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A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR

Greetings everyone!

I hope everyone is able to get some fresh air and enjoy the warm sunlight this spring season. Due to our current circumstances many assemblies were not able to meet in person, however, the online methods of communication the girls have been using to keep up with each other are amazing. You have shown how extraordinary Rainbow Girls are and how we are able to adapt to any situation.

With this time off, take a moment to reconnect with yourself. Practice some self love, try that new makeup look you've always wanted to attempt, dance around your room, clean up your surroundings, make creative works of art, and do some light reading. May I recommend a few paragraphs from our ritual?

The lessons we learn in our organization have the power to help us through any storm life may bring. No matter what trial or tribulation you go through a Rainbow will always shine after the rain. Always remember to help those in need where you can, but most importantly, be sure to take care of yourself. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy!

Never forget that you are changing the world by bringing together a group of remarkable people!"

In Rainbow Love & Friendship, **Heldreth B. Yu**

Grand Worthy Advisor 2019 -2020

New Jersey, Assemble!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME INSPECTOR

My Rainbow Family and friends,

As it stands right now all Rainbow meetings, events and activities continue to be cancelled until further notice. The increasing in cases of COVID-19 and the heightened orders from the CDC, and Federal and State government on social distancing and imposed quarantines; as well as the directives of the NJ Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter OES, makes it necessary to suspend all NJ Rainbow activities until further notice. Even without these directives, our concern for the welfare and safety of all our members remains utmost in our minds. We will keep you posted on any changes.

You may have virtual meetings with your Assembly using Zoom, Facetime, or other similar methods. Thanks go out to Elizabeth Amodeo for holding classes for advisors on how to utilize Zoom. NO RITUAL WORK MAY BE DONE, but you can conduct business through these virtual meetings. You do not need to have a quorum at this time. Make sure to contact all members for meetings and activities.

We are working on means to keep in contact with our Rainbow Family through Social Media activities. Girls are working on setting up a Rainbow Sunday meeting, games and fun activities using Social Media.

I know that these are difficult times, but we need to remain strong and hold tightly to the hand of Faith. We can and will get through this. Stay in contact with your Rainbow Family and friends: Post pictures of the things you are doing to pass the time. Take part in our Super 7 calendar you're your assembly's initiatives. They are fun and it also shows support for each other.

May God Bless you and always hold you in the palm of his hands.

In Love and Friendship Kathleen Nase, Supreme Inspector

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EDITOR

Hello all! I would like to start by thanking you all for your incredible support of the Review. You truly have no idea how much it means to me. That being said, this review is for each and every one of you, meaning, if there is something you'd like to see, let me know! I'm always looking for new ideas and I hope this reflects in this edition and those to follow.

I'm very excited for you all to see this Review. Since the last edition I've received a few suggestions and have implemented them to the best of my ability.

As an additional note, if there is still any confusion about the new sections, please reach out to me. I'm happy to answer any questions that remain.

Again, I thank you for your cooperation and I am so excited for the next edition! Please email all articles and submissions by June 5th to nlg2799@gmail.com and to linbren@comcast.net.

In Rainbow Love and Service, Natalie Gunderson

Grand Editor and Grand Representative to Nebraska



SOCIAL MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

Hi Everyone!

I hope you are all doing well and taking care of yourselves. Since we are all quarantined to our homes, we came up with a fun and interactive way that we can all be involved in Rainbow, at home!

One of the several activities that we have planned so far is a "Super 7 Calendar". Basically, to give you all an idea of what we will be doing, it is a longer version of a spirit week, which I'm sure you have participated in at school. Our goal is for everyone to post a picture of themselves in their outfit that matches the theme of that day. **Girls and adults can take part in this!** This is supposed to be a fun and interactive way for all of us to be able to continue to communicate with each other, since we are all home for the most part and are doing school work.

A google spreadsheet was sent out with the list of dates, the theme for the day, whose picture will be our main photo posted on our social media via Facebook and Instagram, alongside of the other participants.

Just a reminder that this is optional. You do not have to participate if you wish not to. This is supposed to be fun and enjoyable for everyone, and a way for us to step back and take our minds off everything that is going on in the world currently.

Please feel free reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Abbey W

Grand Charity and Grand Representative to Connecticut and Hawaii



GRAND ASSEMBLY NEWS

Grand Officers Holiday Party *By Karla S.*

On December 7th, the Grand Officers gathered at the Masonic Home for their annual holiday party. Hosted and planned by Grand Faith, Isabella Storie and her committee, the day was filled with singing, laughter, and joy. More specifically, we opened and exchanged presents which was a lot of fun, especially seeing Ms. Nase try to hide a stuffed animal. But, I would have to say the quirky games were even better. The party was a potluck with plenty of food for everyone, as well as a hot cocoa table that definitely kept everyone nice and toasty. The best part of the entire day was not only getting to spend time with my Rainbow family, but going around and singing to the residents. This party was definitely one for the books.





Unity Day

By Alexandra R.

On January 11th, 2020, OES Unity Day was held at Delaware Valley Assembly #65 in Mount Holly, New Jersey. Lunch was held at 12 pm and

a variety of sandwiches and chips were handed out for everyone to eat. In the dining hall at the Mount Holly Lodge everything was nicely decorated with bright colors. At 1pm a meeting was held and there a ceremony was done for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. All Grand Officers participated in the beautiful ceremony. Overall, everyone had an amazing time and I can't wait for what is in store for the next OES Unity Day!



Workshops

By Lilyanna L.

On January 18th, New Jersey Rainbow held our annual Workshops. The



workshops were a success. We had an assembly with the open minded coach; we all did some stress relieving activities then we went and separated into different groups. I hosted a workshop called "paint your feelings" and everyone wanted to join again but had to choose one group or the other. We ended the day with a presentation on personal safety by Mr. William Stevenson. Overall, it was a very nice day!



Winterfest Weekend

By Katie Rose H.

The first weekend of February was the annual winterfest weekend for the DeMolay boys, but this year there was a twist. The Rainbow Girls were invited to winterfest this year and we were able to participate in all of their fun activities. Starting Friday night, we all gathered for toy car racing at the Scottish Rite. Everyone participated, even parents and advisors. It was so fun to see everyone cheering each other on and having a good time together.

The next morning started bright and early with a nice breakfast, then we all went into our workshops. Workshops were run by DeMolay and Rainbow state officers. My favorite workshop was run by Heldreth and Nick; they had volunteers try different challenges to show how important time management is. I had the challenge of reading a paragraph, it seemed simple enough but the text didn't make any sense so that showed me how sometimes a simple task might need more time than I think.

Saturday night was a video game themed dance, it was super fun to dance and hang out with everyone. We ended the weekend on Sunday morning where we put our collected "shelkes" from the weekend towards a variety of prizes. If you won a prize you could trade it in for a physical challenge or a question. Members of my assembly and I had to go in front of everyone and sing "My Little Teapot".

I am so thankful that DeMolay invited us to their annual Winterfest. I made so many memories with my rainbow sisters and the DeMolay boys that I won't forget.





FINDING NEW WAYS TO MEET!





Holly Assembly's March 27th Virtual Meeting

Grand Officers Day

By Rosella V.

Yeehaw, everybody! On February 29th, 2020, the Grand Worthy Advisor, Heldreth B. Yu, and her Grand Officers had their first Grand Officers' Day of the year, which was hosted by Trenton Assembly #9. As you guessed it, the theme was the "Wild, Wild West".

Before the meeting, everyone was gathered for an amazing luncheon. We were served KFC boxes, similar to what was served at the OES luncheon. All in all, it was delicious! Trenton Assembly, along with its advisory board, did an amazing job with the wild west decorations and also providing each table a "Wild West" themed crossword puzzle for everyone to enjoy.

Following the luncheon, everyone filed into the assembly room to begin the meeting. The Potentate of Salaam Temple spoke about the Shriners Hospitals, which in fact also the GWA's charity project this year. Although we did not initiate a new candidate, all the Grand Officers did an amazing job with their initiatory work! Our Grand Lecturer, Katy Burrell, had a spectacular speech about self-confidence, which made the whole room applaud and rise to give her a standing ovation. A huge shout-out also goes to Trenton #9 for not only a great opening and closing, but for hosting an incredible Grand Officers' Day. I cannot wait for the next GO's Day which is also the GWA's Homecoming in June!



Grand Commandery

By Breann O.

The Knights Templar Grand Commandery annual conclave was held on March 7th, 2020. S.K. William M.

Krzewick, III was installed as Eminent Grand Commander for 2020-2021.

The Grand Worthy Advisor and I were invited to represent New Jersey Rainbow. Heldreth and I were asked to speak and we explained what Rainbow was and the details of the Grand Year. Overall, the night was a success and we had a marvelous time.



OES Rose Pinning

By Abbey W.

On Saturday, March 7th, Miss Nase, Grand Worthy Advisor Heldreth, Grand Hope Allison, Grand Faith Bella, and I attended the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron Daria Hamms's Rose Pinning. At the Rose Pinning, Daria announced who is going to be her Grand Patron, which is who she will share her year with as they lead in the east together.

This is done by Worthy Grand Matron elect going around the room handing out roses to the Mason's as we are all in suspense as to who she actually chose. Everyone has their own thoughts as to who the mystery man will be. In the end she chose Bruce Zielinski who is currently the Grand Sentine!!

ASSEMBLY WINTER TERM NEWS

Please send Summer term info to the Grand Editor to be included in the next issue

Trenton #9

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Margaret Morris Pledge Mother: Mrs. Lauran Palmer Grand Deputy: Mrs. Jean Dibaczy

Meeting Information

2nd and 4th Mondays at 7pm (Pledge at 6pm) Gothic/Fraternal Lodge 3682 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

Winter Term Information

Theme - Phineas & Ferb

Motto - "The only impossible thing is

impossibility"

Colors - Red, Yellow, & Blue

Mascot - Perry the Platypus

Charity - Sandy Hook Promise

Flower - Forget Me Nots

Bible Verse - Luke 1:37



Clifton #16

Contact Information

Mother Advisor: Ms. Tiffany Cole Pledge Mother: Miss Renee Wright Grand Deputy: Mrs. Nadine Cain

Meeting Information

1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30pm (Pledge at 6:30) Clifton Masonic Canter 1476 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07011

Clifton Installation of Officers

By Gaby G.

On January 20, 2020, Gaby G. was installed as the Worthy Advisor for Clifton Assembly #16. Also installed were Taryn C., sister of Charity and Kayla R., sister of Faith.

Member of the Installing Team were majority Clifton members, Amanda P. and Kasey M., and joining them were Breann O. from Mistletoe Assembly, Grand Officer of the Year.

Clifton Assembly welcomed a new Mother Advisor, Tiffany Cole, a majority Rainbow girl from Clifton Assembly. We wish her luck and look forward to working with her.

We had the pleasure of a full house for a Monday night Installation, Miss Nase, our Supreme Inspector, Mr. Frank Williams, Potentate for the Salaam Shrine, Clifton DeMolay, Masons. Eastern Stars, Shriners and family members.

We are looking forward to an exciting term and three new members joining us shortly.

Mistletoe #20

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Miss Carolyn Hiller Mrs. Brenda Vander Horm

Meeting Information

1st and 3rd Saturday at 10:30am Jersey City Masonic Center 85 Hutton Street, Jersey City, NJ 07307

Winter Term Information

Theme - The Roaring 20's

Motto - "Carpe Diem" We are not allowed the privilege of rewinding, so with every atom in your body, live right now.

Symbol - Fan

Mascot - Roaring Lion

Colors - Red & Gold

Flower - Red Rose

Song - "Living in the

Moment" - Jason Mraz

Charity - Make a Wish

Foundation

Bible Verse - Romans 12:2



Emily's Initiation

By Breann O.

On December 21st, 2019 Mistletoe Assembly #20 initiated a new member. Emily is a friend of a Rainbow Girl and is now a Sister. We are so happy to welcome Emily into our Assembly: The wait is finally over. The girls are very excited to have a new sister and can't wait to get to know her more.

Christmas Party

By Breann O.

On December 21st, 2019 after Mistletoe Assembly #20's initiation we had a Christmas Party in pajamas. Each girl brought a gift for white elephant, and each girl was happy with what they received. We then played several games which were filled with tons of laughter. Overall, the girls had an amazing day and were very happy to have spent time with each other. The holiday season is about spending time with the people you love, and that's exactly what



Installation of Officers

By Julia Mae L.

Mistletoe Assembly's Installation began at 2PM with our Mother Advisor welcoming everyone. Our new Worthy Advisor is Amaya Nieves. Her theme is the Roaring Twenties.

The Installing team did a great job installing eleven girls, the Mother Advisor and Advisory Board. We were privileged to have many guests in attendance: The Supreme Inspector, the Grand Worthy Advisor, the Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Tyler, the Grand Master

Private Secretary, the Grand Historian and the District Deputy Grand Master. We also had two Worshipful Masters and three lodge members. It was very impressive to see.

We performed the Gavel Ceremony for the Worshipful Grand Master and the two Worshipful Masters. They were impressed. At the close of Installation everyone was invited downstairs for lots of food supplied by the Worthy Advisors family. It was a day to remember!!!!!!



Valentine's Party

By Amaya N.

Mistletoe Assembly celebrated Valentine's Day after their meeting on February 1, 2020. We decorated wreaths that had all different Rainbows on them. We used markers and made them our own. We played Valentine Bingo and won chocolate hearts. Our Mother Advisor gave us each a chocolate rose as a gift. We also had yummy food. It was a fun day spent with our Rainbow sisters.



Iris #31

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Jeanne Gionfriddo Pledge Mother: Miss Chrissie Gionfriddo

Grand Deputy: Mrs. Stacy Holst

Meeting Information

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00pm (Pledge at 6:00) Olive Branch Lodge 2 Dutch Land Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Winter Term Information

Theme - Family is anyone who loves you unconditionally

Motto - Family is the anchor that

holds us through life's storms Colors - Nemo Orange, Dory

Blue & Turtle Green

Mascot - Nemo

Charity - Adopting an

animal from Jenkinson's Aquarium

Service Project - Runapalooza

Song - "Unconditionally" by: Katy Perry

Bible Verse - Corinthians 13:4-7

Family Fun Night

By Erin M.

On the evening of February 28t, Iris Assembly attended a Family Fun Night hosted by Olive Branch Lodge. Everyone brought games and snacks to share. It was a wonderful event that allowed the families of both bodies to come together and enjoy a night of fun and unity!

Snow Tubing By Chloe C.

On February 8th, Iris went to Campgaw. When we got there, we grabbed our tubes and went up a lift. We went down



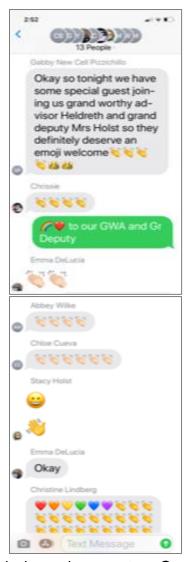
together; the 2 rounds were really fun. The 3rd round we went down Gabby P., our Worthy Advisor, flipped over and hurt her upper arm. We went to the hospital and found out she broke her arm. Luckily for her, she did not need to get surgery. After that we went to Shake Shack for a late lunch.

Iris Meeting Virtually Every Week By Mrs. G.

Even though we would normally meet twice a month, with everyone currently housebound during COVID-19 the pandemic. Iris decided get to together every Wednesday.

On March 18 we had a group text meeting. We took roll call by selfie and were joined by both Worthy Grand Advisor Heldreth and our new Grand Deputy Mrs. Holst. We gave them 'emoji honors'. We went over rescheduling dates and activities and just checked in with each other.

Then we learned about Zoom. On Wednesday, March 25 we had a Zoom social. We did



a scavenger hunt and showed our pets. On April 1 we have a regular meeting scheduled on Zoom.

Each girl is coming up with a fun game to play online. This will count toward their merit bar for planning a social activity! We hope to invite some prospects to our upcoming socials. Zoom has been a great way to stay connected.

Temple #32

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Christiane Barron Pledge Mother: Miss Allison Gordon Grand Deputy: Mrs. Michele Meisten

Meeting Information

2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:30pm (Pledge at

6:30)

Masonic Temple, 275 Kinderkamack

Road, Westwood, NJ 07675

Golden #43

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Martha Conner Pledge Mother: Ms. Dana Mount

Grand Deputy: Mrs. Mary Ellen Garreau

Meeting Information

1st and 3rd Fridays at 7:30pm (pledge at

6:30)

Mt. Zion Lodge

483 Middlesex Avenue, Metuchen, NJ

08840

Holly #56

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Mrs. Colleen Kidwell Pledge Mother: Ms. Katlyn Zimmerman Grand Deputy: Mrs. Stacey Egan Holst

Meeting Information

2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:15pm (Pledge at

6:30)

Harmony Lodge

110 Route 37 West, Toms River, NJ

08755

Winter Term Information

Theme: Dinosaurs may be extinct, but we don't

have to be

Motto: If you can't be a dinosaur, be yourself!

Mascot: Triceratops Dinosaur

Flower: Daisy

Colors: Red, Orange, & Yellow

Bible Verse: John 14:8 Song: "I Will Survive" by: Gloria Gaynor Charity Project: Paul Thomas Brueckner

Service Project: Fleece

Hats

Foundation



Delaware Valley #56

Advisors

Mother Advisor: Susanne Wells Grand Deputy: Mrs. Mary Guynn

Meeting Information

2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:00am

Mt. Holly Lodge

15 Garden Street, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060

Winter Term Information

Theme: Never Give Up

Motto: "Everyone falls down. Getting back up is how you learn to walk." Walt Disney Colors: Light Pink, Lavender,

& Yellow

Symbol: Lavender Butterflies Mascot: Bambi & Friends

Charity Project: Burlington

County Shelter

Service Project: Meals of Love

Flower: Bacopa Flower

Song: "Don't Give Up on Me" by Andy

Grammer

Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9

Delaware Valley Installation

By Abbey W.

On January 26,
Delaware Valley
Assembly #65 held
their Installation of
officers. I was installed
as Worthy Advisor and



Delaware Valley Installation con't.

announced the theme as "Never Give Up", based off of the movie Bambi. The term is dedicated to Mrs. Margaret Abdill, member of the Adult Grand Executive committee - Emeritus, past Mother Advisor & Advisory Board Chairman of Delaware Valley Assembly #65.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Did you know that Regina V. from Mistletoe has been accepted to MIT, Worcestor Polytechnic Institute and Rutgers University for the fall semester?
- Did you know that Erika S., Grand Rep. to the Philippines was actually initiated into Anthurium Assembly #5 in Cagayan De Oro, Philippines in 2016? She moved to New Jersey in late 2016 and joined Delaware Valley Assembly where she is a proud member of today!
- Did you know the mantis shrimp can see 12-16 more colors than humans can?
- Did you know that Rosella V. from Mistletoe will be attending Ramapo College in the fall?
- Did you know that Julia Mae L. from Mistletoe got her driver's license on February1?
- Did you know the color red can't be seen below 600 meters in the ocean because its light wave is too short?

WHY I RAINBOW

Caitlin C., Delaware Valley #65

The reason tl Rainbow is because in this organization I have learned so much. I have gotten so much from this organization that I intend on giving back.

Amy W., Delaware Valley #65

I rainbow because of the friends and memories that I make.

Sam K., Holly #56

I Rainbow so i can learn to be a better me. While I have been in Rainbow I have learned lessons that have helped me today. I also enjoy doing service work and giving back to this community, and being in this organization has helped me with that. I have met friends that I wouldn't have if it wasn't for Rainbow.

HAVE WE MET?



Angelica S.

From Delaware Valley Assembly #65 (Angelica is fourth from the left)

What attracted you to Rainbow?

The way everyone is so close and the family it creates

What's your favorite part about it so far?

It's so much fun and you meet new people and make so many memories.

What are you interested in?

I'm interested hanging with my friends and family I also like being outside.

Emily W.

From Mistletoe Assembly #20



(Front and center)

What attracted you to Rainbow?

I was introduced to Rainbow by my friend Julia Mae Lopez one of Mistletoe's members. I attended an Installation and was amazed at the closeness of the girls.

What's your favorite part about it so far?

I enjoy the friendship and kindness the girls have for each other and their Advisors. I also like all the fun things Mistletoe does after the meetings.

What're you interested in?

I really enjoy music.

MY FAVORITE STATION

Caitlin C., Delaware Valley #65

My favorite station is Charity. Ever since I filled that station, the lesson has stuck with me.

Gaby G., Clifton #16

My favorite station is Hope. Hope is my favorite because I love the lesson it teaches, to have hope no matter how tough life gets.

Sam K., Holly #56

My favorite station is Immortality because I like the lesson that it teaches.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN RAINBOW WHEN....

- When you can make the perfect bun without even looking
- When you get excited about a new pair of pantyhose
- When you square your corners subconsciously
- When you can expertly get your hair into a bun within 30 seconds but have to take 10 minutes to get out all the bobby pins

MY RAINBOW HERO

Jannine Musselman

Submitted by Kaitlyn R., Mistletoe #20

Jannine Musselman is one of NJ Rainbow's unsung heroes. She has been an active member and advisor of Mistletoe Assembly for over 40 years. She has raised two daughters in Rainbow, and filled in as the roll of a Mom for countless young girls, myself included. We are often asked how Mistletoe maintains our harmony, and it would be a shame to not attribute a portion of our success to her. Jannine is a bridge. By that I mean she brings people and moments together. She has the kind of soul that senses when a person is in need, and she doesn't hesitate to offer any help that she can. Jannine is a living example of our values and virtues not only in Rainbow but in her day to day life.

Mrs. Conner

Submitted by: Lillianna L., Golden #43

My Rainbow hero is my Mother Advisor, Mrs. Conner. She does everything she can to help us, whether it's through gaining members or giving us ideas for events. Overall, she's a very nice person who puts her all in all the time.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Representative Grand Philippines, Erika S. of Delaware Valley Assembly #65, has been attending college in the Philippines since June 2019. On Feb. 8 she joined Anthurium Assembly "Little Deeds for Little #5's Kids" outreach program. Together DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Eastern Star, the members read to the kids, played games with them, taught them how to properly wash their hands, and donated health and cleanliness kits.





RAINBOW MEMORIES

New Jersey Rainbow used to hold convention in October in Asbury Park at the Convention Hall on the boardwalk. The stands were filled with members and guests for the Installation of Grand Officers on Saturday night. There are several current advisors among the officers in this picture. Can you spot any you know?

Do you have a Rainbow Memory to share? Submit it to the Grand Editor & Review Advisor.

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