



The Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a junior organization for girls of the teen age from Masonic and Eastern Star Homes, and it also admits the girl friends of a Rainbow girl. Each applicant to membership is recommended by a Mason or Eastern Star member.

The age limit is twelve years to twenty years of age. At which time a girl reaches the age of twenty, or when she marries, she automatically ceases to be a member but can attend a meeting as a majority member.

Mark Sexson, an active Master Mason, having heard about and seen the work of the Order of DeMolay for Boys, decided that there should be a similiar organization for girls. He made an appeal before an Eastern Star Chapter in Oklahoma for such an organization. The Worthy Matron of that chapter said that they would sponsor it if someone would write the ritual. Mr. Sexson said he would write it and did the very next day. On April 6, 1922 this order was organized and the degrees were exemplified for the first time on a class of one hundred seventy girls in the Auditorium of the Scottish Rite Temple in McAlester, Oklahoma.

Harry M. Cheney showed the ritual of Rainbow to Mrs. Sara E. Otis, Worthy Matron of Epiphany Chapter in Concord. She read it through and decided that it would be nice to have a Rainbow Assembly in New Hampshire. The Epiphany Chapter established the first one of the state in Concord. The first Mother Advisor was Mrs. Otis herself and the first Worthy Advisor was Barbara Philbrick. She was installed at the Masonic Temple in Concord, N.H. on October 30, 1924 with a membership of 50 girls. Mrs. Bessie P. Norris, Supreme Deputy was the installing officer. Today 170 girls enjoy the privilege of being a Rainbow Girl in Concord Assembly #1 Concord, N.H.

Since that time assemblies have been organized which reach the girlhood of the world. There is a Worthy Advisor for each assembly. There is a Grand Worthy Advisor for the State. (Miss Nancy Morse, a Past Worthy Advisor of our assembly is the Grand Worthy Advisor this year.) There is a Supreme Worthy Advisor for the International body. (Mary Senior Brown of Center Sandwich, Supreme Inspector of New Hampshire for thirty years holds the office of Supreme Worthy Associate Advisor of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls.) Each assembly organized is sponsored by a Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star or a Masonic Body. An Advisory Board is selected from the sponsoring body to guide the girls through their work.

The lessons taught in the Order of Rainbow for Girls are very inspirational as well as impressive and represent the seven cardinal truths in the life of a Rainbow girl. Through the crystallization of all colors a Rainbow Girl learns the rule of right living. Besides the ritualistic side it also gives the girls many social gatherings. Through the medium of this world wide organization the lessons taught are implanted in the heart of every Rainbow Girl, with the hope of lifting the standard of living higher every day, and the promise of a womanhood with high ideals.

- Barbara Hyland
Barbara Hyland, Worthy Advisor
- Arolyn Fletcher
Arolyn Fletcher, Worthy Assoc. Advisor
- Cheryl Watterson
Cheryl Watterson, Charity
- Joan Messer
Joan Messer, Hope *ny DA*
- Mary Hancock
Mary Hancock, Faith

- Nancy Morse
Nancy Morse, Grand Worthy Advisor of N.H.
- Jane Hartford
Jane Hartford, Junior Past Worthy Advisor
- Barbara Anderson
Barbara Anderson, Past Gr. Conf. Observer
Historian and Past Worthy Advisor
- Elsie P. Brooks
Elsie Brooks, Deputy-District #1
- Daisy Atwood
Daisy Atwood, Mother Advisor