

June Newsletter

Well Ladies and Gentlemen; it truly has been a pleasure this year. I'd like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone for all of their hard work this year. Every Rainbow function I attended this year was fun and the energy in every room was exciting. BUT the year is not over, and the hard work is not done! **and the fun has just begun!** Getting ready for Grand is making me butterfly excited. So badly, do I want to see, all the hard work pay off. I'm looking forward to the tears of joy, happiness and sorrow that will take over our emotions in a little less than a week! Ask Sami, she's got the countdown.

In preparing for Grand, Sami inspired me to do a hair box. A tub from the dollar store is now in possession of hair spray, moose, bobby pins, band-aids, pony tails, hair stuff, ya dig?! I do believe it will come in handy in our dressing room. But that is just the top...I've been getting my shifts and pantaloons together. You'll need at least 4 pairs! I hope all the dress fittings went well, and if you have not received or scheduled one, I would do so...NOW.

For protest, it will be a "Protest in the Park" The plan is to walk in quietly and sit down, as if it were a sit-in, and "Get up Stand up" Is going to play and we will get up and protest! Angry hippies...hahaha

A list of things to bring to Grand Assembly from our Handbook:

Making our Grand Assembly successful requires the respect, support and energy of all Nevada Rainbow girls, especially the Grand Officers.

- **Respect** each other and our adult workers by being on time to Sessions and practices. On time at Grand Assembly means being in line 15 minutes prior to the practice or Session. Jeweled Grand Officers should have their jewels on; Grand Representatives should have their State flags when necessary. You all should have made the necessary restroom stop!
- **Support** each other by accommodating, within reason, the needs of others. Share space in the Grandie dressing room and rest rooms, etc. Clean up any "mess" you make, and help those around you do the same.
- **Energize** each other by ensuring you and your room mates get plenty of rest and healthy meals. Consuming inordinate amounts of candy and soda pop and surviving on two or three hours of sleep each night will not make this a very pleasant experience!

Make a daily shower schedule - so everyone showers EVERY day (and not just at Grand but every day of one's life!!) and then stick to it. If Suzie takes the first shower, she must be the first up and in the water; she then calls Betty to take the next shower, etc.... Procrastination will not work if you are all to get showered -- and not showering is not an option -- eww!!

More from our handbook:

DRESS REQUIREMENTS AT GRAND ASSEMBLY

- ⊗ Pants will not be worn in the Grand Assembly Room, by either Rainbow Members or female adults beginning with Friday afternoon's practice!
- ⊗ Grand Officers will wear their shift, pantaloons, hoops and hairpieces to all practices. Wearing hoops during practices assists those helping with floor work. Because you will be wearing your shift for long periods of time, it should be made in a comfortable style; mini-skirts and crop-tops are not acceptable; a cut-out back, provided your undergarments do not show, is acceptable.
- ⊗ GRANDIE DRESSES ARE A SURPRISE!
- ⊗ Each Grand Officer's dress is to be ready to wear PRIOR to your arrival at Grand Assembly, which simply means you need to have met your fitting schedule with the Dressmaker; typically Mrs. Buchanan will deliver dresses to Grand Assembly.
- ⊗ Shoes are to be CLEAN, white, approved shoes, noted above which have been "broken-in."

- ⊗ Pantaloon must be worn under Grand Officer dresses. You may want to enhance one pair, or make a special pair, to participate in the Grand Officers' Pantaloon Contest. Pantaloon are ankle-length - they do not drag on the floor or ruffle over the top of your shoes. *Because pantaloon are undergarments, you should wear a clean pair every day!!!*
- ⊗ Jewelry is limited to your Grand Officer Pin and ONE small pair of stud-type earrings, one small ring per hand. If you are a Master of the Grand Cross, your Grand Cross will be worn to all Grand Assembly Sessions. Do not wear watches, necklaces or bracelets.
- ⊗ Hairpieces are worn at all times - beginning with Friday's practice. The Grandie Party and Fun Night are great times to let your hair down!

General Dress Guidelines for Grand Assembly

Practices - Grandie shift, pantaloon, hoops, hairpieces, appropriate shoes, hose.

Grandie Party - Casual clothing which may include (nice looking) shorts, jeans, sandals; no hairpieces!

Grand Cross Degree

- If you are receiving the Grand Cross, a Rainbow-appropriate formal of your choice.
- If you are observing the Service, a short or long dress of your choice.
- If you are participating in the Grand Cross Banquet as a bread server or giving a tribute, a short light colored dress, white shoes; robes will be provided.

Vespers Service

- If you are taking part in the Service, a long pastel formal (or other attire if directed by Grand Chaplain and the Supreme Inspector – often time our Grand Cross robes are used so a long dress is not required).
- If observing the Service, your Grandie shift, without pantaloon; or a short dress.

Luncheons - Grandie Shift with or without pantaloon, depending on your choice of hose.

Grand Banquet - this year's Grand Officer Dresses.

Grand Installation - a FRESH, long Rainbow-appropriate dress with hoop, hairpiece, etc.

Oh my goodness!!! If I don't see you until then, I will see everyone at Grand!

Be ready for some stellar hugs!

LIVELY love,

Lander Kennedy

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