

Euclid Assembly #83  
Order of the Rainbow for Girls

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACTIVITY  
AND  
DRESS CODE

**Summer 2008**

**Rainbow** is for girls 11 to 20 years of age. With written request and permission, a girl can extend to 21 years of age.

Our Assembly meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Euclid Masonic Temple, located at 27271 Tungsten Road, Euclid, Ohio. The phone number is 216-731-9857.

## **DRESS CODE**

### **Your Initiation** -

- Wear **white street** length dress and **white** shoes.
- Dresses should be no shorter than 1 inch above knee.
- Dresses should not be gown length.
- Shoulder straps need to be at least 2 inches wide.
- No halter tops, no spaghetti straps.
- Girls must wear:
  - 1) nylons with shoes (no anklets)
  - 2) proper undergarments, especially a slip

### **Stated Meetings** -

If you are an officer -

- Wear **white** dress and **white** shoes with panty hose.

If not an officer -

- Wear a dress or skirt and blouse
- Do not wear slacks, or any outer garment with a crotch.

### **Obligatory Church** -

- Wear **white** dress and **white** shoes with panty hose.  
In April we wear our miniature Lambskin Aprons which we received when initiated.

### **Rose Ceremony** -

- Wear Long Pastel Dress - not all white.

### ***If you are an officer*** -

- Shoulder straps need to be at least 1-1/2 inches wide.
- The front of the gown should not be low cut. NO cleavage showing.
- No halter tops. No spaghetti straps.
- Girls must wear proper undergarments, especially a slip. No undergarments visible.
- If straps are less than 1-1/2 inches, a shawl must be worn.
- The back bodice must not be lower than a normal bra line.
- Skirt with a slit, the slit can go no higher than the knee.
- Pastel or white shoes. Do not wear black, brown or navy, if possible.
- Girls must wear nylons with shoes (no anklets).

***If you are not an officer -***

- You can wear the same as above, if desired.

## **Installation -**

### ***If you are being installed as an officer -***

- Wear Long Pastel Dress - not all white.
- Shoulder straps need to be at least 1-1/2 inches wide.
- No halter tops. No spaghetti straps.
- Girls must wear proper undergarments, especially a slip. No undergarments visible.
- If straps are less than 1-1/2 inches, a shawl must be worn.
- The back bodice must not be lower than a normal bra line.
- Skirt with a slit, the slit can go no higher than the knee.
- Pastel or white shoes. Do not wear black, brown or navy, if possible.
- Girls must wear nylons with shoes (no anklets).

### ***If you are a member of the Installing Team -***

- Wear Long White Dress.
- Shoulder straps need to be at least 1-1/2 inches wide.
- No halter tops. No spaghetti straps.
- Girls must wear proper undergarments, especially a slip.
- If straps are less than 1-1/2 inches, a shawl must be worn.
- The back bodice must not be lower than a normal bra line.
- Skirt with a slit, the slit can go no higher than the knee.
- Pastel or white shoes. Do not wear black, brown or navy, if possible.
- Girls must wear nylons with shoes (no anklets).
- No Hoop Skirt

### **Following Installation -**

- If there is a dance following this event, all Rainbow girls will stay in their gowns a minimum 1/2 hour while refreshments are being served.
- Once permission is given to change, the dress code will be:
  - Dress Slacks OR Skirt and Blouse
  - NO bare shoulders or bare midriffs
  - NO Jeans

## **ETIQUETTE**

When sitting in the Assembly Room,

- Feet should be flat on the floor, knees together.
- You should sit up straight.
- There should be **no gum chewing**.
- Officers should not be passing notes or holding conversations during the meeting. Your attention is always to be directed towards the East or the person who has the floor.
- Keep your hands to yourself, especially when forming the cross at closing.

## **DUES**

Payable January of each year - \$10.00.

Must be paid before January installation if you are to be installed as an officer.

## **MOTHER ADVISOR**

She is your 'Second Mother' and is there to help, should you need her. Feel free to call upon her at any time.

## **BIG SISTER**

Each new girl is appointed a 'Big Sister'. The 'Big Sister' should exchange phone numbers with her 'Little Sister', to call her about meetings and activities, and be available to answer or help get answers to questions about Rainbow. The 'Big Sister' should be a real help and a real friend.

## **ACTIVITIES**

We have many activities. The more you participate, the more fun you will have. We have bowling parties, skating parties, kidnap breakfasts, potlucks, hay rides, picnics, etc. Parents and family are encouraged to attend any of the social activities. All activities have adult supervision.

Legal guardians, majority girls and all parents are urged to attend the meetings of our assembly. You cannot attend meetings of other assemblies unless you are a member of the Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge, Amaranth or are a Majority Girl.

The Worthy Advisor plans her calendar of events. This is not an easy task and is done with the hope that all of the girls, parents and families will attend. **The participation in these events is an indication to the Worthy Advisor of how successful her term is.** Points are awarded for participation in all activities, which go toward service bars.

We would like to mention the importance of the Worthy Advisors 'Go to Church' and her 'Farewell Luncheon'.

The Worthy Advisor is given her term scrapbook at the Farewell Luncheon. This book is made up by the girl serving as Charity and is a very important event.

### **GO TO CHURCH**

Each Worthy Advisor has what she calls 'Go To Church'. This is held at the church of the Worthy Advisor's choosing. The girls are to wear white dresses and white shoes.

In April we attend church together on 'Obligatory' Sunday, the Sunday closest to April 8th. All Rainbow Girls are required to attend. Prior approval is required from the Mother Advisor if you are unable to attend. The girls are to wear white dresses and white shoes and their miniature lambskin aprons.

Usually there is a breakfast after church which the girls and their parents attend (Worthy Advisor's choice). The meal is at your expense.

### **RIDES**

If a ride to meetings or activities is needed, call the Worthy Advisor, one of the girls who lives close to your home, your 'Big Sister' or the Mother Advisor. For our girls' safety, all rides must include at least one female adult. Rainbow girls are not permitted to drive other girls to Rainbow meetings or activities.

### **MERIT BARS**

These are awarded for attendance and participation in activities. You will receive points for attending **all** meetings and practices in a term. You also receive points for bringing in a petition, participation in an investigation, visitations at other assemblies, fund raising events, attending 'Go To Church', etc.

Merit Bars are awarded on a point system and are carried over from term to term.

### **FUND RAISING**

Our Assembly is one of the finest. We have a lovely place to meet but we have expenses. In order to meet these expenses, we have Fund Raising Projects. EACH and EVERY girl is expected to participate and help with the fundraising activities.

Each Worthy Associate Advisor tries to turn in to the assembly \$750.00 or more profit. Some of the expenses we must meet are:

- Rent - \$800.00 per year
- Per Capita Assessment for Grand Assembly
- Money to Worthy Advisor - \$150.00 (to help defray Installation expenses).
- Scholarship Fund
- Officers' Jewels for Rose Ceremony and Merit Bars
- Other Expenses as they occur.

New parents and new ideas are always welcome. You do not have to be Eastern Star or Masonic to join. The only requirement is that your daughter is, or has been, in our Assembly and you would like to work for her and the other girls.

### **INSPECTION**

Inspection of our Assembly by the Grand Deputy and an appointed Inspecting Officer takes place annually. If you are an officer, Inspection Practice is **mandatory** and only the Mother Advisor may excuse you.

### **BALLOTING**

White balls elect, 2 black cubes required to reject.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

We have 2 Installations per year, 1 in January and 1 in June.

**Parents can also attend meetings at Grand Assembly with a parent's card, which the Mother Advisor will provide.**

We also serve dinners for other organizations, including churches, and do other projects for which we are given money. This money is put in a special account toward Grand Assembly expenses and will be divided equally among the girls who participated.

No girl can earn more credit than the cost of convention each year, carry credit over from year to year, or transfer credit to someone else.



## **PARENTS' CLUB**

All parents of our Rainbow Girls are encouraged to join. They do a lot of work for our Assembly. They meet the Second Thursday of the month while the Rainbow meeting is in progress.

Parents' Club gives a check to the parents of the Worthy Advisor to help defray the cost of refreshments for each meeting. They give the Mother Advisor money to spend on the girls at Grand Assembly. This money is used for those important bedtime snacks, pop, pizza and a big party. This takes a lot of doing for a tiny group.

## **GRAND ASSEMBLY**

Once a year all the girls in the assembly are invited to attend Grand Assembly. The cost of this is at the parent's expense. Grand Assembly is a package deal and includes room and meals for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, also breakfast on Sunday. This is usually held in July.

Rules are laid down by Grand Assembly and the University where it is held, and **must** be followed. The cost of Grand Assembly each year is announced by the Mother Advisor after she has received information from Grand Assembly.

The assembly provides transportation to attend Grand Assembly. The cost is paid by proceeds of Advisory Board activities. All are encouraged to participate so that these endeavors are successful. There is no additional charge to the girls for this.

One of our activities to help defray the cost of Grand Assembly is the serving of dinners/refreshments at various Masonic or Eastern Star groups. Girls who participate earn credit, which is deducted from the cost of convention. The dress code for serving dinner is black slacks with white blouses. Aprons are provided.

The only added expense to the parents is for any spending money you wish to send with your daughter. She should have money for lunch going down and coming home if necessary. The first meal at the University is the Thursday night dinner. This is a wonderful experience for the girls and well chaperoned by Board Members and interested parents. All girls and the Mother Advisor stay on campus. Other adults stay in a motel nearby. Again, here is an opportunity to participate in Rainbow with your daughter whether or not you have a Masonic affiliation.