

## INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS



### *Nevada Grand Assembly: Let's Chase the Adventure!*

Nevada Rainbow Girls and Parents and Rainbow Adults,

The countdown to Nevada Grand Assembly has begun – Opening will be in 94 days! Our Absolutely Ambitious Alligator Grand Officers and the Grand Assembly Committee are putting the finishing touches on what will be an amazing Grand Assembly Sessions! Some exciting things have been planned for this year, including Fun Night at an Aces Baseball Game (against the Las Vegas 51s), a luncheon on Sunday for those who are unable to attend the Mystic Banquet, and a Taco Bar after Sunday night's session. The Grand Officers also have a lot of fun planned, including entertainment, a talent show, and several experience raffle opportunities, such as reading a mascot clue, marching in with the Grand Officers, and shadowing your favorite Grand Officer for a Session of Grand Assembly. I can't wait to see you all there!

One of my favorite parts of Grand Assembly is the enthusiasm and excitement that we share during our Sessions, from the anticipation of the Opening Session to the excitement of our Announcements on Monday night, to the tears of Tuesday morning! Please share your enthusiasm with Nevada Rainbow – by participating in entertainment, making banners to hang in the Grand Assembly room, and shouting out chants to the Grand Officers (when the Bible is closed, of course). It is amazing to be on the floor and to hear those in the stands shout out "aren't they Grand!" While others respond, "they sure are!"

Here are a few things to keep in mind as we plan for Grand Assembly:

**Bottled Water:** Only bottled water PRE-PURCHASED THROUGH GRAND ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION will be allowed in the Grand Assembly Room. Other containers for water will not be allowed in the Grand Assembly room; this is a hotel rule. Just as in our local assembly rooms, NO other drinks, food, candy or gum are allowed in the Grand Assembly room at any time.

**Packing:** All Rainbow Girls and adults attending Nevada Grand Assembly are expected to adhere to our Dress Code Guidelines, which are available on our NVIORG web site. These guidelines apply to swim wear, as well as to costumes worn during entertainment, talent, reports, and protest.

While your Mother Advisor will provide you with a packing list, here are some things to keep in mind:

All girls and female adults attending a Grand Assembly practice must wear an appropriate short dress or khaki skirt/Nevada Rainbow logo-wear. This requirement begins with the Grand Officers' practice on Friday and continues through Grand Installation practice on Tuesday afternoon.

Appropriate Nevada Rainbow casual outfits may be worn in general areas of the hotel. And remember that pajamas and night wear may **be worn ONLY** in one's own room! If you leave your hotel room (except for an emergency), you should change into a casual outfit.

Fun Night will be Rainbow Casual, including appropriate length shorts, sandals, tennis shoes, is appropriate. Grand Officers do not need to wear their hair pieces to FUN Night.

Sunday - Vespers

- Girls/Ladies: short dresses.
- Gentlemen: business attire.

Sunday - Grand Cross of Color Luncheon and Degree: This is a closed session and registration fees are required for all attendees.

- Designates (those receiving their Grand Cross of Color) must present the announcement card they were presented at Rainbow Sunday!
- Youth (girl) designates should wear long, pastel formals; adult designates should wear business or formal attire (pants may NOT be worn by women).
- Those participating in the Bread Service (and already have a Grand Cross of Color) may wear a Rainbow appropriate, PASTEL, short dress and white shoes; white robes will be provided.
- Female guests should wear street length dresses and male guests should wear jackets/ties.
- Each Master of the Grand Cross MUST present his/her Grand Cross identification card to gain admission to breakfast and the Degree.

All other sessions of Nevada Grand Assembly:

- Girls/Mother Advisors, etc.: formals (floor length)
- Gentlemen: business or formal attire.

Note: While Mother Advisors and Assistant Mother Advisors typically wear a long dress in their Assembly fabric, non-affiliated mothers and grandmothers may attend any session and the Grand Banquet in short dresses.

Special Attire:

- Grand Choir dresses will be made in the selected pattern/material, which was distributed to Assembly adults. These dresses are not to be worn prior to Grand Assembly. The fabric is a SECRET.
- Personal Page dresses will be made by our Grand Dressmaker and will be available to these girls at Grand Assembly; when not being worn, these dresses will remain in the Grandie Dressing Room. Personal Pages do not wear hoops, crinolines or hairpieces; Personal Pages should wear white, pantaloons and their hair "up" in a ponytail or clip, if possible. Personal Pages will follow the same jewelry, nail color, etc., guidelines as Grand Officers. Personal Pages must attend all sessions (including practices) of Grand Assembly with their Ritual and a small pocket notebook. Personal Pages do not attend Installation practice.
- Worthy Advisor and Past Worthy Advisor dresses will be made in the pattern of each girl's choice, in white, and will be enhanced only by a waist-sash (not to exceed four inches in width) in the assembly material. These girls are encouraged to wear shoes that are white, white sole, non-lacing "Bobs" or "Toms" shoes, similar to those the Grand Officers wear. Regardless of the brand, shoes need to have a WHITE sole, straps (not ties), and an arch support. Shoes may not have colored enhancements. These girls do NOT wear hoops with their white dresses.
- Hoops and hairpieces are worn only by Grand Officers at Grand Assembly. Others are encouraged not to wear crinolines because they tend to become uncomfortable after many hours of sitting.

**Scheduling:** The Grand Choir, Worthy Advisors and Past Worthy Advisors, and those participating in the Vespers Service will have practice on Sunday morning, before the Vespers Service. Exact times and locations will be provided in our "official" Schedule of Events, which will be posted on our website by approximately May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Visiting Grand Representatives:** If your Grand Representative's counterpart is attending our Grand Assembly, invite her to do things with your Assembly, so she feels welcome.

**Be Prepared:** Although we are staying on site, time has not been allotted to allow Grand Officers and others to return to their hotel rooms between sessions to pick up meal tickets, costumes, change of clothes, etc. When you come to sessions each morning, please bring with you everything you will need for the entire day, including entertainment costumes.

**Ways and Means:** Many new and exciting Rainbow items will be available at the Ways & Means booth. And, beginning on Tuesday morning, items will be available with the NEW mascot. Please watch for additional information about Ways & Means in future updates and blast messages.

**Hotel Safety:** When you check into your room, look for the sign showing you where the Emergency Exits are located, and remember NOT to answer a knock at the door until you are convinced you know the person who is knocking on the door. (If you must call housekeeping for assistance, the Mother Advisor should be notified before the call is made, so she or another designated adult may be in your room when the hotel staff arrive to resolve the issue.)

**Hotel Courtesy:** Remember you have neighbors, some of whom may not be attending Grand Assembly. Please be mindful of the volume of excitement in your rooms. Also, keep in mind the hotel staff cannot, and are not expected to, clean a room that is “knee-deep” with “stuff.” Therefore, please keep your things neatly organize in the closet, dresser drawers, or a specific corner of the room.

**Curfew:** Curfew is generally 10:30 p.m. each evening - or approximately 1 hour after the close of each evening session. Curfew means girls are to be in THEIR OWN ROOMS, their faces washed, teeth brushed, and lights out.....headed for dreamland! This allows the Mother Advisor, or her designee doing bed check, to give a quick “good night” to the girls in each room, before heading back to her own room for some very well deserved (and needed) sleep each night! Keep in mind that a well-rested Mother Advisor is a happy Mother Advisor; do what you can to help her do bed check quickly, so she too can head for dreamland.

**Competitions:** The Mother Advisors have received information on our Grand Assembly competitions, including:

- Scrapbooks
- Entertainment
- Assembly Banners
- Assembly Fabric
- And More!

I am so looking forward to an absolutely amazing Grand Assembly Sessions! See you soon!!

Forever Faithful,

*Mrs. Haartz*

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