



Rainbow Chronicles

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Hiya to all of you Rainbow enthusiasts!

I hope everyone had a relaxing and healthy holiday season and school break! These past two months, I got to see my family and visit with some friends that I haven't seen in a while. It reminded me how important relationships and connections are, which is part of our service project! I hope you all have been continuing to serve, or have plans to serve in this New Year! I know that I have some goals this year! One thing that being with my family and friends showed me this season is that we can all serve in little ways, and those are sometimes the most important ways to serve! You can serve your family by helping with dinner, setting up a game night for your family to bond over, writing letters to family members that aren't near you, or even just calling friends or family that you

haven't talked to in a while. As we can see from 1 Peter 4:8-10 "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."



Serving is an act of love. As we serve others, we can learn to love them more. Another goal I have for this New Year is to visit each assembly! Please, let me know if any assembly is having a meeting or an event and I will try to be there! I wish you all a Love and Service filled New Year!

In Rainbow Love & Service

GWA Kennidi

Hello Montana Rainbow!

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Remember that this is a great time to support and focus on the Gen-2-Gen service project this year. That may include donating to senior citizen homes, writing card and doing services they need. It is so important to reach out to our communities and stay connected with our growing world.

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year's holiday! Have a great day!

In Rainbow Love and Service, MMRS Trinity



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A Word from Mama Huston

I'm sure each of you received gifts for Christmas. Now, I would like to ask each of you to make it your goal for the New Year to **BE** the gift to those around you. I hope you have been reaching out to your Rainbow sisters and keeping in touch during the pandemic. We haven't been able to have our regular activities so we must utilize other means to keep in touch. I would like to share with you an excerpt from a poem in the book "When God Winks at You" by Squire Rushnell.



“When someone’s lost, aimless, and adrift,
Take the time, give ‘em a lift.
Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery,
But today, you can **BE** their gift.”

We can all be a gift to those around us by just doing small, everyday things for others. A phone call to a friend, a card or email to someone you haven't seen for a while, a friendly "hello" to a stranger you pass.... You get the idea. Let those around you know that you care, acknowledge them. Sometimes these little acts will be just the bright spot that person needs to brighten their day.

Ralph Waldo Emerson summed it up when he said, "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." Make it your goal to do a kindness for someone every day.



Rainbow hugs,

Mama Huston



State M.A. Message

Greetings Rainbow Family and Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a chance to celebrate, laugh and spend a little time with friends or family. It felt so strange without the large gatherings and holiday parties but I truly appreciated the extra time with close family.

One thing this last year has reinforced to me is that Rainbow is important in Montana and each one of you is important to Rainbow. I am so proud to see Montana Assemblies getting out there and doing service projects. Keep it up, now is a perfect time to focus on Kennidi's Gen to Gen project.

“Making a difference starts with one step, with one foot, then the next.” ~Hope Galaxie

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Ms. Crystal Sampson

State MA



Here's a way to help Montana Grand Assembly



raise money while you shop online!

Just shop at Amazon Smiles and select “International Order of Rainbow Girls - Glendive”

Amazon will donate a portion of your order to MTIORG.

NOTE: There are several listings for "International Order of Rainbow Girls" , the one that benefits Grand Assembly has "Glendive" in the name.

Gen2Gen Interviews

Hopefully some of you have started to interview members of another generation for GWA Kennidi's Gen2Gen project. By asking a few simple questions you can open the door to stories based in another time that may have otherwise gone undiscovered. You may be wondering why these stories matter, what is their value? There are several answers to these questions. The stories can help you realize how fortunate you are in your life with all of the modern conveniences you have at your disposal. You may discover the origins of family traditions or gain a better understanding of the person's personality and habits. You may even discover activities, foods, or information from the past that you may want to incorporate into your life today. Once the "interview" is started, you will be amazed at the stories that are shared. Choose a person you would like to know more about. This could be a grandparent, a neighbor or your parent. Telephone or email if you can't visit with them in person. I have listed some suggested questions below to give you some ideas for your visits. Choose a few from the list, choose your person, and let the stories begin! Have fun with this project and in the process brighten someone's life by showing your interest in who they are and listening to their stories.

1. What kind of toys did you play with as a child?
2. What was your first job?
3. What was your favorite job?
4. Did you serve in the military?
5. While you were in the military, what did you and your companions do to entertain yourselves?
6. Have you kept in touch with any of your friends from high school/college/the military?
7. What are some of your childhood memories of your father/mother/family?
8. Have you ever written a story or poem, and if so, do you still have it?
9. Have you ever been really unhappy? How did you get through that time in your life?
10. What is your favorite food?
11. Do you have any special family traditions for holidays?
12. What are some of your favorite memories from childhood birthdays or holidays?
13. What do you admire most about your father/mother?
14. What is something you were surprised to learn when you moved out of your parent's house?
15. Who did you date in high school? What sort of activities did you do for dates?
16. Have you always lived in the same area?
17. Did you go to college and if so, what was your college life like? Did you work while in college?
18. What is one of the bravest things you've ever done, and what was the outcome?
19. What is one of the stupidest things you've ever done? What did you learn from it?
20. What things are most important to you in choosing a home?
21. Tell me about the first time you got a cell phone.

Supreme Centennial Proficiency/Membership Program

Supreme is implementing a Proficiency/Membership program over the next two years. There are four levels to the program. The completion of each level will earn the participant a ribbon and completing the fourth level will earn a special pin. The levels must be completed in order and one can not continue to the next level until the previous level is completed. There are over 100 proficiency questions to choose from.



☞ The first level requires completion of 10 questions,

☞ The second requires 15 new questions,

☞ The third level requires 20

☞ The fourth level requires 20.

Each Mother Advisor will have a copy of the questions so contact her to get started.

Study Questions Level 2

11. To what is the sign given at the Altar?
12. Which hand do you use to ballot?
13. On which hand is the lambskin apron tied?
14. When should the Grand Cross of Color medallion be worn? 15
15. When and how are members suspended for non-payment of dues? 16
16. When can pictures be taken in Rainbow?
17. What Honors are given to Supreme Officers?
18. What Honors are given to Grand Officers of Rainbow, (includes Grand Representatives)?
19. What Honors are given to Worthy Advisors and Past Worthy Advisors?
20. What Honors are given to members of the sponsoring Orders?
21. Give the Test Oath and explain the duties of the examining committee.
22. Present Charity's Lecture from memory, without prompting.
23. Describe the raps at the door by the Outer Observer.
24. Who may witness the degrees?
25. Give twenty-five (25) hours of community or fraternal service and share what service you performed.

It's time to work on communicating with your
Grand Representatives!!

2021

This is a great time to send Valentine Cards
to your counterpart!!

2020-2021 Grand Representative Appointments

Ashlyn G. - Texas

Clara L. - Louisiana

Dani R. - WA/ID

Hailey C. - Bolivia

Kensley A. - North Dakota

Mikal C. - CA

Tawny W. - Arizona

Trinity M. - Nevada



Grand Representative Regions! *(NOTE: This is a corrected list)*

The **Red** Region is assigned to **Bozeman Assembly #21**. The jurisdictions are Alaska, Nebraska, Australia, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Maryland.

The **Orange** Region is assigned to **Billings Jewel #24**. The jurisdictions are Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio, Arkansas.

The **Yellow** Region is assigned to **Garden City Assembly #55**. The jurisdictions are Canada, Michigan, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, Colorado.

The **Green** Region is assigned to **Hamilton Assembly #2**. The Jurisdictions are Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Ohio, New Mexico, Indiana.

The **Blue** Region is assigned to **Hardin Assembly #33**. The jurisdictions are New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Aruba, West Virginia and Virginia.

The **Indigo** Region is assigned to **Great Falls Faith Assembly #3**. The jurisdictions are Georgia, Rhode Island, Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Brazil.

The **Violet** Region is assigned to **Helena Assembly #7** The jurisdictions are Tennessee, Philippines, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Oregon.



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HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2



Thanksgiving was a time to give thanks and give to our community. The young family was really appreciated the gift. The girls had some good life lessons while shopping as well.



In December, the girls made Gifts in a Jar as a fundraiser. The proceeds will be given to the Masonic Home in Helena as part of GWA Kennidi's project.



Another fundraising activity was wrapping gifts at the Masonic Lodge. The gentlemen appreciated the service and would like the girls to do it again next year.

Just before Christmas, the girls delivered 7 lap quilts to the SAFE house, a shelter for battered women and displaced families. The director said these quilts are perfect to give comfort to children who need a little extra TLC.

Girls have made plans for installation of officers on Jan. 24, at 2 pm. Liliana will be installed as Worthy Advisor.

We miss everyone and
can't wait to see everyone in person for Spring Fling!

Happy New Year and stay healthy!



GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3

Hello all! I hope your holidays for wonderful for you.

Janessa and Caitlin made the decorations for Thanksgiving and gave them to the Grace Home for veterans.



Caitlin and Janessa also went shopping for a family in need for Thanksgiving.



Amira, Tay, Caitlin and Morgan with the gifts for a family in need for Christmas.

Both families were very appreciative.

We miss seeing everyone! Virtual hugs to all of you!

In Rainbow Love



HELENA ASSEMBLY #7



We're continuing to meet via Zoom and look forward to an in-person meeting...soon. When that happens, our plans are to focus on building membership.

Board member Charla has taught us how to draw lizards (WA Clara's fun symbol) and Gnomes/Elves (it's all in the hat, I think). We're creating some items for sending to our Masonic Home residents and plan to send Valentine's next month.

Happy New Year and Stay Safe.

BOZEMAN ASSEMBLY #21



Bozeman Assembly had a brief Christmas gathering. Brooklyn, Emmajo and Ashlyn helped decorate the Temple Tree.

We are looking forward to 2021 and its new adventures.



BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24

Hey everybody! We hope everyone had fantastic holiday celebrations! COVID-19 prevents us from doing our usual work, but we have done some in spite of everything.



Billings Jewel #24 had a formal meeting for the first time since February 2020 and it was awesome to see those who showed! While it is odd to deliver lines with masks on, it certainly doesn't change the special meaning behind the words. Mama Irene is truly amazing and always

takes good care of us. She arranged for us to celebrate Christmas together in a super fun holiday-themed escape room and it was really great to see ALL the girls then! Even though we didn't finish it within the allotted time (so close!), it was fun to put our heads together and learn a lot about teamwork.

The girls wrote sweet personalized messages in cheery holiday cards to lift the spirits of Masonic affiliated shut-ins. Since fundraising has proven difficult in 2020 we're hoping to have a fundraiser around Valentine's Day. Maybe we'll even have a Valentine's Day-themed meeting!



We miss you all so much and
hope to see you soon!



HARDIN ASSEMBLY #33



Happy New Year! The Hardin Assembly found that even in 2020, the holiday season is always a great time to reach out and help their community!

Excited for our two new members to join our Assembly!!

Since the girls couldn't go decorate the Christmas tree at the Heritage Retirement and Nursing Home, they made trees for all the residents to hang in their windows!!



Had a wonderful, fun time making Buddies that they donated to Hardin's local CPS office (they also got to learn about the reptiles that are new to the store!!)



After eating some yummy food and before an exciting game of 7/11 ~ the girls recorded themselves reading *The Night Before Christmas* to share with all the elementary classrooms to play for their students!!



Taking part in the Christmas Stroll parade and then handed out Christmas craft kits to all the kids!!



Once a Rainbow Girl ~ always a Rainbow Girl!!! Past and present girls helped handing out food boxes at the Food Bank for Thanksgiving and Christmas!!

GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55



Hello everyone! Happy Holidays to everyone who celebrates this time of year, we hope all is well! As you all know, COVID-19 is a new time for all of us and Garden City has been trying to think of ideas of service projects while social distancing.

We successfully adopted a family for Thanksgiving, and we also decided to put in a little more effort by getting them some table decorations, which are colorable for some fun times for the kiddos.

Speaking of colorable, for Kennidi's service project we picked a nursing home and decided to bring some holiday cheer and decorate their doors with hand colored angels and other festive door decorations! We had a very fun time decorating, as we were in our pjs!

As for what we've been doing for fun, we have decided to rent out a movie theatre, while being socially distant, and watch a Christmas movie to get ourselves in the holiday spirit.



We hope you all are finding joyful moments in these times, and we hope to see you very soon!

Our Warmest regards from Garden city #55

Olivia and Sophia



2020 Lecture Competitions

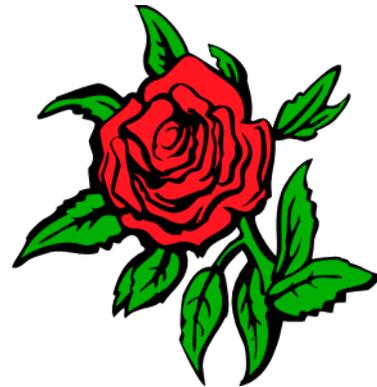
Grand Assembly will be holding a Lecture competition the Rose Lecture and the Dad Lecture at Spring Fling! Winners will present these lectures at Grand Assembly. Copies of the lectures are provided here, so start learning them!

ROSE LECTURE

My sister(s), I extend to you a hearty welcome into our Assembly. Rainbow teaches duty fourfold: duty to God, to country, to parents and to each other. It also teaches harmony and friendship. The Rainbow grasp of friendship goes beyond the doors of the Assembly Room, across the vast lands of the United States and across the expanse of the oceans to other girls in every other part of the world. You are now a link of this great undying chain of friendship. Ever remember, a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

And now I would like to share with you a short verse entitled: "My Hand in God's"

Each morning when I wake to say,
 "I place my hand in God's today.
 I know He'll walk close by my side,
 My every wandering step to guide.
 He leads me with the tenderest care,
 When paths are dark and I despair.



No need for me to understand,
 If I but hold fast to His hand.

My hand in His, no greater way,
 To go in safety though each day.

By His great bounty I am fed,
 Warmed by His love and comforted.

When at days end I seek my rest,
 And realize how much I am blessed.
 My thanks pour out to Him and then,
 I place my hand in God's again."

Tonight, as you knelt at the White Altar of Holy Promise, you pledged your life to Love and Service. You held the hand of God. So now each morning when you awake and look upon the pages of your open Bible, remember that you once held the hand of God. And then again, place your hand in His, and look forward to a new day with renewed courage and faith.

(The speaker places a small rose in each new member's hand.)

Dad's Talk

Tonight, you have been witness to many lessons, but one of the most important is the love and respect Rainbow girls have for their parents. While as teenagers, Rainbow takes us on a journey of stations to reach the mythical Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow, as parents, your children are the Pot of Gold at the end of their Rainbow.

Just a few minutes ago, we talked about our love and devotion for our mothers, whose prayers and sacrifices made this day possible. We'd now like to talk to our dads.

As Rainbow girls, we'd like you to be proud of us, just as we are proud of you. You may not know much about Rainbow yet but it will be special to you because it is special to us.

Dad's want the best for their daughters. One of the best expressions of this is from the song "I Hope You Dance." It says in part:

*I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,
 You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,
 May you never take one single breath for granted.
 I hope you dance.
 I hope you still feel small when you stan beside the ocean.
 Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens.
 Promise me you'll give faith a fighting chance.
 I hope you will dance.*

Today I present you with the Rainbow Dad pin. Wear it with pride as a reminder of the seven mileposts in your daughter's journey to the end of the Rainbow and of your commitment to help guide and protect her on her journey. Take some time each day to share with your daughter. Offer to attend Rainbow meetings; it is in these moments that you will have the chance to watch her grow in service and leadership on her path to true womanhood. Attend often, for this journey, like all others, has an end and once travelled may never truly be retraced.

