the room each morning, there should be room for the hotel staff to make the beds, clean the bathroom, etc. Please ensure you leave a tip for your hotel staff EACH day - \$1 per day per person – so basically we should leave \$4 each day of our stay. Place your tip on the bathroom counter, for example, with a note to the Hotel Maid.
- You are responsible for the security of items left in your room. When traveling, it is always wise to not bring your most expensive jewelry, etc. or to use the room-safe. Be sure you

check the room-safe upon your departure.

Note: Following Grand Assembly 2010, THE GRAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

seriously considered the ramifications of “unknown” people attending our Grand Assembly Sessions – whether they are closed or open sessions – in light of the fact that our Sessions are in very public venues. To that end, the following policy was adopted by the GEC, based on our ongoing concern for the safety of each Nevada Rainbow Member.

- **Non-affiliated sisters** of Rainbow Members who are under majority/adult age (20) may attend open sessions/Grand Banquet with a proper "guest" registration badge, without payment of the registration fee.
- **Non-affiliated sisters** of Rainbow Members who are over the age of majority (20) may attend open sessions/Grand Banquet but must receive an appropriate "Non-affiliated Guest Badge" and pay the appropriate registration fee.
- Brothers and DeMolay Members who are under majority/adult age (18) may attend open sessions/Grand Banquet with a proper "guest" registration badge, without payment of the registration fee.
- **Brothers and DeMolay Members who are over the age of majority (18) must pay the registration fee.** Non-affiliated brothers (i.e. not Master Masons) can attend open sessions/Grand Banquet, but must pay the registration fees and will be issued a "guest" registration badge.
- All others must be parents, grandparents, legal guardians or affiliated adults. They may attend any session/meal and must pay the registration fee and receive an appropriate registration badge.

Rationale -- we don't want to discourage attendance by younger female siblings/Pledge Members by assessing a registration fee. Additionally, they are easily identified. Nevada Rainbow recognizes 20 as the age of majority for its members. The age of majority for males is 18, because at that age they are eligible to become Master Masons, and would therefore be entitled to attend all sessions, behave in an adult manner, etc. Requiring an "affiliated" registration badge is required to ensure that all males are easily identifiable and admitted to sessions appropriate to their status.

BOTTLED WATER

Bottled water **PRE-PURCHASED THROUGH REGISTRATION** will be allowed in the Grand Assembly Room, provided there are NO abuses of this privilege. Other containers for water will not be allowed in the Grand Assembly Room. Just as in our local assembly rooms, NO other drinks, food or gum are allowed in the Grand Assembly Room at any time. To comply with Hotel rules, water **MUST** be pre-purchased; it will not be available through Ways & Means.

WAYS AND MEANS

Many new and exciting Rainbow items will be available at the Ways and Means booth,

along with 2012 mascot kinds of things on Tuesday morning. Please watch for additional information about Ways & Means in your next newsletter.

ADULTS: The GAC will, as always, be seeking your assistance in terms of manpower assistance for Ways & Means. Please be sure to pitch in when its time; every assembly will need to provide adults -- this would be a great spot for some of our majority members who are not yet serving on the Board, etc.

DRESS CODE

BEGINNING with the Grand Officers' 1 pm practice on Friday and continuing through all practices and events in the Grand Assembly Room, all Grand Officers, Grand Choir Members, Personal Pages, Worthy Advisors, Past Worthy Advisors, etc., and female adults will wear appropriate short dress, grandie shift, or khaki skirt/Nevada Rainbow logo-wear. Grand Officers will wear shifts, pantaloons, Grand Officer pin(s), hairpieces, appropriate shoes, etc. **Adults who need to be at practice on Friday AFTERNOON (only) are welcome to wear casual pants, etc.**

EXCEPTIONS: An adult may pick up her Assembly's registration materials at the designated Grand Assembly Registration Area if she has no other business to conduct in this area, without changing into a dress.

GRAND DEPUTIES - please ENSURE your Grand Officers' shifts are dress length – not just long-shirt length..... Appropriate Nevada Rainbow casual outfits may be worn in general areas of the hotel. Pajamas and night wear may **not** be worn anywhere but in one's own room! Each of us is representing Nevada Rainbow at all times; care and discretion must be exercised. Others will make assessments and judgments about our group as a whole based on our general and individual behavior.

FUN Night

Casual wear, including appropriate length shorts, sandals, tennis shoes are appropriate.

Sunday - Grand Cross of Color Luncheon and Degree. **This is a closed session and registration fees are required for all attendees.**

- Youth candidates: long pastel formals; adult candidates: business or formal attire (no pants for women).
- Members participating in the Bread Service: short appropriate PASTEL dress; white robes will be provided.
- Female guests: street length dresses; male guests: jacket/tie.
- Candidates must present the announcement card they were presented at Rainbow Sunday;
- Each Master of the Grand Cross MUST present her/his Grand Cross identification card to gain admission to breakfast and the Degree.

Sunday - Vespers

- Girls/Ladies: short dresses; Grandies: shifts **without** pantaloons are acceptable.

- Gentlemen: business attire.

All other sessions of Nevada Grand Assembly:

- Girls/Mother Advisors, etc.: formals (floor length)
- Gentlemen: business or formal attire.

NOTE: While Mother Advisors and Assistant Mother Advisors typically wear a long dress in their Assembly fabric, non-affiliated mothers and grandmothers may attend any session and the Grand Banquet in short dresses.

Rainbow-appropriate costumes can be utilized only when Grandies are giving report or when either assemblies or individuals are presenting entertainment.

SPECIAL ATTIRE

- Grand Choir dresses will be made with our “standard” pattern in the material selected by the Grand Worthy Advisor and distributed to Assembly adults at Adult Leadership in February. These dresses are not to be worn prior to Grand Assembly. The fabric is a SECRET.
- Personal Page dresses will be made by our Dressmaker and will be available to these girls at Grand Assembly in the Grandie Dressing Room. Personal Pages do not wear hoops, crinolines or hair pieces, but should wear white, simple pantaloons and their hair “up” (that is pony tail or clip) if possible. Personal Pages will follow the same jewelry, nail color, etc., guidelines as Grand Officers. **Personal Pages must attend all sessions (including practices) of Grand Assembly with their Ritual and a small pocket notebook. Personal Pages do not attend Installation practice - they may relax with their assembly members/adults, with our appreciation.**
- Worthy Advisor and Past Worthy Advisor dresses will be made in the pattern of each girl’s choice, in white, and will be enhanced only by a **waist-sash (not to exceed four inches in width)** in the assembly material. These girls are encouraged to wear Sketcher (or the less expensive Champion shoe available at Payless Shoes for about \$25), similar to those the Grand Officers wear. Regardless of the brand, shoes need to have a WHITE sole, no colored enhancements, straps - not ties and arch support. The preferred Sketcher style is Bikers Pacifica.
- **Hoops and hairpieces are worn only** by Grand Officers at Grand Assembly. Others are encouraged not to wear crinolines only because they tend to become uncomfortable after many hours of sitting.

SCHEDULING NOTES

On SUNDAY,

- **The Grand Choir** will practice before and after the Grand Cross Luncheon and our Vespers Service - a specific schedule will be finalized later. They will need to eat lunch, refresh, and dress for our first Session while others are at Grand Cross.
- **Immediately following Vespers**, the Grand Choir members are to meet in the Grand Choir seating area for additional practice, *including their march-in* which will relieve the need for them to be ready quite so early.

- **Grand Cross Lunch and Degree** will follow Vespers. Lunch will be in the designated dining room, followed by the Degree in the Grand Assembly Room.
- All Worthy Advisors and Past Worthy Advisors are to meet in the west in the Grand Assembly Room with the Director of Grand Officers **at 2:15 pm** to practice their march-in and seating arrangements. These girls will remain in the Grand Assembly area; they should be dressed and ready; they will not be returning to their rooms.

NOTE: Because we are always considering scheduling changes, our “official” Schedule of Events will be posted on our website approximately May 1st.

Please also note, [even though we are “on property,” time has not been allowed for Grandies and others to return to their hotel rooms between sessions or prior to/or after organized meals to pick up meal tickets, outfits, change clothes, etc.](#) Please ensure your girls arrive in the Grand Assembly area each morning with all the materials they may need for the day.

MEAL NOTES

Because there are NO nearby, off-site affordable eating venues, the GAC will not be preparing our typical “you can eat here” listing; however, there are many eating venues within the Peppermill Station – some are fairly pricy!

- GAC will be offering a “**Sunday Dinner Box**” - as an option after our first long Grand Assembly Session. It is meant to be picked up and taken to your rooms for affordable, quick and healthy casual dining.
- **Monday’s (all-member) General Luncheon** is intended for all who attend Grand Assembly and is guaranteed to be less expensive, healthier and more relaxing than eating independently at another food venue within the hotel. It is a great opportunity for girls and adults to have some quality visiting time with others they don’t see often - and to extend a welcome to our visiting guests as well. Time permitting, the girls and adults may enjoy a few minutes of shopping in the Grand Assembly and Ways and Means areas.
- **Monday’s Grand Banquet** is not a time for “get your elbow off the table” kinds of fun! Adults at each table should ensure all girls are provided with appropriate examples of good table manners and decorum. The 2012 Grand Officers should ensure their escorting adults have paid for this banquet. *Seating is limited; advance reservations are a MUST.*
- **Tuesday Afternoon:** A casual group lunch will be provided for all NEW 2013 Grand Officers, Installing Officers, Grand Deputies and Directors, and others who need to attend installation practice. Short dress/Grandie shifts are appropriate for both lunch and practice. ALL 2012 Grand Officers should pay for this lunch through the Registration process, even if they will be taking Majority. **Girls who are not currently Grand Officers but who may be announced as part of the 2013 Grand Family on Monday evening will be assessed the cost of this meal through their “Pins/Presentations/Mascot” fees. Do not pay for this meal in anticipation of a new appointment.**
- **NOAH Breakfast:** NOAH (Nevada’s Oldies Are Helping) will again host a breakfast on Tuesday morning - time and specific location (on property) will be identified later. All NOAH members, visitors and adults are welcome to attend this breakfast; NOAH will

host breakfast for the girls who will take their Majority Degree on Tuesday Morning. This breakfast typically includes a quick business meeting.

SEATING AT GRAND ASSEMBLY

The GAC will post seating charts for Grand Assembly. Please observe their guidelines. If someone in your group needs special accommodations, please ensure the Registration Committee has this information at the time of registration - or as soon as it is identified by the requester. Special accommodations will be made for individuals as needed.

CURFEW

Getting to bed on time, being considerate of others in your room as well as our adults AND other Hotel guests is always a primary concern. Curfew is generally 10:30 each evening - or approximately 1 hour after the close of each evening session. Curfew means girls are to be in THEIR OWN ROOMS, their faces washed, teeth brushed, and lights out.....headed for dreamland! In this way, the Mother Advisor, or her designee doing bed check, will be able to give a quick "good night" so she can also get some reasonable sleep each night! Girls should bear in mind that if it takes the Mother Advisor an hour to gather her girls, make sure the right ones are in the right rooms, that things are settled down – she is going to be a little cranky in the morning! *Please remind your girls they are not to answer a knock at the door until they are confident of who is knocking! Additionally, parents should refrain from extra visits to their girls' rooms. NO parents are allowed on the Grandie Floor or in the Grandie Rooms!*

COMPETITIONS

Scrapbooks are an important part of each assembly's history. Assemblies should complete theirs and bring it to Grand Assembly to be enjoyed by others. The Grand Flag Bearers will enlist the help of others to judge these books. *Specific information about when and where the judging will be completed will be announced by the Grand Flag Bearers prior to Grand Assembly.*

Entertainment is also a special part of Grand Assembly. Each assembly has been allocated three minutes for their presentation. Music for each assembly **must be submitted** to the Director of Music, Mrs. Dee Dee La Rue, at Rainbow Camp. This submission is to be a single item on a tape or CD which Mrs. La Rue will retain until Grand Assembly - changes to music at Grand are unacceptable. Mrs. La Rue will provide email approval to each assembly through their adults once she has had an opportunity to carefully READ the words. **Skits, dances, presentations, etc., must be presented and approved by each local advisory board prior to Grand Assembly.** To ensure competition in Assembly Entertainment, a narrow list of awards will be announced by the Grand Flag Bearers. The Grand Flag Bearers will have a flier in future newsletters with information about other competitions. IF your assembly does not submit its entertainment music to Mrs. La Rue by Rainbow Camp, she will make a choice for you!

Individuals who wish to share their talents, i.e., musical instruments, voice, dance, are encouraged and welcomed. Those who wish to share in this way should contact Mrs. Jacka and our Grand Music Team prior to RAINBOW CAMP with the name of their presentation and the time needed. **Individuals and groups with special talent presentations should be prepared to do their talent presentation at Camp to a limited number of adults.** Individual talent presentations will be utilized as they fit into the overall program of Grand Assembly. Again, words to music, script for a monologue, etc. must be submitted in full to Mrs. Jacka - extemporaneous presentations will not be allowed.

Assembly Banners should be brought to Grand Assembly as a way of identifying you're Assembly. Banners are typically 35" x 54" in size and should be set up with their stand in your designated seating area following Vespers on Sunday.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DOES NOT NEED TO BE READ TO THE GIRLS. MOTHER ADVISORS NEED TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PRIOR TO GRAND ASSEMBLY.

- **The names and addresses of the 2012-13 Grand Choir** must be sent to the Supreme Inspector by June 1; if there are sufficient names, they will be announced on Tuesday morning; these girls will be seated in the Grand Choir area of Grand Assembly for Grand Installation on Tuesday evening. Please include the addresses of your girls so the Grand Musician and Grand Choir Director can send notes, etc.
- **On Tuesday morning**, immediately following Ritualistic Closing, Mother Advisors will meet the SI at the Recorder's desk to pay the Grand Officers' "Pins/ Presentations/ Mascot" fees, as well as the Grand Choir mascot and dress fabric deposit fees. Please be prepared with an assembly check (2 signatures) to advance these costs, and then collect them from the applicable Grand Officers/Grand Choir members upon your return home.
- Mail boxes will be available at Ways & Means. Individual mail boxes will be available for each Grand Officer, Grand Deputy and Director, and each assembly. The Mother Advisor, or her adult designee, should check the assembly mail box following each session. Items left in the mail boxes at the close of Grand Assembly will be recycled.
- **Grand Assembly Initiates names** are to be submitted, along with their "relationship" to Rainbow to the SI by June 1. These girls may attend the "open" and "fun" sessions (Saturday and Sunday) of Grand Assembly prior to their initiation, and all sessions following their initiation. Be sure to bring a Lambskin Apron for each candidate **and her Ritual (so the Grandies can sign it for her)** and give it to the SI **when you pick up your Assembly registration packet on Saturday.** Petitions must have been read and balloted upon by the assembly prior to Grand Assembly. On Monday morning, candidates are to meet at the Registration Desk with Grand Faith and the Director of Line Projects, Mrs. Higgins, prior to initiation. Mrs. Higgins will be responsible for these girls until they enter the Assembly Room for their initiation.
- **Worthy Advisor/Past Worthy Advisors** (note white dress requirement above) are seated on the Grand Assembly floor during all sessions except Monday evening when they should sit with their assembly. Please make a waist-sash for your

WA/PWAs in your assembly fabric, not to exceed **four inches** in width. You may also make a slip-on chair back for her chair in the assembly fabric which could include a pocket for her program, tissue, etc. These girls will be utilizing standard folding chairs. *While making seat back covers, feel free to also make a chair RUFFLE for your Grand Deputy's chair which can be pinned to her chair back cover. The covers are approximately 36 inches around*

- **Service Hour reports** must be completed and sent to the Service Hour Chairperson, Mrs. Linda Hayes. No submissions will be considered after May 15.
- **Membership Reports must be completed and sent to the Director of Membership North, Mrs. Camaran Doughty. No information will be considered after May 15.**
- **Scholarship Forms** will be posted on our website in February. This information was included in the February Grand Officer and Adult Newsletters. While our General Nevada Rainbow Scholarships are awarded only to active Rainbow Girls several of our specific memorial scholarship programs have been extended to girls who have already reached the age of majority. Please ensure both girls and majority members are aware of this opportunity. Applications are to be mailed to the Chairman of Scholarships, Tiffani Higgins, and will not be accepted after the date posted on the application.

Ways & Means is a viable way of reducing some costs of Grand Assembly and providing a unique opportunity to our girls and adults to do some "Rainbow Shopping" during non-session times. The GAC's Ways & Means Committee will have fliers in future newsletters about the kinds of items that will be available. Be sure your girls/adults have this information.

Refunds for unused meal tickets can be processed through the Grand Assembly Committee, **only if those tickets are re-sold to other guests.** Refunds are not available for registration fees. Hotel refunds are limited by the terms of our contract and amounts will not be refunded in full.

DURING Announcements on Monday evening - **no one** other than Grand Officers are allowed on the floor of the Grand Assembly Room. Please do not let your girls' enthusiasm explode onto the floor during announcements – it's dangerous for all - and there is plenty of time after announcements to congratulate your new Grandies.

Please call, fax, write, or email me now if you have questions about Grand Assembly 2012. As always, we are striving to make our sessions fun, informative, entertaining, not too long.... If you have suggestions - call now.

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