

Ritual Of The Order

The Ritual for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a book of ceremonies used primarily for the Opening, Closing and Initiation of a Rainbow Assembly. Members of the Order recite, from memory, the ceremonies contained in the Rainbow Ritual.

The Seven Colors of the Rainbow are represented by seven stations, strategically placed in the shape of a bow. Each station is represented by a color, and each color teaches one of the seven lessons of Rainbow. The stations and lessons of the Rainbow are as follows:

Red is the first color station and represents Love. It emphasizes the importance of love of home and family.

Orange is the second color station and represents Religion. It emphasizes the importance of membership and active participation in the church of your choice.

Yellow is the third color station and represents Nature. It emphasizes the importance of spending time in the out-of-doors.

Green is the fourth color station and represents Immortality, It emphasizes that even though our body dies, our souls live on forever.

Blue is the fifth color station and represents Fidelity. It emphasizes the importance of loyalty to the Order and to the Rainbow Girl's family and friends.

Indigo is the sixth color station and represents Patriotism. It emphasizes the importance of respecting the laws of our country and its flag.

Violet is the seventh and final color station and represents Service. Service is the foundation of Rainbow and emphasizes the importance of providing unselfish acts of service to our home, community and sponsoring orders of Rainbow.



The leadership structure of Rainbow begins with the local Assembly and extends to the State and International Assemblies. Each local Assembly is made up of five line officers (Rainbow Girls who lead the Assembly under the direction of a Mother Advisor and Advisory Board) and thirteen appointed officers. The adult governing body of each Rainbow Assembly is known as the Advisory Board and is comprised of seven to fifteen adults from various Masonic organizations.

Medina Assembly #106



International Order of Rainbow for Girls

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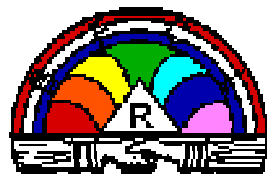
What Is Rainbow?

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a character building organization for girls between the ages of 11 and 20. Its purpose is to promote effective communication, leadership skills and, most importantly, service to humanity.

The Order of Rainbow was established in McAlester, Oklahoma in 1922. The very inception and writing of the first Ritual, and the laws governing the Order, was the work of W. Mark Sexson, a 33^o Mason from McAlester, Oklahoma.

Reverend Sexson was very active in several Masonic appendant organizations. Among his many offices, he held the titles of Most Worshipful Grand Master of a sovereign Masonic Grand Jurisdiction (1928) and Worthy Grand Patron for the Order of Eastern Star (1925-1926), both in the state of Oklahoma. The degrees of the Order of Rainbow were first exemplified on April 6, 1922, by the regular officers of South McAlester Chapter No. 149, Order of Eastern Star, for a class of 171 girls at the Scottish Rite Temple in McAlester, Oklahoma.

Today Rainbow Assemblies can be found in many jurisdictions around the world, including the United States, Australia, Brazil, The Philippines, Germany, Canada and Japan, to name only a few. Nearly all states in the United States have Rainbow.



What Do Rainbow Girls Do?

Members of Rainbow are active in their churches, schools and communities. They raise money for various charities through bake sales, dinners and car washes, and they extend themselves in service to their communities, churches and their sponsoring organizations. Rainbow Girls have many fun activities and opportunities to make lifelong friendships.



How Often Are The Meetings?

Most Rainbow Assemblies meet twice a month. In addition to the bimonthly meetings at her local Assembly, she will have the opportunity to visit other statewide or International Rainbow Assemblies, where she will meet other girls her own age who are members of the same organization.

Who Can Attend

A Rainbow Meeting?

Rainbow Members in good standing, as well as any Mason, Eastern Star or Amaranth in good standing, any Majority Member of Rainbow, and any parent or legal guardian of a Rainbow Girl is eligible to attend a meeting of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Is Rainbow A Religious Organization?

No. The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a service organization. Rainbow does, however, encourage each member to be an active participant in the church of her choice.

