

# NORTH DAKOTA RAINBOW NEWSLETTER



## From the Desk of the Supreme Deputy

It has been an exciting 4 months since my official installation as Supreme Deputy of ND. Supreme was held in Hampton, Virginia. Nancy, Miranda and Bekki from Fargo and Janice, Bailee, and I from Bismarck all attended Supreme Assembly. It was a fun filled trip. There was much good news given out at Supreme. One of the most exciting news was the change in initiation age from age 11 to age 10. This will bring those Pledge girls into Rainbow a year sooner, which has already helped Bismarck grow. Mom Janice was named Supreme Religion. We are all so thrilled for her. I was named to the Growth and Retention Committee. That means I will need to work doubly hard to grow and retain girls. I will need all your help with that. An email was sent out by Supreme from the Growth and Retention Committee which says the best way to GROW Rainbow is through the Pledge groups and retention is by keeping the girls engaged and busy with service projects and community involvement. I must thank all the people that have accepted a position on the Senior Executive Board. I have a wonderful board and I am truly thankful for all the support and help I am getting from them. We have had two meetings at the official visits in Grand Forks and in Fargo. We bounced a lot of suggestions around and came up with some good ideas. I'd like to thank Diane and Heather on working so hard on the Grand Representative letters and certificates. I think we are leaps and bounds ahead of where we have been in past years. Thanks again for all your hard work! The 2020 Supreme Assembly will be in Reno, Nevada. I would encourage each assembly to work on fund-raising so we can get as many girls to attend that Supreme as possible. Let me know if you have any ideas we can work on as a group. Our next meeting is at Mini Grand in Bismarck. See you all then!

Supreme Deputy,

Tammy

## UPCOMING GRAND DATES

### Mini Grand

March 30-31

### Rainbow Camp

June 21-23

### Grand Assembly

July 19-21

### Wear Rainbow

7<sup>th</sup> day of  
every month

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## Miranda Morgan, Junior Past Grand Worthy Advisor Year in Review

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Wow, what a year! My theme was “Where Flowers Bloom So Does Hope”. My service project was the Great Plains Food Bank, which serves as the only food bank in North Dakota and also serves Western Minnesota. My colors were red, coral, pink, and lime green and my term flower was the gerbera daisy.

I started my 2017-2018 Grand Worthy Advisor term with a mystery trip to Minneapolis. We had the opportunity to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children. While we were there we packaged 209 boxes of food which will provide 45,144 meals. Following Feed My Starving Children, we got to tour the Shrine hospital, which was an eye-opening experience. In January I held an Official Visit in Bismarck, which served as a bonding experience with Rainbow Girls and Mother Advisors across the state.



The end of March brought us to the ‘Circus Season’. It was truly a great time representing this organization at various venues across the state of North Dakota. This experience gave me the opportunity to positively influence numerous girls who will hopefully be Rainbow leaders in the future.

I attended the Grand York Rite Banquet in Fargo in April and had the opportunity to build relationships with one of our sponsoring orders. At this event, I successfully raised over two hundred dollars for the Great Plains Food Bank, which was my service project. In May, Mini-Grand was held in Fargo. The various meetings made me realize what a great organization this truly is.

The weekend before Grand Assembly I travelled to Jamestown for Grand Chapter. I was so excited to represent Rainbow by carrying the flag of our order and bringing greetings on our behalf. That experience helped me reflect on how proud I am to be a part of this organization and how excited I was for my very own Grand Assembly.

Well the time was here and it was already Grand Assembly! I remember waking up and thinking this is what I’ve waited for my whole time as a Rainbow Girl. What a weekend. I almost don’t even remember it all because it went so fast. I was honored to have the Supreme Worthy Associate Advisor, Joanie Jacka, visiting from Nevada. I can’t thank the Fargo Assembly enough for all their help and dedication to helping me make the weekend run as smooth as possible. I was able to raise and donate \$1,500 as well as 287 pounds of food for the Great Plains Food Bank.

At the end of July, I traveled to Hampton, Virginia; with a few people from North Dakota Rainbow. I was ecstatic to represent North Dakota on the Supreme level as the Grand Cross of Color Bible Bearer. I also gave a toast to the organization at the Grand Cross of Color Brunch. It was a week of learning and getting to know other jurisdictions, along with some fun! Our first few days included some tasty seafood and time wandering around Hampton. Our last days were spent with Arkansas exploring Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, and going to Virginia Beach. It’s safe to say we all made lasting friends and have a good reason to visit Arkansas Rainbow!

It was a great year as Grand Worthy Advisor and I look forward to watching the girls continue to ‘bloom’ in this wonderful organization!

In Rainbow Love and Service,  
Miranda Morgan PGWA



## Fargo Assembly

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Fargo Assembly had a busy summer. It started with hosting Grand Assembly in Fargo for the first time and ended with Supreme Assembly, which 3 Fargo members attended. The fall has been busy as well. We helped the Shriners with their annual corn feed in August. In September we hosted a potluck picnic for prospective members and attended an Official Visit in Grand Forks. We hosted an Official Visit November 10-11 which was a lot of fun! We had an initiation, played games, and volunteered at a local homeless shelter. We are also going to be selling tickets for "It's a Wonderful Night" at the West Acres mall.



Fargo Assembly is also starting a Pledge group. The Pledge group is for girls ages 6 and up and is run by the Rainbow Girls. At these meetings we have a snack, do a craft, and have a short business meeting. At one of the recent meetings we tied blankets for Project Linus. Our Rainbow meetings are on the first and third Sundays of every month at 5pm, and the Pledge meetings are the first Sunday of every month at 4pm.

Bekki Maxfield, Worthy Advisor Adeline Easton Assembly #4

## Bismarck Assembly

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Hello, my name is Keanna Nation and I am from Bismarck Assembly # 3. The fall has been very busy for Bismarck Rainbow. In September we helped serve the Fly-In Breakfast at the Aero Center, helped with childcare at the Shriner Ceremonial, and attended the Official Visit in Grand Forks. In October we help a prospect party for both Rainbow and Pledge girls at the Pumpkin Patch, afterwards the Rainbow Girls went to the corn maze and had a sleepover. We also made cookies and took them to the fighter fighters for Good Deed for Anne Day. This is a day where we do a good deed to honor our sister Anne who was lost to domestic violence. We have been collecting toys for the Shriners Children's Hospital. In November we had our pie baking fundraiser and went to Fargo for the Official Visit. We look forward to these Official Visits because any time the assemblies get together, we all have a lot of fun and get to know each other better and become friends. We have also been communicating with our Grand Representative Counterparts from around the world by sending letters and getting to know each other.

In our assembly we have about 12 girls and a few waiting to be initiated. It's going to be really fun to get more girls into Rainbow because we will have more opportunities to do fun activities together. The more the merrier! Our meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month at 7pm. We have a pledge group for girls 6 and up that meets the first Thursday of every month at 6pm.

Sincerely,  
Keanna Nation, Bismarck Assembly #3



## Grand Forks Assembly

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At the end of September, Grand Forks hosted the first Official Visit of the year where we initiated 3 girls. It was a fun time filled with bonding and games. We also participated in the Potato Bowl Parade along with the DeMolay Boys. We also planned a group trip with DeMolay to a haunted house in Gilby. We are starting our Lefse fundraiser and planning our holiday service. We are planning a trip to one of the local nursing homes where we will sing carols and play games with the residents to help get them in the holiday spirits.

Grand Forks Rainbow meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7pm. There is also a Pledge Group in Grand Forks for girls 6 and up that meets the second Monday of the month at 6pm.

Rody, Mother Advisor Grand Forks Assembly #2



## Williston Assembly

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Williston is very busy this fall getting ready for the annual winter formal which was held on November 17th. We worked hard on the set and decorations for the dance. The theme is “An Evening in Paris” with decorations including an Eifel Tower and the Arc de Triumph. We offered a formal wear give away on October 27<sup>th</sup> for anyone who might not be able to afford the appropriate attire for the dance. There was a nice article in the Williston Herald about the dance and a little about Rainbow and its possible demise in Williston. It has already generated some interest in Rainbow. We attended the Official Visit in Fargo with one new initiate.



Pam White, Mother Advisor  
Vivian Snyder Assembly #10

## Greetings from DeMolay!

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I am pleased to present you with some information about DeMolay since many of you are new and may not be familiar with this organization. My name is Ross Mushik and I am the state director (Executive Officer) for DeMolay of North Dakota.

DeMolay is a values-based character development program providing experiences that develop character, leadership, organizational skills, personal responsibility, and creative thinking to young men ages 12 to 21. DeMolay was started in 1919 by Frank Land as a way to assist young boys that had lost their fathers in World War I. The concept came to fruition and continues to this day in an organization that is led by the young men and mentored by the adults. If you are looking for more detailed information, please go to [www.DeMolay.org](http://www.DeMolay.org). If you have friends that are boys or know any boys, we would sure like to have them join in the fun with the Rainbow Girls. There are active groups in Mandan/Bismarck, Minot, and Grand Forks.

DeMolay is very similar to Rainbow for Girls, as both organizations are attempting to develop good leaders and members for our communities and Masonic organizations. I plan to work with the state director (Supreme Deputy), Mrs. Tammy Bulman, of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, in developing a marketing and publicity plan to run in local newspapers, development and maintenance of a website, finding and developing adults to become advisors, and working with our international organizations for updated informational marketing materials.

If you have any immediate questions, please contact me at [rossm@bis.midco.net](mailto:rossm@bis.midco.net) ; cell phone 701-527-0178 or by mail at Ross Mushik 508 15th Street NE, Mandan, ND 58554.



(Rainbow and DeMolay walking together in the State Fair Parade)

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