Rainbow Chronicles

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Hey Girls!!

I hope everyone had an amazing summer! I wish everyone the best in the new school year and hope the first week or so was exciting.

This past summer came and went very fast and there were many travels and activities. I look forward to sharing the adventures at Fall Fling which is approaching quickly. I am so excited to celebrate 100 years of Rainbow and look forward to making memories that we will cherish for a lifetime. Don't forget to dress up in 1920's attire!! There are going to be lots of fun activities that everyone is welcome to participate in so try to bring a few friends and invite them to join

us on the wonderful journey that is Rainbow. It is important to promote Rainbow to all ages to help ensure that it will last another 100 years.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you about the importance of being active and serving the community. Don't forget to reach out to local Veteran Centers to see how you can better their lives in your own communities. Also, one very important reminder, **HAVE FUN!!** I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

In Rainbow Love & Service,

GWA Trinity



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A Word from Mama Huston

We are off to a busy start for the new Grand year. The summer was a busy one and this fall will be busy too. I hope you are all making plans for our Centennial celebration and Fall Fling. The date is October 22-23 in Helena.

The Centennial committee has been busy with tea plans. Plan to arrive in Marysville early so you have time to tour the Marysville

museum and the Masonic Lodge building. After the tea we will hold our Fall fling at the Helena Consistory, complete with the sleepover.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in October and getting our new year off to a good start.



Rainbow Century Campaign

The Rainbow Century campaign to fund repairs and maintenance of the Supreme Temple began in 2016. It was divided into three phases. Phase one was the replacement of the HVAC system and was completed in 2018. Phase two included many upkeep items for the exterior of the building. This phase encountered a decrease in fundraising due to the COVID 19 pandemic. This phase is nearing completion, but it isn't quite there. Phase three will be to establish an endowment fund to maintain the building.

At the opening session of the Supreme Assembly session held this summer, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma and the Executive Director of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma presented a check for \$100,000 to represent a grant from the Masonic Foundation to support the Century campaign. Along with this generous donation, they made a pledge to match any donations made to the fund by December 31, 2022 up to another \$100,000. Each jurisdiction has been challenged to donate \$1,000 and several jurisdictions presented checks for that amount at Supreme Assembly.

Montana has not yet made their donation to the Century Campaign. The silent auction to be held at our Centennial tea has been earmarked for this purpose. Please consider donating an item to the event so we can answer the \$1,000 challenge. We will be sure to submit our donation before December 31 so it will be matched. Of course, financial donations would be happily accepted too.





Supreme Membership & Service Incentive Program

2022-2024

Membership and service will be a primary focus during the 2022-2024 session of "Walking Through Life with Rainbow." As an incentive for service and membership, SWA Kay Letterman has chosen the charm bracelet shown below.

The red charm signifying Love, and in particular your love of our Order. This charm will be awarded to first-line signers on an application for membership or for signing as a second line signer on two applications.

Additional charms will be awarded, in order, based on 20 hours of community service. Service hours can be accumulated with your Assembly or individually.

Adults wishing to participate in this program may also submit their service hours. Adults will earn the red charm with their first 20 hours of service. Adults will be asked to pay a one-time fee of \$9.50 for the bracelet.

Start keeping track of your service hours. Your Mother Advisors will have information on how to submit them.



SERVICE PROJECTS

2022 - 2024

There will be two service projects during the next two years that will help our individual Grand Jurisdictions as well as the International Jurisdictions. Each service project will last for one year.



The first project will be "Purses of Empowerment," which will be donated to domestic violence shelters and centers in our individual communities. This first project will begin August 4, 2022 and through July 31, 2023.

Over the course of a year gently used purses will be collected by each assembly along with personal hygiene products (See list below for suggested items). Sometime towards the end of the year, either at your

Grand Session or a statewide event, please have a "Purse Packing Party" to place items collected over the year in each purse. These purses with all of these different items will go to women in need, as most women who leave domestic violence situations leave with hardly anything. You can assign a specific item for each assembly to collect throughout the year, but any donation will be used.

At North Carolina's Grand Assembly in June 2022, we had a "Purse Packing Party" and filled 355 purses! The girls enjoyed being together knowing they were helping women in need. The purses were divided equally among the assemblies and brought back to their communities where they were donated to various shelters and centers dedicated to helping women rebuild their lives.

Here's a list of suggested items:

Toothbrushes/paste Deodorant Feminine hygiene items Small notepad & pen Socks Body wash Shampoo Hair ties Band-Aids/adhesive bandages ChapStick Hair brush/comb Facial wipes Hand sanitizer Lotion Pocket pack tissues Miniature Bible

Please note that all hygiene products need to be travel size so that everything will fit into the purses – hotel toiletries are perfect! All size purses are acceptable, but the purses **MUST CLOSE.** Many of these items can be ordered in bulk. Check with your lodges, OES Chapters, Amaranth

MT State Mother Advisor Message



Rainbow Greetings,

I hope everyone had a summer as wonderful and busy as I have. Congratulations again to Hailey on a fabulous Grand Year and Grand Assembly, also to Trinity on a beautiful installation! It's wonderful to see such great leaders thriving and growing in Rainbow and I'm excited to see what the future has in store.

I started my summer at Grand Assembly in Missoula followed by a visit to Moon Eagle

Ranch, a place for Veterans in Distress and a great opportunity to support GWA Trinity's service project. Next, I was able to join Dee and State Rainbow Dad, Don Matlock, in taking a few Grand Officers to attend Washington/Idaho's Grand Assembly. We enjoyed making new friends from all over and had a great time. We were honored to attend Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star where we set up a table, sold note cards, raffle tickets and made some wonderful Rainbow Connections with one of our sponsoring orders. Last but not least I helped our local Missoula Assembly with a successful fundraiser selling food on a stick at the Western Montana Fair.

It is always nice to get settled back into the rhythm of regular meetings and service projects. I will hand out Grand Officer packets at Fall Fling and I am very excited to see you all at the Centennial Tee! I have my 1920's attire, do you?



In Rainbow Love and Service, Crystal Sampson SMA

MT State Rainbow Dad

Greetings to All in the world of Rainbow,

I hope you had a fabulous summer and, I assume, that you are back into the academic grind for another year. We've had a super start to the new year in Montana Rainbow. Several traveled to Yakima, Washington to attend the Washington/Idaho Grand Assembly and a great time was had by all. There were appearances at Montana Masonic Grand Lodge and Eastern Star Grand Chapter followed by Supreme Grand Assembly in Oklahoma. Lots going on.

As you settle into the fall, think about inviting your friends to explore Rainbow. If you are reluctant then we need to know what can be done to make Rainbow exciting enough to invite friends. We old fogies don't know what fun is for you. In the old days, we had fun working on our cars, hanging out, going to the movies, roller skating. But now we need to know what YOU think is fun. So, start thinking about fun things that you would like to invite your friends to do with you.

The Centennial Tea and Fall Fling are coming up very soon in October. Start thinking now about how to make Rainbow a fun and exciting organization and then share your thoughts with me.

Hope to see you all soon,

Mr. D - your State Rainbow Dad





Jr. Executive Committee 22-23

Another Rainbow year is upon us! I am looking forward to getting back in to the swing of things and starting this year with our new Grand Worthy Advisor Trinity.

Next month is our Centennial Tea in Marysville. I can't wait to see the 1920's attire from everyone! This is going to be a fun event and I hope everyone can make it.

Remember, your JEC representative is your voice to Grand Assembly. Feel free to seek them out and share your ideas and questions with them. The Grand Executive Committee would love to hear from you.

Here's to an amazing year!

In Rainbow Love, Jennifer Chabotte, Jr. Executive Committee Liaison

Communicate with your Grand Representatives!!

Commissions are arriving. Copies are being emailed to your Mother Advisors as they arrive. If you would like your very own pen pal, we have received commissions that have not been assigned. Let me or your Mother Advisor know & we will get you connected.

More information to come at Fall Fling in Helena!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. Dee Hallock, Grand Representatives Advisor in Montana <u>hallockrr55@outlook.com</u> Save the date!

Montana Rainbow Centennial Celebration

October 22, 2022

Join the celebration at our

Centennial Tea

Montana Rainbow will celebrate with a traditional tea held at the Historic Marysville General Store. Come dressed as you would in 1922 and enjoy a traditional tea menu, local history, Montana Rainbow history, friends and Rainbow memories.



Ticket sales for our Centennial Tea are now available on line. The link to the page is :

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HAMILTON ASSEMBLY #2

Summer is over and everyone is gearing up for the many fall activities.

To kick off the summer, some of our girls, Winter and GWA Trinity helped out the Veterans' Victory Alliance open house at the Moon Eagle River Ranch. Girls planted flowers, helped with the bike race, served cake, enjoyed a campfire and slept in a big teepee!



The next stop in the summer travels was enjoyed interacting with the WA girls and the girls from other jurisdictions in Yakima, WA, to attend the WA/ID Grand Assembly. PGWA Hailey, Mikal, and GWA Trinity s.

While in Missouri, GWA Trinity attended an installation of officers for the Palaski Assembly. The crowning ceremony was different than what we've seen in MT. Their local Knights Templar performed the ceremony.





Oklahoma City was the next stop for Supreme Assembly! Wish everyone could have been there! The girls had a great time and represented Montana well.

In August, Hamilton Assembly helped out the MTQHA by providing another concessions. This was more of a service than a fundraiser.





In mid-August, the girls served 2 sittings of tea at the Celtic Games. The tea was held in the trophy room of the historic Daly Mansion. Marcus really liked hunting! The girls worked hard setting up the tables, serving the tea and cleaning up after each sessions.



GREAT FALLS FAITH ASSEMBLY #3



Caitlin had a great experience at Supreme Assembly. Lots of laughs with Irene as our roommate.



Maybe Supreme Worthy Advisor?!?!



Mama Huston

The whole Montana Gang



HELENA ASSEMBLY #7



Mikal and Kensey presented the Rainbow flag at Grand Chapter

It has been a busy (and fun!) summer with Rainbow activities. Grand Chapter for Eastern Star was held in Helena in

July. Kensey gave the flag tribute to the Rainbow flag and Mikal proudly carried our flag during the flag ceremony. Jr. PGWA Hailey brought greetings from all of us. Everyone did a beautiful job of

representing Rainbow. Rainbow had a vender table at Grand Chapter. We



SMA Ms. Crystal, Mikal, SRD Mr. D, and Kensey at Grand Chapter

sold raffle tickets for the Centennial raffle, raffle tickets for the OES tea set, note cards and some jewelry which had been donated to benefit the travel fund. Caitlin came on Saturday to help out with the sales table. It was also a good chance to visit with many of our Eastern Star friends. Installation was Saturday evening. Our own Mama Huston was installed as a Grand Officer for Star!

Supreme Assembly was the end of July in Oklahoma City and Kensey was able to



attend. One of the highlights was re-connecting with a Rainbow friend she made while visiting North Dakota's Grand Assembly in 2019 as Grand Representative to North Dakota. Emily is now Grand Worthy Advisor in North Dakota. The tour to the Supreme Temple in McAlester was very special.

ND GWA Emily and

Kensey reconnected It was fun discovering the many "Montana connections" at the Temple. We also found GWA Trinity's picture on the GWA wall.

It won't be long until Fall Fling is here and we can all get together and catch up on each other's summer activities. See you then!



SD Mrs. Bulman, ND with Kensev



BILLINGS JEWEL ASSEMBLY #24

Greetings! We hope you all enjoyed your summers. Billings Jewel had an active June.

On June 4th our local Eastern Star Chapter held a flea market and were generous enough to donate us a spot. This gave us a wonderful opportunity to help raise money for our Assembly. The girls had fun looking at other booths as well!

Grand Assembly was next! The girls had the time of their lives, especially our newest Sisters. Billings Jewel was fortunate and had many appointments at Grand Assembly. Miss June and Miss Jocelyn were part of the Grand Choir, and Miss Tawny was Grand Charity/Grand Representative to California. We even had our Pledges involved in some Flag Tributes! Jocelyn and Tawny delivered the Rose Lecture and Dad Lecture. Billings Jewel is ecstatic for the next year, as Jocelyn was installed as Grand Service/Grand Representative to Florida and Tawny was installed as Grand Worthy Associate Advisor/ Grand Representative to Colorado! Congratulations ladies! As the cherry on top, we were

blessed with the opportunity to enjoy time with the Grand Representative to Montana from California, Miss Rosemarie!



In another effort to fundraise, Billings Jewel reserved a spot at Billings' Biggest Garage Sale, which took place on June 25th. Rainbow handouts were made and passed out to many young ladies. Great job everyone!

Our shoe fundraiser has been successful but still ongoing, as the ladies who went to Supreme Assembly showed off their Rainbow sneakers and got many more people interested!

We can't wait to see everyone again at Fall Fling, see you all then!

Rainbow Love, Billings Jewel #24

GARDEN CITY ASSEMBLY #55

Hello from Garden City Assembly #55. We had an exciting summer, starting off with our Grand Assembly in our home town. We'd like to congratulate Hailey C. on a successful grand term and are looking forward to Trinity's term as Grand Worthy Advisor.





In July we helped Veterans Victory Alliance for veterans & first responders in distress at the Grand Opening of Moon Eagle River Ranch in Sula, MT. We camped out in a teepee. helped with a bike ride, children's

games, ate ice cream

and chili at a cook off, yummy and saw a touching dedication of a Memorial Garden.

Some of us went to Washington Idaho's Grand in Yakima, WA. Can I tell you how inspirational it was to experience an out of state



Grand and seeing all the girls and their adults, having fun? Mikal and Hailey C. went to Grand

Chapter and sold Centennial Tee tickets and note cards, what an honor it was to represent Rainbow at an Eastern Star function.

In August we had our annual fair both at the Missoula County Fair, we sold and shucked so much corn and in general had a blast! I hope

that your summer was as much fun as ours was!

Hope to see you all soon. Garden City Assembly #55





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