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Dear Visitors to California's Grand Assembly:

We are looking forward to your visit and have planned what we hope will be an exciting Grand Assembly session for everyone! Our theme this year is "When the Clock Strikes 12: Let Your Dreams Come Alive in 2025."

Please utilize the link below to complete your on-line registration and meal reservations:

Grand Assembly Registration/Meals 2025

The Early Bird Registration closes on February 26, 2025 and General Registration closes on March 14, 2025. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please reach out to our Grand Assembly Registration and Meals Chairpersons (see information below).

Registration: Kelly Carmichael (<u>kellysue102003@yahoo.com</u>)

Meals: Kelly Padilla (<u>kpadilla101@yahoo.com</u>)

If you are a Supreme Officer, please use the following code to receive your complimentary Meals and Registration. **CAVIP25**

Since you are one of our VIP guests, the Grand Assembly Housing Team will still be assisting you with your hotel reservations at the Comfort Suites Visalia. You can submit your information for those reservations at the following link:

GA 2025 Housing Form (Staff/VIP only)

(Please do not use the general housing link, our guests should request housing using the link above.)

Please complete this form by the **February 28, 2025** deadline. If you need to make any changes to your reservations or have any questions, please reach out to the GA Housing Chair, Amy Sullivan (caiorggahousing@gmail.com).

Visiting Grand Worthy Advisors, and Grand Representatives to California are our guests for registration and housing (1/4 of a room for 3 nights only). Supreme Officers and one trailer are our guests for registration and housing (for 2 nights only.) They should complete registration and housing as normal per instructions above. At Grand Assembly they should see Mrs. JoAnn Stern, Grand Executive Committee Treasurer, at the Grand Recorder's desk to receive reimbursement for the portion of their housing and registration fee. These guests pay for the balance of their expenses. All other guests from the Jurisdictions pay for themselves completely.

TRANSPORTATION: If you need assistance with transportation to the Visalia Convention Center, please look at the information provided by Visit Visalia on their website (see link below).

Visalia, CA Transportation Options & Maps

DRESS CODE:

Our dress code for visiting Supremes, Grand Officers, and Grand Representatives is floor length dresses for those individuals during all sessions. The dress code for other girls and ladies attending sessions is floor or tea length dresses; men usually wear suits or sport jackets and ties. This year our Monday afternoon session will be business casual attire for our **Grand Assembly Business Meeting**. For this session only, please follow the CA Jurisdiction dress code guidelines for business casual attire. The CA Jurisdiction dress code can be found on our website (Dress Code).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

We hope you will join us for "The Enchanted Ball" fun event on Saturday evening starting at 6:30pm. Dress for this event is casual so again please reference the CA Jurisdiction dress code guidelines for casual attire (see link to the dress code above). Please note that part of this event will be held outside, and we recommend checking the weather close to the date.

All Supreme Officers, visiting Grand Officers, and Grand Representatives, and guests visiting from out of state are invited to attend the **Grand Officer Family & Friends Dinner (or VIP Dinner)** on Sunday evening, April 6, 2025. Supreme Officers will be our guests. We regret that there will not be enough time for speeches or presentations from out-of-state jurisdictions other than Jurisdictional "Come to Grand Assembly" songs which will take place during our Sunday evening session, but we look forward to spending the evening with you.

We are excited to be hosting a new **All Members Breakfast** this year on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 9:00am. All our out-of-state active members are invited to attend this breakfast to meet new friends, make memories and have some fun. Dress for this event is also casual so again please reference the CA Jurisdiction dress code guidelines for casual attire (see link to the dress code above). Keep an eye out on our social media platforms for any additional information about the breakfast!

Our **Grand Cross of Color Degree** has been moved this year to Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 1:00pm. We are excited for you to see our new Alumni Grand Cross of Color Team perform the degree and help us welcome our new designates! Dress for this session is the same as the dress code for during sessions.

The Grand Worthy Advisors and Grand Representatives to California will sit in the East. Please have them go to the Hospitality/Information Booth next to the Registration Booth in the main concourse of the Convention Center. This should be done before the first session. Hannah Ray, JPGWA and/or a Grand Page will conduct them to their seats in the East. All other visiting guests from other Jurisdictions are encouraged to sit with their representative's Assembly or in our designated VIP area.

Our Grand Representatives are preparing their reports on your special jurisdictions, and we hope you will enjoy watching their reports as they are shared on our social media channels during the week leading up to Grand Assembly, as well as, making new friends among the Rainbow Family in California. All out-of-state visitors will have **RED** badges so they will be easily recognizable. We want to be able to greet you warmly with the California sunshine. Please visit our Hospitality/Information Booth located next to the Registration Booth in the main foyer prior to the start of sessions when you arrive on Saturday.

We are excited to share that this year we will be encouraging our members to bring SWAPS! This is new for our jurisdiction and is based on a request from our members. So, we would like to encourage you to also participate.

GRAND ADULTS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS: As an adult holding a state title (Grand Executive Committee, Grand Deputy, etc.), we would like to invite you to be escorted with our CA state-level adults this year. There will be no individual introductions. Your escort will be at the Sunday morning session and will occur after the escort of our active PWA's. Please start lining up in the West during the Grand Choir's song which immediately follows the escort of the PWA's.

Included with this letter is a list of our Grand Assembly Chairpersons. Please reach out to the respective chair for any questions you may have. Debbye Rosenthal, Assistant Grand Director of Grand Officers, can also serve as a point of contact. There is additional information located on our website (www.gocarainbow.org) by selecting Grand Assembly under the "Everything Grand" tab. I would also encourage you to follow us on our social media

channels as we post information, videos, and news as the excitement for Grand Assembly 2025 builds – you won't want to miss out on an opportunity to submit your Grand Assembly wishes early!

We will begin Grand Assembly with Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, April 3, 2025 at 3:00 PM and close following Grand Installation Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at approximately 4:00 PM. Our Grandies are known as the "Fiercely Phenomenal Fennec Foxes" this year and they are planning an impressive session for everyone's enjoyment. We hope to see all of you in April!

Sealed with investing in making dreams come alive,

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cc: Debbye Rosenthal, AGDGO
Kelly Carmichael, Registration Chairperson
Amy Sullivan, Housing Chairperson
Hannah Ray, JPGWA

Denise Warren, GDGO Penny Owens, Hospitality Chairperson Kelly Padilla, Meals Chairperson