



Rhode Island Rainbow Connection



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Grand Worthy Advisor's Message

Howdy!

I hope you all had fun with Halloween and got lots of candy!

Thank you to the girls who came to Eastern Star Grand Chapter and more importantly to the adults who drove the girls.

The Northeast exchange went over very well! All of the girls had a great time! Thank you to Mom Tami for putting up with a car full of cranky overtired girls on the ride home!

I am so excited to see what Alysa and her Faith Representatives have in store for the Grand Faith Project- Woody's Carnival! Remember to get your reservations in as soon as possible to secure your tickets!

Woodridge Assembly is hosting their annual Turkey Dinner on November 4th. Be sure to get your tickets and reserve your spot. Westerly Assembly is holding a pie sale. Please send your requests for flavor and money to Arielle Lucente, Mother Advisor of Westerly.

We have been asked to help with children's activities for the Fez-Tival of trees. We will also be donating a Toy Story themed tree. If you would like to help with either of these things, please contact Mom Therrien or I (see details later in this newsletter).

Just as a reminder, 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 at each Grand event- 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,

My Membership Challenge is now at 3 Rainbow Girls and 0 Pledge Sisters for the 2023-24 term. There is still lots of time to initiate 13 more! The next scheduled initiation will be the Statewide Initiation on December 30th. It appears that we will initiate at least 1 new Rainbow Girl with room for many more! And I will gladly schedule additional initiations if they are needed.

Thank you to Mom Tami for chaperoning at the Northeast Exchange and for her extra duties since I woke up sick that morning.

Please note the November 1st deadline to get your reservations and money in to Sandra Bobola for the Grand Cross of Color Luncheon. It is always wonderful to gather with these tireless workers for our organization.

Our next restaurant fundraiser will be held on November 15th at Chelo's in Warwick. The coupon will be emailed as soon as it is received. It was great to see so many support our October restaurant fundraiser at Gregg's in Warwick. The profit will be announced in next month's Rainbow Connection.

I hope that each assembly has planned at least one donation to local first responders as part of this year's Supreme Service Project. Please send me the photograph so that I can share it with all of our supporters.

Don't forget to submit your hours and petition credits for the Supreme Membership and Service Bracelet Program by November 19 to Mom Sam Riebe. The next set of charms will be awarded at the Statewide Initiation on December 30.

Please note the Scottish Rite scholarship information at the end of this newsletter that was shared by Supreme Assembly. I would encourage you to apply for this and all scholarships that you are eligible for.

Last, but very important, I have attached to this newsletter a letter on inclusiveness that has been read at each assembly's meeting in October. In addition to the Supreme statement that was approved in April of 2021, the Rhode Island Grand Executive Committee developed and approved its own Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusiveness in August of 2023. I repeat my closing paragraph of that letter, "I appreciate the work that the Youth Protection sub-committee has done and continues to do to make Rhode Island Rainbow relevant for its next 100 years. We are happy to meet with assemblies or individuals who request further discussion. It is critical that we keep open minds and hearts."

Forever the rainbow!

Mom Therrien

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1** Deadline for Grand Cross of Color Luncheon reservations to Sandy Bobola. If you are a Master of the Grand Cross of Color and did not receive an invitation, please contact the Supreme Deputy.
- 4 5pm** Woodridge Assembly's Annual Turkey Dinner. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8 ages 6-12, and under 5 is free. Reservations due by Nov. 2 to Mom Kris.
- 12 1pm** Grand Cross of Color Luncheon at Chelo's in Warwick. Doors open at 12:30 pm. Officers for 2024-26 will be announced.
- 15** Restaurant fundraiser at Chelo's in Warwick. Details under "Grand Assembly fundraisers" below.
- 19** Grand Faith Event – Woody's Carnival. See details below and register using the link to the Google form before Nov. 12.
Deadline for next submission of hours for the Supreme bracelet
- 25-26** Fez-Tival of Trees at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. See details below.
- 27 7pm** Youth Protection subcommittee on Zoom
- December 9 2 pm** Grand Choir Christmas caroling at Ethan Place
- 30** Statewide initiation at Pawtucket Assembly. Next presentation of Supreme bracelets.



Use this link to register for Woody's Carnival before November 12:

<https://forms.gle/79UB32hUacTNZZAF6>

Don't forget to bring payment to the event.

If you do not attend and have made a reservation, you will be contacted for your payment.

FEZ-TIVAL OF TREES

Believe!
IN THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON!



THE RHODE ISLAND SHRINERS proudly present the
9TH ANNUAL FEZ-TIVAL OF TREES!

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

*RAFFLE DRAWINGS START AT 3:00 PM ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH!

RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET

60 RHODES PLACE – CRANSTON, RI 02905 – 401.785.4333 – PLENTIFUL FREE OFF-STREET PARKING – HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

SUGGESTED DONATION - \$2.00 ADULTS / CHILDREN (12 AND UNDER ARE FREE!)

NET PROCEEDS TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE RHODE ISLAND SHRINERS!

The Rhode Island Shriners are a fraternal organization, with the charitable goal of operating 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children, specializing in burn, orthopedic, and spinal injury care. All care provided at Shriners Hospitals for Children is totally without charge to the patient or family. Monies collected for the raffles are not tax-deductible. Net proceeds help to defray the operating costs of the Shrine, where our Hospital offices are based.

BEAUTIFUL TREE & WREATH RAFFLES (DECORATED WITH AMAZING GIFTS!)

SHOP IN OUR HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE, FEATURING A LARGE VARIETY OF CRAFTERS & ARTISANS!

*GREAT (FREE!) CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES – OUTSTANDING TABLE RAFFLES

*CASH RAFFLE (1st- \$1,000.00 / 2nd- \$500.00 / 3rd- \$250.00 / 4th- \$100.00)

*PENNY SOCIALS (11/25: 12 PM, 1:30 PM, & 3 PM – 11/26: 12:30 PM & 2:30 PM)

*VISITS WITH SANTA CLAUS (11/25: 12 PM – 4 PM & 11/26: 12 PM – 3 PM)

*MRS. CLAUS'S CAFÉ (CONCESSIONS COURTESY OF RALPH'S CATERING!)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Fez-tival will run Saturday, 11/25 from 11 am – 5 pm, and Sunday, 11/26 from 11 am – 4 pm. Set up will begin at **10 a.m.** each day. Rhode Island Rainbow has been asked to do face painting, temporary tattoos, ornament making, etc. All materials will be supplied. Please sign up for a shift of at least 2 hours (or more), 1 or both days. We need both members and adult advisors to volunteer; contact Mom Therrien at rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com. You will receive a T shirt and food voucher when you volunteer. Dress code is IORG appropriate jeans and comfortable shoes/sneakers. It's a fun way to support another member of our Masonic Family.

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.

PLEDGE NEWS

Happy November Everyone!

I hope you all had a fun and safe Halloween! We will be starting off the month by supporting Woodridge's Annual Turkey Dinner on November 4th at 5pm. We will also be attending the Woody's Carnival on November 19th which will be a great time! We hope to see our Pledge members at both of these events! Have a great month and Thanksgiving!

You've got a friend in me,
Mom Kate

Westerly Assembly IORG
Thanksgiving
Pies Order Form



Indulge in the sweetest way to support our girls!



Prices: \$12.00 per pie

Pickup dates Nov. 21 or Nov. 27

Westerly Assembly or Rainbow of Promise



Select from our homemade Apple/Dutch or Pumpkin

Pre-orders requested.

Form on back of sheet

Any questions contact Arielle Lucente 401-829-6238

Pies will be baked on Nov 11th and will be frozen if not picked up until
Nov 17th.



NEW – TEAM OPTION FOR RITUAL PROFICIENCY

This year Ritual Proficiency will include a TEAM Category. Participate with your friends! And DRESS CODE for Ritual Proficiency will no longer require white gowns, but be the dress code of the day (Grand Representatives Day, May 11th, 2024) OR Teams are encouraged to wear matching outfits to compete, such as decorated t-shirts or matching outfits head to toe. Matching outfits must still meet the dress code but can be casual. We want to see your creativity!

The Ritual for the Team Category and other details will be announced later.

Looking forward to seeing many of you compete!

Your ritual team,
Mom Katie, Mom Kate, and Mom Hannah

GRAND ASSEMBLY FUNDRAISERS

You can order **gift cards** at the RaiseRight app or www.shopwithscrip.com or contact Donna Fox or rhodeislandiorg@gmail.com. There is a wide variety of businesses and denominations available throughout the year. A portion of all sales goes to Rhode Island Grand Assembly. Mom Fox will place orders on the 1st and 15th of every month. It's never too early to start your holiday shopping!

The next **restaurant fundraiser** will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at Chelo's in Warwick (near the airport). The coupon will be distributed as soon as we receive it from the restaurant. Please give this coupon to your server (printed or on your phone), and invite your family and friends to participate too. Valid for dine-in and take-out. Save the date, and watch for the coupon arriving soon!

SUPREME SERVICE PROJECT



The new service project kicked off on August 1st 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!

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 25th of the previous month.

SUPREME MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM



Submit your service hours to Mom Sam Riebe at 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, and they will be presented next at the Statewide Initiation on December 30. Get your hours to Mom Sam before November 19 to allow time for shipment during this busy time of year.

RHODE ISLAND RAINBOW HAS FUN!



More on next page!



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Dear Order of Rainbow for Girls:

The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA, Inc. places great importance on continuing education. So much so that we offer more than 15 scholarships to United States citizens and U.S. permanent residents only for study within the U.S. at accredited public or private colleges, universities, or trade schools—depending on the individual scholarship. Applications must be submitted online each year to the Office of the Grand Executive Director during the application period. Most scholarships have additional requirements. Please refer to the individual scholarships below for these criteria.

Please include the following link

<https://scottishrite.org/philanthropy/scholarships/>

in your communications and your website(s) for our 2024 offerings. Our application period usually begins in early January and is open for several months to allow time for students to apply. We wish members of our Masonic Youth great success in their future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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