



# Rhode Island Rainbow Connection



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## Grand Worthy Advisor's Message

Howdy!

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm during these winter months! The Grand Lodge Youth Committee is hosting a Bowling tournament at Legion Bowl! It's this Saturday at 12p! Registration to bowl is still open! Let's get as many girls to play as we can so we can beat our Masonic Family!

Leadership Conference this year is very fast approaching! It is going to be February 10-11, 2024 at Warwick! For our apparel this year we are having Jogger sweatpants made! I am so very excited for everyone to see what the Junior Grand Executive Committee has put together! Remember that you will not be able to enter the building before 12pm.

Also coming up very soon is the deadline for Grand Family applications for 2024 -2025. Remember to have your Mother Advisor sign them so you can submit them to Mom Therrien no later than February 11.

Installation season is upon us! I can't wait to see all of the girls installed in their new stations. I wish good luck to you all!

Grand Officers Day is March 23rd in South Kingstown! We already have 1 candidate- let's see how many we can get! Remember Mom Therrien's Challenge! If we can bring in more than 16 new girls (including Pledge), she will dress as a Toy Story character on the Friday of our Grand Assembly!

This year our assembly project will be bringing back the scrapbook contest! Each assembly will create a scrapbook documenting all the fun they have had over the course of the year and then the out of state Grand Officers will score them. They will be scored on originality and creativity. The 1st place assembly will receive a \$50 check or gift card of their choosing. I am so happy to bring this old tradition back this year!

We are still collecting toys for Al's Toy Barn- which will be donated to Toys for Tots at the end of the year!

To Infinity and Beyond!

Katy

Grand Worthy Advisor

## Supreme Deputy's Message

Dear members of Rhode Island Rainbow, Advisors, and Friends,

I am very happy to see that several more assemblies have donated care packages to nearby first responders! I hope that each Assembly participates in this Supreme Service Project for the September to January term as well as the upcoming February term. If you send me a photograph of your members presenting your "Care Package to First Responders", I will share it on our social media. Also, please keep track of the number of items delivered. When presentations are made at Supreme Assembly 2024 in Virginia, I know that Rhode Island will show the world that we might be small, but we are mighty!

Speaking of Supreme Assembly 2024, we are waiting for details to be communicated to us but watch for a meeting of those interested in attending in the near future. Please email me if you are thinking of attending. I only have one name on my list so far.

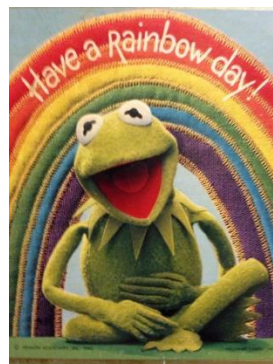
Thank you to the Mother Advisors, Grand Deputies, and Advisory Board chairpersons who attended the recaps meeting. Another glitch was discovered in the updated Supreme database which prevented more reports from being completed that day. I am extremely happy to report that we had a gain of **4** members in Rhode Island in 2023!!! That is the first gain in membership since I took over as Supreme Deputy in 2018.

Our next statewide initiation will be held at Grand Officers' Day on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at South Kingstown Assembly (note change in location). Continue to invite your friends and family to IORG public events (installations are a great opportunity), then encourage them to join our organization. I am also happy to announce that this will be the second annual Grand Master's Class, and that the Grand Master and his wife will be attending. It would be amazing to have a large class of new candidates to REALLY impress everyone who attends. So far, we have initiated 3 (out of 16) during this year's Membership Challenge for me to dress as a Toy Story character at the Friday session of Grand Assembly 2024. Plus at least 1 more in March. We will gladly schedule more initiations at local assemblies if there are more candidates. Remember that Pledge Sisters count too! Look for the exciting news that Westerly is hoping to form a Pledge Group. If we do a Pledge initiation, that number could increase significantly. I KNOW that you can do it!

I look forward to seeing many of you at Leadership Conference at Scottish Rite. See full details below. The order for the promotional item has already been placed, but you can still register to attend. Your Junior Grand Executive Committee spends a lot of time planning for Leadership Conference, and it would be wonderful to show your appreciation to them by attending.

Forever the rainbow!

*Mom Therrien*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 29 7 pm** Youth Protection subcommittee meeting on Zoom
- 31 7 pm** Grand Executive Committee meeting at Washington Masonic Center/EG
- Feb. 3 12-3 pm** Bowling tournament with IORG/DeMolay/Masons/Eastern Star at Legion Bowl in Cranston sponsored by the Grand Lodge Youth Committee. More details below.
- 3** FIRM deadline to let Mom Therrien know if you will be attending CT Grand Assembly. See details below. We can't register until we know how many people are attending which determines hotel cost.
- 10-11** Leadership Conference. See flyer below. All members and adults are strongly encouraged to attend!
- 16 7 pm** Woodridge installation
- 17 7 pm** East Greenwich and Westerly installations in North Kingstown
- 24 7 pm** Pawtucket and Warwick installations in Riverside
- 29** Restaurant fundraiser at BJ's in Warwick. See flyer for details.
- March 15-17** Connecticut Grand Assembly for those who registered
- 17 2:30pm** Rehearsal for Grand Officers' Day at Woodridge
- 23** Grand Officers' Day/2<sup>nd</sup> annual Grand Master's Class at South Kingstown.
- 10 am rehearsal for Grand Officers and EG officers
- 12 noon rehearsal for Grand Choir. Eat lunch first. White gown.
- 1 pm initiation and closing followed by collation
- 24** Spring Craft Fair at South Kingstown. See flyer for details.

## CONNECTICUT GRAND ASSEMBLY 2024

Weekend Costs: Per Person

	4/Room	3/Room	2/Room	1/Room
2 Nights	\$75	\$100	\$150	\$300
Banquet*	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$52
Box Lunch	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35
Register	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
<b>Total Per Person</b>	<b>\$187</b>	<b>\$212</b>	<b>\$262</b>	<b>\$412</b>

\*Banquet will be a buffet meal.

Breakfast is available on Sat and Sunday morning in the hotel restaurant. The cost is about \$15.95 per person.

Questions Contact: Sharon Busher  
Phone: (203) 843-3704  
Email:  
GrandAssemblyReg@gmail.com

Reservations & Payment:  
Due : February 4, 2024  
This is a FIRM deadline.

There will be no refunds or cancellations honored after February 15, 2024. Please send only one check per Assembly  
Payable to: CT Grand Assembly  
Mail to:  
Sharon Busher  
17 Hampton Park  
Branford, CT 06405

Visiting Grand Worthy Advisors, Grand Representatives to Connecticut, Supreme Officers, Inspectors & Deputies, will be guests of CT Grand Assembly for Registration and banquet.

ALL persons attending closed sessions are required to show current dues cards and must register.

Dress Code: Girls and women are to wear skirts, dresses or gowns. NO backless/strapless gowns, jeans or leggings are permitted. Color or white gowns are suggested for all visiting dignitaries.

Chaperones: Follow the CT IORG Youth Protection Guidelines. 2 Female Advisors for up to the first 6 girls, 1 Advisor thereafter for every 6 additional girls.

Welcome to the  
86th Annual

### FINDING YOUR FOREVER FAMILY

with CT IORG

Grand Assembly Session  
International Order of  
the Rainbow for Girls  
March 15, 16, and 17 2024

**Marriott Trumbull Shelton Hotel**  
180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull CT 06611

**MISS CALLEIGH COTTER**

Grand Worthy Advisor

**MOM ANNE NEEDHAM**

Supreme Inspector





Saturday, February 3rd @ 12pm

# RHODE ISLAND MASONIC YOUTH BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Legion Bowl 661 Park Ave,  
Cranston, RI 02910

▶▶ Register Now!

▶▶ Admission \$15

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SCAN HERE!

This is the next Grand Lodge Youth Committee event for the entire Masonic family! Bowling shirts can no longer be purchased because the order has been submitted, but you can still register to bowl and join in on the fun! Register by sending an email to [rhodeislanddemolay@gmail.com](mailto:rhodeislanddemolay@gmail.com).


**YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME**

**Leadership 2024  
Warwick Assembly  
February 10th-11th**

12 PM - Doors open and registration  
1 PM - Sessions start  
9 AM Sunday - Pickup

**\$10 for dinner and promotional item**  
**2115 Broad St,  
Cranston, RI**

**RSVP  
DUE BY  
1/14**



### Leadership Conference Schedule

**Saturday**

12:00 - 1:00 Registration Opens (No Entry Until 12:00)  
1:00 - 2:00 Girl and Adult Group Seminar In Assembly Room (Led by Traci Fairchild MSW, Director of Counseling and Wellness at RHCD)  
2:00 - 3:00 Girls Only Seminar In Assembly Room, Adults Only Seminar in Dining Room  
3:00 - 3:15 Break  
3:15 - 4:00 Girls Only Seminar in Dining Room, Adults Only Seminar Assembly Room  
4:00 - Adults Dismissed  
4:05 - 5:00 Team Building Activity  
5:00 - 5:30 Break/ Prep for Dinner  
5:30 - 6:30 Dinner  
6:30 - 7:30 Scavenger Hunt  
7:30 - Games Until Bed

**Sunday**

8:00 - Breakfast  
9:00 - Pickup



Mom Hefler will be available to take your measurements for the 2024-25 session gown at Woodridge's meeting on Feb. 3 beginning at 9:30 AM as well as after the 10 AM meeting. Mom Bonnie will be available to take your measurements at Leadership Conference on Feb. 10 starting at noon. Plan ahead!

## GRAND ASSEMBLY 2024 PLANNING

Mom Missy and Mom Hefler are looking for volunteers to help with Grand Assembly 2024 on July 12-14. If you can help in any way, please contact them by February 10<sup>th</sup> so that they can start building their team. They will also accept any ideas for consideration. You can email them at [maeedwmom@aol.com](mailto:maeedwmom@aol.com) (Mom Missy) or [jande2577@verizon.net](mailto:jande2577@verizon.net) (Mom Hefler), or speak to them directly at any of the upcoming events.

## 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF IORG IN RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in our jurisdiction in 2025! Providence Assembly #1 was instituted on September 26, 1925. The celebration to honor the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IORG on April 6, 2023 was memorable. We would like to plan a different, yet equally memorable, event to celebrate Rhode Island IORG's 100<sup>th</sup>. A committee is being formed to plan a celebration. We are up to 3 volunteers to serve on this ad hoc committee. A few more would be great, then we can start meeting. If you are interested, please email [rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com](mailto:rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com).

## SUPREME ASSEMBLY 2024

Supreme Assembly 2024 will be held July 17-24, 2024 in Hampton, Virginia. There will be an informational meeting scheduled as soon as details have been received from Supreme Assembly and we will discuss mode of travel, travel dates, etc. If you are interested in attending Supreme Assembly 2024, please email [rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com](mailto:rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com). We would like to start gathering a list of who is "interested". There will be no additional commitment required until more details are available.

## PLEDGE NEWS!!!

Hi Everyone!

I hope you all had a great start to the New Year! This past month, the Pledges met and had a slime party! It was a little messy but we had lots of fun! Westerly Assembly will be having a Valentine's Party on February 18th from 2-4pm at Westerly Masonic Center. Please let Mom Dawn know if you are able to attend. They have a couple of girls who are interested in joining pledge which is fantastic news! We will also be meeting on Friday, February 16th at 7pm to make loom bracelets during Woodridge's Installation. I hope you all have a great month and look forward to seeing you all in my travels!

You've got a friend in me,  
Mom Kate

## WESTERLY PLEDGE GROUP

INVITES YOU TO

### A VALENTINES PARTY



FEBRUARY 18, 2023

2 pm to 4 pm

20 Elm St Westerly RI (Around back)

Wear your red, pink, and hearts

We will do a craft, play a game and have a snack while making new friends

Save the date

April 20th 2024

Grand Charity  
Hoedown

Place and Time

TBA

SOUTH KINGSTOWN  
ASSEMBLY  
PRESENTS 1ST  
ANNUAL

# SPRING CRAFT FAIR

MARCH 24, 2024

10-2PM  
64 COLUMBIA STREET  
WAKEFIELD RI 02879

FREE  
KIDS  
ACTIVITY!

Contact Amy Hines  
for more info  
or application to become a vendor  
aldtrick@gmail.com

## GRAND ASSEMBLY CONTESTS 2024

**Individual:** create a photo of you and your toys. Be creative! Age categories: Pledge, ages 11-16, 17-21, and adult. Prize is a \$25 gift card of your choice per age category.

**Assembly:** create a scrapbook of the 2023-24 term. Prize is a \$50 gift card of your choice or a check.

## GRAND ASSEMBLY FUNDRAISERS

You can order **gift cards** at the RaiseRight app or [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or contact Donna Fox or [rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com](mailto:rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com). There is a wide variety of businesses and denominations available throughout the year. You pay face value, and a portion of all sales goes to Rhode Island Grand Assembly. Mom Fox will place orders on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

The next **restaurant fundraiser** will be on February 29 at BJ's on Route 2 in Warwick.



RESTAURANT **BJ's** BREWHOUSE

### JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO **RAISE MONEY!**

Date: **Feb 29, 2024** Time: **11:30AM to 8:00PM**

**For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:**

650 Bald Hill Road, Suite C  
Warwick, RI 02886  
401-262-4550

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

**R.I. Grand Assembly Int'l Order of the Rainbow for Girls**

**WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ'S WILL DONATE  
20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!**

**VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER**

**When dining in:** Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.


**When ordering online:** Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

**When placing a take-out order:** Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.



**F E B 9 1 8**

Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders.  
Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



# SUPREME MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM



Submit your service hours or send questions about this program to Mom Sam Riebe at [x\\_kittyfan\\_x@hotmail.com](mailto:x_kittyfan_x@hotmail.com).

Those who are top-line or second-line signers on membership applications will also earn a shoe charm.

Our first charms were presented at the Awards' Banquet at Grand Assembly. The next presentation will be at Grand Officers' Day0 – so please submit your hours to Mom Sam by Leadership Conference.

## OUT OF STATE GRAND ASSEMBLIES



GWA Katy and others plan to attend the following Grand Assemblies:

**Connecticut:** March 15-17

*Please see registration information above and note RSVP deadline of **Feb. 3** to Mom Therrien*

Details will be shared on these Grand Assemblies as the information becomes available:

**Maine:** May 17-19

**Massachusetts:** June 28-30

**New Hampshire:** July 5-7

If you are a Grand Representative to a jurisdiction other than those listed above and want to attend that Grand Assembly, please contact Mom Therrien for that information.

Rhode Island Grand Assembly recently updated its coverage of travel expenses. It will cover lodging, meals, and registration for a Grand Representative to attend her state's Grand Assembly sessions, with the Supreme Deputy's discretion. The Grand Historian will have her lodging, meals, and registration paid for any 5 Grand Assembly sessions that the GWA attends.

Transportation is not included.

Rhode Island has historically travelled to lots of Grand Assemblies over the years. Members and adults, please consider joining us for the above 4 Grand Assemblies as well as any others that you might have an interest in.



# SUPREME SERVICE PROJECT



The new service project kicked off on August 1<sup>st</sup> with Care Packages to First Responders. Each assembly is being asked to create and deliver care packages to our first responders as a way to honor, show appreciation for, and remember our first responders who help each of us in so many ways. Be sure to take a photograph and share your thoughtfulness with others. Care bags might include a bottle of water, prepackaged cookies, fruit cups, etc. Use your creativity. Participate as many times as you would like, but please keep track of how many "care packages" are delivered each time. Miss Kay is looking forward to hearing about all of the outstanding service that our Rainbow Girls will be doing to help others!

Congratulations to Pawtucket and East Greenwich assemblies who made deliveries in January. I hope all assemblies will make at least one delivery per term (Sept. '23-Jan. '24 and Feb.-July '24).



*Pawtucket #3 members delivered goodies to 2 nearby fire stations and East Greenwich #4 to a North Kingstown fire station to thank their First Responders for their service!*



## **"BLING IT ON SISTERS" CONTEST**

This year we want the girls to have input into our next tiara design. If you're artistic or have any ideas that you want to submit, please do. The winner will receive her creation come to life. We are willing to pick more than one winner if we love 2.

Submissions are due September 30th, 2024.

The winner(s) will be announced at the end of November 2024.

Participants must be under 21 and an active member in good standing.

Assemblies are welcome to submit a group project for an assembly prize.

ALL jurisdictions welcome to participate.

Please make submissions to: [Blingitonsisters@gmail.com](mailto:Blingitonsisters@gmail.com) with the subject line "Rainbow Tiara Contest."

## **RHODE ISLAND RAINBOW HAS FUN!**



*The Rainbow Connection comes out on or before the first of each month from October through June. Please submit articles to be included by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.*