

## DEMITTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION

### When may a Demit issued?

According to Supreme Statute, any member of the Order is entitled to demit from an Assembly, provided she owes nothing to the Assembly and no charges of misconduct are pending against her. Additionally, Supreme Statute authorizes the Supreme Officer to issue or deny a request to demit, based on the best interest of the member.

In Nevada, Demits are generally issued when a Rainbow member and her family are relocating to another community, in this or another state. Demits are also issued to members who are no longer abiding by the high moral standards of Rainbow (i.e. cohabitation or pregnancy).

If a Demit is requested for a reason other than relocation or cohabitation, the member making the request shall submit a letter to the Supreme Officer, stating her reason for requesting the Demit. This letter will assist the Supreme Officer in determining if the Demit is in the best interest of the girl making the request and the members of her Assembly. This letter may be emailed directly to the Supreme Officer, or it may be given to the Mother Advisor or Grand Deputy who will email it to the Supreme Officer within five (5) days of receipt. The Supreme Officer, or her designee, will review the request and respond to the member and the MA with her recommendation.

### When does a Demit expire?

Supreme Statute indicates that a Demit is good for the lifetime of a member; however, a girl may only visit other assemblies (without affiliating with an Assembly) for six months.

### Updating the Membership Report

The Mother Advisor of the Assembly issuing the Demit must update the member's record on the Supreme Assembly website, ideally within seven (7) days of the Demit being issued. This ensures the member's records are current and may be easily updated upon her affiliation with her new Assembly. (Saving this until the end of the year can create unnecessary delays in the preparation of the Annual Reports for both Assemblies.)

### How is an Application for Affiliation processed?

An Application for Affiliation is processed in the same manner as an Application for Membership:

- The application is referred to the Advisory Board for approval.
- If the Advisory Board approves the Application for Affiliation, it is referred to the Assembly for consideration during its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- The Application for Affiliation is read to the Assembly under the appropriate order of business (Applications for Membership) and the Worthy Advisor establishes a visitation committee of at least 3 members (2 girls and 1 adult).
- Prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting, the visitation committee will meet with the prospective member and her family and submit a written or oral report to the Mother Advisor.
- If the applicant is recommended by the committee for affiliation, a ballot is held.
- If the ballot is clear, the affiliation may proceed.
- If the applicant is not recommended by the committee, the application is referred back to the Advisory Board.

Additional information on processing Applications for Membership may be found in the Supreme Statutes, Sections 8 and 14.