

What it Means to be a NH Grand Officer

Each Grand Office brings with it special responsibilities and, of course, special opportunities to create a memorable year. **Now** is the time to be sure you understand what you need to do to make this a successful year – a year filled with your Rainbow dreams; a year you will long remember with fondness; a year you will be proud of. Rainbow is a **Girls** organization; that means girls need to assume appropriate leadership roles and responsibilities and work cooperatively with adults.

In general, be an exemplary Rainbow Girl:

- Renew your commitment to support New Hampshire Rainbow and your own Assembly
- Be as active as possible, whether you live at home or are away at school
- Continue to encourage girls to join Rainbow. It is your responsibility to replace yourself as a Rainbow Girl when you reach majority. Who will take your place?
- Support your Pledge Group with 100% of your energy. These girls are anxious to become Rainbow Girls, and they are the key to increasing membership!
- Continue to provide service to your community
- Understand and support what Rainbow stands for
- Work with the adult advisors for the common good of our Order
- Set a positive example. Be on time; be courteous and respectful to others; be responsible for your own actions; send thank you notes when appropriate and cheerfully follow the established dress code

As a New Hampshire Grand Officer, you should be an example to your Rainbow sisters at all times, not only in your ritualistic work, but also in every aspect of your life. The example you set will have an impact on the younger girls and, in turn, will influence the future of New Hampshire Rainbow. Avoid situations where you may be involved with, exposed to, or even associated with alcohol or drugs. If this situation occurs at a Rainbow event, immediately speak to the adults in charge. Our concerns are for the physical and mental well-being of each girl.

A Grand Officer who marries, decides to cohabitate with a male or female to engage in a sexual relationship, or becomes pregnant during the year must resign her appointment and return all Grand Officer regalia immediately (please see NH I.O.R.G Policies, p. 16-23). Paid fees for dress payments are not reimbursed.

If you are unable to fulfill your commitment for this Grand Year for any reason, you must return your mascot, Grand Officer bag, this handbook, and any other materials specific to your appointment to the Supreme Deputy immediately.

Your Assembly will depend on you now more than you may realize. You will serve as an example for the younger girls and may be asked to work with your Mother Advisor and adults in planning your Assembly events. Remember that without your Assembly and the support of its adult advisors, you would not have the opportunity to serve as a New Hampshire Grand Officer. Assisting your Assembly and its adults is one way to express appreciation for their continued support of your efforts and dreams.

Being a Grand Officer means that others will be looking to you as an example of the best New Hampshire Rainbow has to offer. Make them proud. Your Assembly, adult advisors, and even Past Grand Officers will use you as a yardstick to measure how well New Hampshire Rainbow is doing. Make sure “we” continue to get high marks!

NH I.O.R.G Grand Officer Responsibilities and Deadlines

The Grand Worthy Advisor depends on each of you to make this year a successful one for the entire state. Assemblies appreciate and depend on your support for their projects, including their Official Visitation. Make a real commitment to attend Rainbow's official state functions and local functions. Be on time for events and rehearsals; arrive **at least 15 minutes prior** to the start time. It is rude and inconsiderate to be late and the Assembly may be depending on your attendance before they begin their program. Remember that others have made the effort to be on time and you give the impression that their time is not of importance when you arrive late.

Participation is the key to your success. If you are unable to attend any official state function, you **MUST** inform the Supreme Deputy and the Grand Worthy Advisor by either phone or e-mail **at least two weeks prior** to the scheduled event. Excused absences include, but are not limited to, the wedding of a family member; your junior or senior prom; SAT testing; death or funeral of a family member; and illness. Excuses received after the scheduled events are considered **unexcused** absences. Remember, the more you participate in the events of this Grand Family, the more you will enjoy your Grand Year. Your participation this Grand year will have a direct influence on future appointments; a lack of participation will not be rewarded with a Grand Officer appointment with greater responsibilities.

Attendance:

It is **mandatory** for Grand Officers to attend the following:

- Grand Officer's Day rehearsal
- Grand Officer's Day
- Your Assembly's Official Visitation of the Grand Worthy Advisor
- At least one School of Instruction (GO Day does not count)
- Rainbow Sunday Services - If you must be excused because of a work schedule or a prior commitment, please discuss with the Supreme Deputy **at least two weeks prior** to Rainbow Sunday. If you are attending school out-of-state, make every effort to participate in Rainbow Sunday in that area; at a minimum attend church.
- Grand Lodge in May
- Grand Assembly rehearsals and all of Grand Assembly
- At least one Assembly Meeting per month

Recommended Attendance:

- Grand Officers Retreat
- Leadership Camp
- Any New England Exchanges
- Any New England Out of State Grand Assembly
- Any Assembly Projects
- Your own Assembly Membership Events
- Statewide Membership Events
- Statewide Charity Events