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Summer — 2026

Greetings from SWA Carolyn

The Heart of Rainbow ❤️

Greetings, Rainbow Family!

As we prepare for our final issue before Supreme Assembly, it seems fitting to pause and say a very special thank you to each of you who have shared your stories, successes, activities, and friendships from around the Rainbow world.

For the past two years, Supreme Family members have worked hand in hand to showcase the very best of our Order. Through your contributions, we have celebrated achievements, learned from one another, laughed together, and been reminded that although we may be separated by miles, we are united by our love for Rainbow.

Each article, photograph, and tidbit has helped tell the story of an organization that continues to inspire young women to lead, serve, and dream. Time and again, you have demonstrated that you are truly “The Heart of Rainbow.”

Perhaps another way to describe Rainbow is to say it is simply - **Supercalifragilisticexpial-I-O-R-G-docious!** A little extraordinary, a little magical, sometimes surprising, always memorable, and filled with wonderful people who make a difference every day.

As we gather for SA26 in Tucson and look toward a new term of office, may we continue to be joyful in our service, youthful in our spirit, and enthusiastic in our support of one another. May we never lose the excitement of making new friends, creating lasting memories, and sharing the love of Rainbow wherever we go.

Thank you for helping make these past two years such a remarkable journey. The Heart of Rainbow beats strongly because of each of you.

In Rainbow Love and Service.

Carolyn York

Supreme Worthy Advisor – IORG

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FROM THE SUPREME TEMPLE!



This wonderful Lego model of the Supreme Temple was made by **Kelsey M.**, and outstanding IORG member from Texas. It is detailed in every respect, including lighting, seven Rainbow Girls representing our seven lessons, our official flag, and of course, the Rainbow in the clouds.

It has a place of pride on the table in the front of the lobby of the Supreme Temple so that everyone who enters the main entrance will see it right away.

Please recognize Kelsey for her talent and her devotion to IORG and for the time it took to make this excellent model of our Supreme Temple!



FROM CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA just celebrated at our 96th Grand Assembly Sessions led by our Grand Worthy Advisor Aubrey M. and the Compassionate Lion Cubs of 2026. At our ***“Surrounded by Nature’s Grace, Stay Wild and Take Risks, Explore with Wonder in 2026”*** Grand Assembly session, we came together to celebrate friendships, create lasting memories, and reflect on the incredible accomplishments of the past year.

One of our proudest achievements was supporting Heart of the Horse Therapy Ranch as our Grand Service Project. At Heart of the Horse, children with physical disabilities and veterans living with PTSD have the opportunity to connect with horses, build confidence, and discover their inner strength. Thanks to the generosity and dedication of California Rainbow Girls, adults, alumni, and supporters from across the state, we raised more than **\$95,000** for this incredible nonprofit organization!

Our new Grand Worthy Advisor, **Madeline S.**, just announced our new Grand Service Project: Little Wishes. Little Wishes brings moments of joy to long-term pediatric hospital patients every two weeks; from a new toy or instrument, to special visits from therapy animals, or even an entire pool day just for them.



Grand Officers 2026 – Compassionate Lion Cubs



New GWA – Maddie and Aubrey



2025-26 Service Project Results!



Logo for new Grand Service Project



FROM KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY is proud to share some truly special news about one of our own. We shine a well-deserved spotlight on a member of our Grand Executive Board whose dedication, leadership, and unwavering support have strengthened our Order in remarkable ways.

Mike Berry, a devoted member of our Grand Executive Board and the Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, has been an extraordinary champion for Kentucky Rainbow. His leadership, presence, and advocacy have been invaluable to us throughout the years, and we could not be prouder to call him part of our Rainbow family.



Mike has championed our girls at every turn, strengthening our ties with the Eastern Star, and reminding others of the importance of investing in youth leadership. His belief in our mission has elevated our visibility, deepened our partnerships, and inspired confidence in the future we are building.

His support has never been symbolic. It has been personal, intentional, and steady. He shows up. He encourages. He leads with heart. And he continues to serve as a bridge between our organizations, ensuring that Rainbow, along with the other Masonic youth groups, is seen, valued, and supported within the wider Masonic family.

We are deeply grateful for leaders like Mike Berry who walk beside us, lift us up, and help our girls see just how bright their future can be. His commitment strengthens our present and inspires our path forward.

Kentucky Rainbow is proud, truly proud.



FROM LOUISIANA

LOUISIANA members have been busy earning service hours by helping elderly neighbors with household chores, visiting nursing homes to play bingo and helping at animal shelters and the Alexandria Zoo. These were all part of our GWA **Heather K.**'s service project. Bake sales were also held to raise funds for our Grand Charity project – Multiple Sclerosis.

The Grand Cross Mystic Banquet was followed by the Northern Area Official Visit and the initiation of four new Sisters during the Official Visit.



Cooking pancakes at an OES fundraiser and auction was just a part of Fraternal Family activities. The girls help serve at a York Rite Conclave, an OES fish fry, and then members attended the Louisiana Grand Chapter OES Opening in West Lake where Heather, GWA, brought greetings. Louisiana was also recognized at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The GLAM outdoor adventure included exploring the Marine Center and the Tybee Lighthouse. Afterwards the Louisiana members gathered at a cabin for some relaxation and free time.

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FROM MISSOURI

For our 2025-26 year, as Grand Worthy Advisor of MOIORG, I selected breast cancer awareness and support through Susan G. Komen as my service project. Because several women in my family, including my grandmother, have faced breast cancer, this cause holds a special place in my heart.

Throughout the year, **MISSOURI** Rainbow members worked to support patients and raise awareness across the state. We assembled and donated 50 care packages to Missouri Cancer Associates in Columbia, providing comfort items and encouragement for patients undergoing treatment. Members also participated in a breast cancer awareness walk in Liberty to honor survivors, remember loved ones, and promote awareness.

One of our most impactful projects was partnering with MU Health Care for a community breast cancer awareness event in Columbia. Together, we distributed 50 informational bags and helped educate community members about breast cancer risk and the importance of self-examinations. Missouri Rainbow also donated two educational breast models that will be used by MU Health Care to teach patients proper self-exam techniques.

The remaining funds raised through this project will be donated to Susan G. Komen to support research, patient services, and advocacy. This year showed that even small acts of kindness and education can make a lasting difference in the fight against breast cancer.

Submitted by **Olivia W.**, Grand Worthy Advisor



FROM MONTANA

MONTANA held the “Embracing Music with Rainbow” session on June 12-14. We had lots of fun, initiated three new members, and finished up our GWA Service Project with a donation of over \$1,600 to the Montana Music Educators’ Association. The following weekend the newly installed GWA brought greetings to MT Grand Chapter, OES. We brought our “Service Dog” Roy G. Biv with us and he went to work delivering messages to OES members attending. His efforts earned over \$300 which Rainbow donated to the OES Service Dog fund. This year was very special as we met the first service dog funded by MT OES and his owner during a special presentation at Grand chapter. Our final Masonic event for the month of June was to attend Grand Lodge where our GWA Winter brought greetings. Rainbow member handed out patriotic brochures which our members created featuring women who have made a difference in American History. Several of the women featured are Rainbow Alumni.



Montana Grand Officers



Flag Ceremony



GWA with Roy G. Biv



FROM NEVADA

The **NEVADA** Jurisdiction has officially closed the sessions of its 92nd Grand Assembly and what a celebration it was. Members, advisors, and families came together for days of ceremony, fellowship, and the business that keeps our jurisdiction moving forward, and the energy never dimmed from gavel to gavel.

One of the great joys was welcoming our Rainbow families from beyond Nevada's borders. This year we were honored to host visitors from California, Oregon, Washington/Idaho, Arizona, Tennessee, and Alaska. Their presence was a wonderful reminder that the bonds of Rainbow reach far past any single jurisdiction, and we are deeply grateful to each of them for making the journey to share these sessions with us.

Nevada also marked the launch of an exciting new membership initiative designed to grow our ranks while making Grand Assembly more accessible to every girl. Funded by proceeds from Rainbow Camp, members will earn \$100 toward their 2027 Grand Assembly fees for each initiate they sponsor (up to 30 initiates). Once that goal of thirty is reached, our jurisdiction is committed to finding the support to extend the opportunity even further. To welcome our newest members directly, each new initiate will also have \$100 credited to her Grand Assembly account, made possible through the generous donations to our Trails fundraising. This initiative will help to ensure that the very girls we welcome this year are supported from their Assembly floor all the way to the Grand Assembly floor. It is an investment in both the girls who share Rainbow with others and the girls just beginning their journey. We believe this is a meaningful step toward making sure cost is never the reason a girl misses Grand Assembly.

Now that Nevada's 92nd Grand Assembly sessions have closed, we carry forward the renewed friendships, the lessons learned, and the excitement of all that lies ahead. To everyone who attended, served, visited, and supported these sessions, we thank you. Nevada Rainbow is grateful, and the best is yet to come.





FROM NEW YORK



It has been a busy time in **NEW YORK** Rainbow since our Grand Assembly Rainbow Country Fair in April! We were thrilled to welcome Rainbow family from ten out-of-state jurisdictions as we culminated our ***“Keeping the Spirit Alive”*** year.

One of the highlights was the final fundraising for our 2025-2026 state charity project of The Baldwin Fund, which was selected by the girls to honor our late advisor Heidi Baldwin who lost her battle to breast cancer in 2025. Beth Baldwin, Executive Director attended Grand Assembly to gratefully accept the check for \$15,268 and announce the money will be used as a research grant in Heidi’s name, further preserving her legacy of love and service.

This year we are ***“Growing Together to Find the True You”*** with our new GWA **Niessa** and 2026 Grand Officers. This year, NY Rainbow is proud to support our country, our active-duty service members, and the future of our organization as we adopt the Blue Star Mothers program as our state charity project and begin our fundraising efforts toward hosting the Supreme sessions in 2030. We hope you will be able to join us, so watch for more information to come.





FROM OKLAHOMA



Hello from **OKLAHOMA** where **Ella O.** is the Grand Worthy Advisor. Ella chose ***“Write Your Next Chapter with Oklahoma Rainbow,”*** as Oklahoma’s theme for the year. The theme was inspired by the timeless stories of *Bridge to Terabithia*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*, *Ella Enchanted*, and *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Through these stories, Ella hopes to encourage every Rainbow Girl to embrace friendship, courage, curiosity, leadership, and service as they write their own unique chapter guided by her scripture, Philippians 2:15-16, *“You will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.”*

Ella challenges girls to be lights in their communities and lead with purpose. As part of that mission, Oklahoma Rainbow will support **Hearts for Hearing**, with a goal of raising \$10,000 to provide hearing devices for children in need, while also collecting books, diapers, wipes, and infant toys throughout the year.

Through service, leadership, and sisterhood, Ella hopes to help both Rainbow Girls and the children Hearts for Hearing serves begin their next chapter with hope, opportunity, and the ability to shine.





FROM RHODE ISLAND

RHODE ISLAND Rainbow marched with our Masonic Family in the annual Gaspee Day parade on June 13. Gaspee Day signifies the burning of the HMS Gaspee by Rhode Island colonists in 1772, many of whom are purported to have Masonic affiliation. It is considered by many to be the first open civil defiance of British authority, over a year earlier than the famous Boston Tea Party.





FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

The **“Journey Within”** Grand Assembly session was held in a vibrant atmosphere of movement, transformation, and joy brought to life with beautiful decorations encompassing orange, blue, green, and yellow, bicycles, dragonflies, and frogs that symbolized F R O G: Fully Rely on God.

Throughout every session, beginning with the Grand Cross Investiture and Luncheon, the Grand Worthy Advisor’s Watchwords of Journey, Life, Family and Joy, were emphasized. Three initiates were welcomed to the loving support of their sisters; there was a special Pledge Day to celebrate and highlight the Pledges; there was a multitude of competitions-Grand Representatives, Banner, Scrapbook, Talent Showcase, and Ritual – all to recognize active and devoted members.



South Carolina IORG appreciates their Masons who kept them well-fed with delicious lunches and suppers, including the Grand Officer and Grand Representative Luncheon and the always-cherished Grand Banquet. Many thanks to the Masons for their continuing and very much appreciated support!

Psalm 16:11, *“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fulness of joy...”* was yet another reminder that no matter where our journey takes us, Rainbow will always be home. And together, the members and adults closed with the Mizpeh Benediction: *May the Lord Watch Between Me and Thee, while we are absent one from another.”*

The Scholarship Luncheon at **South Carolina Grand Assembly** session celebrates the funds that were raised for college scholarships. This year’s theme, **“Over the Garden Wall,”** truly blossomed into life. The room felt like a charming garden party, with ladies dressed in their Sunday best, complete with gloves, hats, and beautifully decorated tables. This gathering is a time to connect, to celebrate one another, and to support the SC IORG Scholarship that helps the members grow and shine.





FROM TEXAS

TEXAS members enjoyed a Barbie-themed Grand Assembly *"You Can Be Anything"* session with encouraging words present at each activity. As Barbie said (2001): "Anything is possible if you just believe." The GWA **Keera** presided with grace and dignity surrounded by lots of Barbie pink, gorgeous gold, fabulous fuchsia, and precious purple decorations along with butterflies, bows, poodles, and ponies. All the traditional and beautiful ceremonies were completed with more than 400 in attendance. And, it was a special time to initiate six new members. Here's the fun Grand Entrance of the GWA via golf cart



In 2026-2027, Texas IORG is on the Rainbow Train, being connected, and knowing we are stronger together than we are apart. *"We're On the Right Track"* is **Katie**'s theme for the new Grand Assembly year. As The Little Engine that Could said: *"There's not a mountain we can't climb; there's not a river we can't make it over; there's no tomorrow that we can't find if we try."* It is full steam ahead for IORG in Texas!





FROM VERMONT

For the first time in my memory Rainbow was invited to have an informational table at Grand Lodge in 2025. We handed out wooden nickels with the Rainbow emblem on them, our website and 100th Anniversary book were on display for people to peruse, and I was available to answer questions. We had some Masons that knew right away who we were and some who didn't know anything about us at all. It was an amazing opportunity to remind our Masons about Rainbow and let them know we were looking to rebuild. The Grand Master and Grand Lecturer invited me to attend the eleven Masonic district meetings to hand out information on Rainbow as well. Although I was not given the opportunity to address the membership, the information handed out was well received. Beginning in the Spring of 2026, several Eastern Star members approached me about rebuilding the Assembly in St. Albans, coupled with some positive interactions with Masons at the district meeting it looks like we are finally gaining some traction. I've also had conversations with several adults who are interested in getting things started in the Windsor area and Rutland/Fair Haven area as well. We hope to have informational meetings in all locations before the end of the summer. Vermont will celebrate 100 years in 2031, and I hope by that time the foundation will again be strong, and we will be building bright futures for girls in Vermont for generations to come.

Debby Estey, Supreme Inspector



FROM CANADA

For the first time, a group of international visitors participated in **CANADA's** annual Grandy Camp during the May 16-18 weekend. Twelve members and adults from Nevada IORG joined the members in Canada. It was a great opportunity for Supreme Recorder Luanne Walton to meet Nevada's new Supreme Deputy David Balshazy and to have a short visit with him and PSWA Joanie Jacka.





PHOTOS FROM NEW MEXICO GRAND ASSEMBLY



Get to Know Our Supreme Family

Welcome to our New Supreme Deputy in New Mexico!



ERINNA M. “ERIN” ATKINS, JD, is a Past Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of New Mexico and has proudly served on the Grand Executive Committee of New Mexico for over twenty-five (25) years. She was appointed Supreme Deputy in 2026.

A private practice attorney, Erin focuses on children’s law, serving as Guardian ad Litem for children in abuse and neglect cases.

In 2024, Atkins became the first woman from southern New Mexico to serve as the President of the State Bar. She is active in the legal community, volunteering for the Pro Bono Committee and the Criminal Justice Coordination Council. Atkins also serves as the Prosecutor for the City of Alamogordo, and has represented many indigent clients, both civilly and criminally.

She is currently the Vice President of the Twelfth Judicial District Bar Association. Atkins was awarded the 2016 Twelfth Judicial District Young Lawyer of the Year Award and in 2023 was the recipient of the Twelfth Judicial District Don Quixote Award as “the attorney that most relentlessly pursues hopeless causes in the pursuit of justice.” Atkins also received the 2018 Outstanding Service Award from the Young Lawyer’s Division of the State Bar of New Mexico.

Atkins has also previously served as the President of the Twelfth Judicial District Bar Association, on the New Mexico State Bar Children’s Law Section Board, on the New Mexico Supreme Court Domestic Relations Rules Committee, the Supreme Court Board Governing the Recording of Judicial Proceedings, the Alamogordo Public Schools Labor Board, and the Alamogordo City Labor Board, the Children’s Rules Committee, and the Family Law Rules Committee.

Erin is a 2009 graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law. She lives and works in her hometown of Alamogordo, New Mexico, known for the White Sands National Park, the Holloman Air Force Base, and the world’s largest pistachio nut. When not busy practicing law with her father, S. Bert Atkins, she enjoys spending time with her family and pets and traveling.

ERIN! Welcome to the Supreme Family! Your over twenty-five years in New Mexico IORG certainly demonstrates your love for our Order and your special interest in the Jurisdiction of New Mexico and its members, growth, and exciting adventures ahead!

Welcome to our New Supreme Deputy in South Carolina!



GEORGE LATTA has shared this introduction to help us to get to know him better:

I have a wonderful wife, Trish, and twin daughters, Jessica and Jasmine. The girls were initiated into Rainbow shortly after turning 11 which began my involvement in this wonderful organization. Both girls are Grand Officers and Junior Executives in South Carolina. And my wife is a Grand Officer in Eastern Star in South Carolina.

I am a retired law enforcement officer and security advisor and believe the safety of our girls is of the utmost importance. I am heavily involved in Masonry in South Carolina. I have been Master of my lodge several times and currently hold an office in the elected grand line of Royal Arch Masons. I enjoy the fellowship and ritual of the Masonic fraternity. I am a member of and assist in the ritual work of the Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine and several other appendant bodies in South Carolina. I enjoy traveling and find that visiting Masons and their lodges throughout the world to be quite rewarding.

Spending time with my family, traveling, and learning new things are perhaps my greatest joys. Being able to do all three at once is a true treat. I am planning on doing a lot of that on the road trip to Tucson in a few days. My priorities are God, Family, and Fun.

GEORGE! Welcome to the Supreme Family! Your entire family's involvement in Rainbow, and your active membership in Masonic orders is a blessing to your Grand Assembly, and as a new member of the Supreme Family.

Welcome to our New Supreme Deputy in Maryland!



My name is **JACKIE GOLDSTON** and I am the new Supreme Deputy in Maryland. I am proud and honored to be part of Maryland Rainbow. I'd like to share a little about myself.

My Rainbow journey began when I joined Cumberland Assembly #6 in western Maryland. I was hooked on Maryland Rainbow both locally and under the adult leadership of the Past Supreme Worthy Advisor and Past Supreme Inspector, Mary Adeline Bradford. In 2004-2005, I proudly served as Maryland's 45th Grand Worthy Advisor. I remained active after my majority too, serving as State Executive Board Chairman and continuing to work with local Assemblies. The Maryland girls are my favorite! The friendships formed in my Rainbow journey have created the closest family of friends that have shaped me into the person I am today.

Professionally, I am an elementary school teacher in Maryland's public school system. This next year I will be moving from my kindergarten classroom to a first grade classroom in Maryland's state capitol, Annapolis. If you stopped by the classroom you would see that I love children's picture books and the color yellow! A fun fact is that my puppy is a golden retriever named Biscuit, after the children's classic book series!

Outside of the classroom, my time is spent with Rainbow and my family. My husband Justin, son Gus, and Biscuit love to spend time together. You'll see us on the baseball field cheering on Gus, picking blue crabs, and cheering on local sports teams (Go Washington Commanders, Capitals, and Nationals!).

I look forward to seeing all as our paths cross on our Rainbow journey!

JACKIE! We are excited to welcome you to the Supreme Family! Woof! Woof! You will have many new adventures as a new member of the Supreme Family.



Sadness in the Supreme Family

The Supreme Assembly regrets to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Cecilia Carpenter, mother of Mrs. Caroline Ambrose, Supreme Deputy in Michigan, who passed away in March.

Mr. Alton (Al) Harmon, husband of Mrs. Jackie Harmon, Supreme Chaplain and Past Supreme Inspector in Florida, passed away on Tuesday, March 24th.



We are all deeply saddened to know about the passing of Marjorie Wilson, Past Supreme Worthy Advisor and Past Supreme Inspector in Oregon, a remarkable woman and an exceptional role model. Her contributions, and the impact she made on those around her, will not be forgotten. Mrs. Wilson's strength, wisdom, and compassion inspired many and served as a guiding light for countless individuals. Born July 29, 1930, our "Marj" passed away on June 12, 2026, after being an inspirational model for girls and adults around the IORG world.

Cards may be sent to the family at 28980 Liberty Rd, Sweet Home, OR 97386-9781

**Our deepest sympathy is extended to these families as well as our
Supreme Rainbow Family.**