

"The Proudly Positive Peacocks' "

Grand Officers' Newsletter



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(It's Mr. Ruff's birthday....)

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Grandies – WHAT a great time of year this season is; I trust you are all making the most of it! Some of you will be spending more time at the mall, with your friends, with your family.... Just hanging out refreshing from school..... Please also make this an opportunity to be sure you are 100% on top of your Rainbow deadlines – maybe even ahead of the game with report deadlines, your Grand Assembly pantaloons, brush up on your memory work, complete your memory work for the next Proficiency level.... etc.....

Just like you would for Santa, make a list, and check it twice -- and be sure you can mark everything off -- as done.... with the appreciation of each of your adults!

This is also a GREAT time to show your appreciation to every adult in your life... start with your parents, grandparents, etc.... just think of how many times each of them help you without your asking -- and even those times you may have whined!!! Thank your Assembly adults; thank your teachers; thank your neighbors; thank your Rainbow Sisters. Remember the reason we celebrate this special season - be the light that shines!

Reminders

- ✓ Dress payments -- there are still a few of you who owe money --and our new Grandies dress payments, etc. are due now.
- ✓ Have you reimbursed your assembly for the fees paid at Grand?
- ✓ Do you really have your pin-ons, etc. done? All of them?
- ✓ Have you sent your correspondent information and asked her for some from her jurisdiction? Have you STARTED your Grand Representative report? Did you INVITE your counterparts to NV Grand Assembly and are you considering going to one of your states? Or CA?
- ✓ Are you working on your Pantaloons?
- ✓ Have you written your Camp Reflections article?
- ✓ Have you cleaned your bedroom this month?

- ✓ Have you taken pictures of your assembly activities and sent them to the Grand Historians?
- ✓ Have you heard Mr. Jacka and me wish you a very Merry Christmas? We do....
- ✓ Have you ordered your traveling material – remember – anyone can travel and ANYONE can have a dress in this material, whether or not they are traveling out of state... if you are going to Supreme, it's a must!



Directors' Corner

From the Director of the Grand Cross of Color Team, Ms. Doyle

Wishing you all the happiest of holiday seasons!.....Shawn Doyle

From the Director of Rainbow Camp, Mrs. Koscik

Nevada Rainbow -- It is hard to believe that Rainbow Camp 2012 is less than four months away. Sami has some great ideas that will surely have everyone dancing their feet off with her Dance Dance Rainbowlution Camp. Even with all the casual, informal fun we always have at camp, my favorite part is always the celebration of Rainbow Sunday. The Grand Cross of Color is the highest honor that can be conferred upon a Rainbow Girl for her dedication to our beautiful order and the announcement of the upcoming recipients is the perfect way to end our weekend of fun and camaraderie. I look forward to dancing with everyone at our 2012 Rainbow Camp. Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rainbow love and friendship, Mrs. Koscik

From the Director of Tours, Mrs. Butler

Can you believe it Christmas is almost here! Wow, where did the year go? Enjoy this special time of year as I know I sure will. I hope you are all saving your money for our upcoming travel plans to California Grand Assembly from March 31 thru April 3, 2012 in Fresno, CA – more details to follow after the first of the year, to Oregon Grand Assembly in June 2012, to Washington/Idaho Grand Assembly in July 2012 and our BIG trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan for Supreme Assembly also in July 2012. Come join us on one, some or all of these trips and I know you won't be disappointed – after all Rainbow Girls always have fun!

Rainbow Love, Mrs. Butler

From the Director of Membership, NORTH, Mrs. Doughty

"Sleigh bells ring are you listening, in Reno lanes are glistening, Not happy tonight, Sliding in a Winter Wonderland"

So, Merry Holidays to All!

Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and Seasons Greetings!

Christmas has been observed since 4th century AD, one of the first "Merry Christmas's" appeared in 1565 in The Hereford Municipal Manuscript, "And thus I comytt you to God, who send you a Mery Christmas."

In this busy season of well wishes, remember to give of your heart and your time, (really, money isn't what it is all about) visit with family and appreciate their individualities, sip hot chocolate with friends and love how they like who you are. It's Christmas and it's time for Snow Globes!!!! I love Snow Globes; they make me happy just to shake them and watch the magic of imagination - ahh it makes me smile ;-)

It's a very exciting time in Nevada Rainbow. We are having initiations like Craazzy, Reno, Carson, Mt. Rose, Boulder, Tonopah, and Winnemucca. It's a great season for new members and for sharing ... "What Fun it is to be a Rainbow Girl...."
Love to all and Peace on Earth, Mrs. Doughty

From the Director of Membership, South, Mrs. Binam

Nevada Rainbow Makes the Membership Top 10!

Nevada Rainbow should feel very proud of itself. Take a moment to pat your selves on the back.

You have all helped Nevada to have the 10th highest membership growth in Rainbow around the world this year with a 19.9% increase!!

This is great!! This is fantastic!! Let's keep these numbers going up. Look for new places for members. You could work with a new church or a new school, perhaps a community center or a home school group. Try new things and meet new people. Who knows you could meet your next best friend.

Now I would like you all to take the time to get to know all our new girls. Membership does not stop at just finding new friends to join Rainbow and Pledge. Now we need to make them all feel welcome and wanted. Make sure they know what they need to wear to a meeting or bring to an event. Also take the time to get to know their family. I bet a girl will be more active if their parents know what to expect and know that they are wanted too.

Pledge Hugs, Mrs. Binam

From the Director of Service Hours, Mrs. Hayes

I found this poem on a card recently. So many people could use this message, no matter what their age.

In a perfect world,
everything would always go right.
There would be no disappointments or trials,
and life would be filled with only
sweet, warm, and fuzzy feelings.

But how would we know
if things were good if we had no comparison?
Would we recognize the blessings in our lives
without having their opposites to compare them to?

Without the darkness,
would we appreciate the light?
would we appreciate the light?

Seems to me if we want rainbows,
we gotta have rain.
The trick is to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps
and go out and look for puddles to play in;
recognize the tempest for what it is
and train ourselves to look for the good
in every situation.

By overcoming our adversity,
we find the joy in everything.
So go on, go play in the rain!
---Suzy Toronto

From our State Rainbow Dad, Mr. McNee

Hello and SRD holiday greetings to one and all!

It has been a very busy couple of months for Mrs. McNee and me. The OV's in Winnemucca, Reno and Tonopah were such fun for us both. I found out that I had some hidden talents for cheerleading and modeling (but not so much at eating large bowls of Frosted Flakes without milk). I got to see so much outstanding ritual work from all of the assemblies we visited; it is always so nice to see how well you all uphold the traditions of our Order. I'm so proud of each and every one of you!

And the gifts! You have all been so generous to us and I am humbled by this outpouring of love for us. I especially will treasure the gifts of baby clothes and blankets. They mean so much to us. As you may have heard, we were expecting twins, but as of our last ultrasound, there seems to be only one baby. Sometimes this happens with twin pregnancies, for any one of a variety of reasons, one baby gets reabsorbed into the mother's body. But the good news is, the remaining baby is a strong and healthy little boy! We'll have to wait a little while longer for a Rainbow Girl (and I'll have to brush up on my DeMolay Ritual), but when the time is right, I'm sure she will be here too.

Here's wishing you all a safe and happy holiday! SRD Love, Your Proud Peacock Pappa,
Mr. McNee

And in closing....

To that end, Mr. Jacka and I wish each of you a most joyous holiday season... may Santa be generous with you and may you, in turn, be generous with your heart and mind to everyone you know.

See you all soon.... be good, have fun, do the right things.... always!

With all my *Positively Passionate Peacock* Love, Mrs. J

FROM OUR GRANDIES - TO OUR GRANDIES!

From Grand Hope, Amber

Hey everyone! Merry Christmahanakwanzika to everyone! and Happy Ramadan and Thanksgiving as well. Oh and to those who celebrate Boxing Day: Happy Boxing Day as well! That should take care of every major holiday celebrated in America and Canada during this time of year!

I hope everyone has a great time this holiday season and hopefully everything should be going well during this time of year. For those in school: good luck during your finals! Drive safely during your travels even if it's across town! Amber

From Grand Recorder, Rebekah

Hello ladies! I hope you all of you are doing well! As we all know the holidays are approaching. I'm sure we are all getting excited I know I am.

The holidays are a great and happy season for us to be with the ones we love. However, how many of us actually think about others during this time of year? It is easy to forget what this season is truly about. We all get so wrapped in the latest iPod or Toms, we do not remember that this is a time to love. We should all be thankful for what we already have not what we want. This is not a time to be greedy but a time to share.

There are many others that do not have anything. There are others in this world that do not have much to be thankful for. Instead of focusing on what we want we should be trying to help them. As Rainbow girls, we make it our mission to help and serve others. The holiday season should be no different. If anything this is the time we should double our efforts to try to make others happy. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing a smile on someone's face and knowing that you put it there.

I hope all of you remember this as we get closer to the holiday season. Have a happy holiday! I can't wait to see you all again! With all my chatty peacock love, Rebekah

From Grand Representative, Taylor

Our Masonic Family

Unfortunately, as all of you know, our dear Mr. Guinan passed away recently. For those of you who didn't know him, he was one of the most incredible human beings I will ever know, yet it was not until his eulogy that this truly became impressed upon my young mind. Mr. Guinan did so much for our assembly, and though I thanked him constantly for his support and hugged him every time I saw him, there lacked a depth as to my appreciation, that I only realized when he suddenly was gone. It was in that time that I laid the purple flower over the altar and raised my hand in sign of peace that I realized who we had lost, how precious he was to our lives.

At Mr. Guinan's funeral, I was surpassed at the amount of people that I saw filling the hall. When one person spoke, it was as if the very soul of him was finally reaching out to me from my adolescence to the adult mind. I finally understood him. I finally realized how much, like me, he had been so human, but so incredibly beautiful. To say Mr. Guinan was active in Masonic Organizations is an understatement. In fact, Mr. Guinan embodied what kind of person I wanted to be, what kind of life I wanted to live, what kind of life we should all be willing to live. And he especially showed me that your life and your soul can go on vicariously through the people in

whose life you made a difference, in those that shared with you love and wonderful memories. Mr. Guinan did this. He created laughter, love, service, and especially immortality not only above, but within our hearts.

Mr. Guinan's passing could never be justified, but his absence has made us all realize something so special. His passing has heeded my Assembly, Mt. Rose, to realize the importance of our Rainbow connection. It is that within life and within this organization, there is created so much richness. All of our affiliated organizations - be it the Shriners, Masons, or Rainbow Girls - consist of something so valuable, that my mere understanding could not even comprehend it; something so beautiful that truly makes me have faith in our Masonic family. I think it is quite important that we learn to support each other. That could be as simple as thanking a Mason or Eastern Star Member for coming to your meeting, helping serve at functions of their's, or sending out invitations to events. The members within these walls of ours, of all jurisdictions, are our family. We need them more than ever to keep us going strong and let us know that our place as Rainbow Girls is an important part of being a human being. And that especially, we may not fully understand the beauty of our elders because we never knew them, but having them been within this great mass of jurisdictions, should say that they are spectacular people. Let the memory of Mr. Guinan serve as a reminder for this. Let us all regain our love and appreciation for one another. Lovingly, Taylor

From Grand Drill Leader, Melissa

I cannot believe that winter is upon us once again. This is the best time of year; ice skating with friends, being around those whom you love and let's not forget the hot chocolate!! It is the season of giving, which we are all professionals of. Of all of these wonderful things about the Holiday Season, my favorite part would have to be listening to the music. The music inspires us to be kind, thoughtful, and some may teach us life lessons and may even remind us of forgotten ones. The one song that is absolutely drop-dead beautiful and brings tears to my eyes every time I hear it is by the group NewSong called Christmas Shoes. There is one particular phrase in the entire song that functions as the sole purpose for writing and/or singing the song...

*"I knew I caught a glimpse of heaven' love as he thanked me and ran out.
I know that God had sent that little boy to remind me
What Christmas is all about"*

Take the opportunity to sit back and really listen to the lyrics of this song one time out of the billion times it will be played on the radio. Remember to spread the "Christmas Shoes" love to all. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and I will see you all next year!
All of my Shoelace love, Meilssa

**BALANCE of the Year
Official Calendar 2011-2012**

JANUARY 2012

- Jan 7, 2012 Installation of Officers, Mt. Rose Assembly #13
Jan 8, 2012 ADVISORY BOARD Training – SOUTH
1 pm *Charleston Temple, Las Vegas*
3 pm Installation of Officers, Las Vegas Assembly #9
Charleston Temple, Las Vegas
- Jan 14, 2012 Installation of Officers, Boulder Assembly #8
- Jan 21, 2012 Installation of Officers, Carson Assembly #7
- Jan 28, 2012 Installation of Officers, Reno Assembly #1

NEED to schedule ADVISORY BOARD Training - NORTH

FEBRUARY 2012

Feb 3-5 Adult Leadership, Tonopah - "Lets Get Our Ducks Lined Up"

MARCH 2012

March 9-11 Rainbow Camp and Rainbow Sunday - Tonopah
Rainbow Sunday Hosts: Reno #1 AND Boulder #8 - AT CAMP

Sat-24 Official Visit, Reno Assembly #1 AND Sparks Assembly #3
3 pm *Grand Officer Meeting*
5 pm *Dinner, Official Visit to follow*
Washoe Masonic Building, Peckham Lane, Reno

Sun-25 Official Visit, Carson Assembly #7
9 am *Breakfast, Official Visit to follow*
Carson Masonic Temple, Carson City

APRIL 2012

**March 31 -
April 3 California Grand Assembly**
Fresno, CA

Please note: Times for Receptions and Grand Officer Meetings are subject to change, based on other events during the spring. Updates will be posted to this document and to our website as they become available.

Sat-21 Grand Officer Reception - Sabrina Ferrante, Grand Nature
Host: Carson Assembly #7
Tba Carson Masonic Temple, Carson City

- Sat-21** **Grand Officer Reception – Samantha Perez, GWAA**
Host: Mt. Rose Assembly #13
Peckham Masonic Temple, Reno
- Tba*
- Sun-22** **Grand Officer Reception – Stephanie Hatch, Grand Fidelity**
Host: Ben Franklin Assembly #21
- Tba*
- Sun-22** **Grand Officer Reception – Dallas Marsh, Grand Charity**
Host: Sparks Assembly #3
BOTH: Kerak Shrine Temple, Energy Way, Sparks
- Tba*

MAY 2012

- Sat-5** **Grand Officer Reception – Amber Thacker, Grand Hope**
3 pm *Host: Las Vegas Assembly*
Charleston Temple, Las Vegas-dinner to follow-THEN travel to Boulder
- Sat-5** **Grand Officer Reception – Samantha Bomgaars, Grand Faith**
7pm *Host: Boulder Assembly #8*
Boulder Masonic Temple, Boulder City – dessert to follow
- Sun-6** **Grand Officer Reception – Katherine Kirk, GWA**
9 am *Reception; LUNCH TO FOLLOW*
Host: Boulder Assembly #8
Boulder Masonic Temple, Boulder City

JUNE 2012

8-10 Colorado Grand Assembly
 Double Tree Hotel, Denver Tech Center

Fri-15 thru Sat-16 (Grand Officers practices, etc.)

Sun-17 thru Tues-19
Grand Assembly 2012
 Peppermill Hotel, Reno

JULY 2012

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

July 14, 2012 Installation of Officers, Mt. Rose Assembly #13

Supreme Assembly 2012 - Grand Rapids, Michigan
Co-Hosts: Grand Jurisdictions of Canada and Michigan

July 17-25 Headquarters Hotel - Amway Grand Plaza Hotel; *Housing = \$140+tax/night*
Sunday=Church, Grand Cross, Memorial; Official Opening – Closing and installation on Wednesday