

# Rainbow Treasures

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## Christmas Traditions

My traditions are: After we decorate our tree we watch Christmas Vacation while having Hot Chocolate, We have Christmas Eve with my mom's friend and finally on Christmas Day I always wake up early to open my presents and then my parents go back to bed ( I would too but I'm always too excited!)  
-Taylor McLellan

During the winter holidays away from school, I enjoy spending time with my close friends and family. It's one of the few times a year a lot of us can truly relax without any of the stresses from work or school, so my family and I always take advantage of that!  
- Rachel Hie

Every year for Christmas, at the end of November my whole family on my mom's side has a huge breakfast together. I don't get to go every year, but when I do, it's really fun. All the adults do a "Yankee Swap" and the children get gifts from their parents. To be honest though, my favourite part is the sticky buns. For Christmas morning, my family goes up to my great grandmother's house to open gifts and have a turkey dinner at night. - Sereana Simpson

On Christmas Eve my family goes to the Christmas Eve Service at my Church. When we go home we hang our stockings and leave a snack for Santa before we go to bed.

Early Christmas morning my sister, brother and I usually

sneak downstairs and take a peek at our presents, then very loudly run upstairs and all at once tell everyone that Santa came! A little later the rest of my family arrives and helps celebrate the excitement of Christmas! Later on in the day, our whole family goes to my Aunt's house and has a HUGE turkey dinner with all the trimmings. During the Christmas week, we usually visit with other family members and friends and exchange gifts with them as well. We love spending time together and try to do some activities like going to see a performance (The Christmas Story), tobogganing, skating and playing in the snow! My brother, sister and I like to build snowmen and snow forts on the front lawn. Christmas is one of my favourite celebrations because it brings the whole family together and we share peace and love. -Kaitlyn Davies



## Faith Assembly #14

Since Grand Assembly, Faith #14 has had quite a bit on their plate! Some of the things that have happened: a new member was initiated in October, Grace Hie, who immediately felt welcomed and glad to join. On Halloween, we also enjoyed a fun night dressing up in costumes and eating candy!

Our first meeting of November was a scrap-booking night; Christmas cards were made by the girls to go to a local nursing home, and plans were discussed to hold a roast beef dinner on November 20th. Some members of Faith #14 also attended the Grand Officers Reception in Toronto on

October 26th. Grand Officers this year are: Grand Recorder Katie Cherry, Grand Confidential Observer Morgan Lackey, Grand Outer Observer Dominique Kennedy, and me, Grand Journalist Rachel Hie.

Rachel Hie, Grand Journalist

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## Grand Worthy Advisor-Lorraine Ball

Hello Canadian Rainbow!

I am very excited for this first edition of Rainbow Treasures for the 2011-2012 Grand year! I have had a great time in my travels so far, seeing all of you and seeing friends from other jurisdictions too. Trust me when I say, Skype has been a great tool that I have used to talk to friends that are from various States. I hope all of you girls keep in contact with the friends you meet not only this year, but for every year in your Rainbow life. Being with friends is in many ways a part of Christmas spirit too.

My favourite Christmas tradition is staying up all night on Christmas Eve watching Christmas movies with my brother. This tradition started when my mom and dad were tired of Andrew and I waking up at 4:30 am Christmas morning. Although my brother probably won't ever admit it, we still stay up and watch every Christmas movie we have in the house until he eventually falls asleep. I will just stay up and continue watching them. My brother and I have grown up since the beginning of the tradition and have no problem sleeping in.

I want to wish all of Canadian Rainbow a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic



New Year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you very soon!

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Lorraine



## Hamilton Assembly #1

Hi everyone, hope you are all enjoying school and looking forward to Christmas break. Hamilton Assembly # 1 has been pretty busy since Grand Assembly. In September, our meetings were off to a good start on the first day of school. Unfortunately, our Worthy Advisor was unable to attend due to starting University. Some of the girls attended the meeting where Meagan Rhynold filled in as Worthy Advisor. Also that month, we had our fundraising barbeque where half the money went to the Assembly and the other half went to the Cancer Assistance Program, the charity for the term. Our second meeting

also went well. Our Worthy Advisor Melissa went Dragon boating with the Ontario Masonic Youth Pirates. They didn't win, but they did have a lot of fun. October came fast, and we were once again, off. First, we had our meeting where we discussed what we would do for our Grand Worthy Advisor's visit in December. We had our monthly catering for Wellington Square Lodge in Burlington right before Thanksgiving. We had our Halloween meeting and almost everyone dressed up and had some fun together. We were then off at the end of the month to the Grand Officers Reception where everyone had an awesome time seeing their friends again and making new ones. It felt just like

Christmas. November rolled around, we had two caterings this month and both went well. Some of the girls attend All Canada DeMolay Convention. Melissa had a great time being there all weekend where she met new people and caught up with old friends. Some more girls attended the Installation and dance, where they all had a great time. We are looking forward to the Grimsby Santa Clause Parade on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, our birthday meeting on Tuesday December 6, and our Christmas meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> where we will host our Grand Worthy Advisor Lorraine Ball for her official visit.

Melissa M.

## Primrose Assembly #8

Primrose started their term with Heather Waterman as their Worthy Adviser. Heather's mascot is Topo Gigio and her charity is the Leprosy Mission. There are a lot of fun events that Heather has planned for us and it started with Grand Assembly. The Grand Officers did a great job at the Proud to be Canadian Grand Sessions. We are proud of our girls for their achievements and new appointments. A few months after Grand Assembly we had a Grand Officers' Reception.

Many of our girls attended and had a lot of fun and had a dance and dinner. Our Grand Officers were honoured with Lorraine and had fun talking with the Michigan girls. During the rest of the term we got to initiate Saya Rateja and her station is Immortality (green). With our new member we went to Stroms farm in the dark. After waiting 45 minutes we finally got to go into the corn maze. Luckily no one got lost so we could get back for our pasta dinner (Oh yummy). We had a great meal and

there were a lot of prizes to win from our silent auction. Many people won but some were disappointed that they got out bid. Recently Emily Leutri was elected as Provincial Sweetheart for Demolay. We are all really excited for her and we are looking forward to her Sweethearts' Ball in March. Heather's term is not quite over and we still have more to come.

Taylor McLellan,  
Grand Journalist



## Greetings From Mum Luanne

Happy Holidays everyone! For this issue, Michelle has asked us to share with you our favourite holiday traditions or memories. When I received Michelle's email, I immediately knew which memory I would tell you about.

When I was young, I loved nothing better than big family gatherings when I could spend time with my many cousins. Usually, these gatherings happened in the summer at my grandparents' home. However, Christmas 1974 was an exception. At that time, my father's sister and her family were living in Summerside, PEI, not very far

from my home in Moncton, NB. It was Christmas Eve. My mother had been working her heart out cooking and preparing. Of course, like all 8 year olds, this work didn't really register with me at the time! The doorbell rang in the early afternoon and I (like every 8 year old) raced to be the one to open the door. I opened the door, only to see my cousin Tom standing on the step with a big smile on his face and his whole family behind him! I was completely surprised and ran into the house yelling that they were there (like it was news to my parents!). Of course, my parents had known all along and had kept it as a

surprise for me. Apart from their arrival, my memories of that Christmas consist of so much food, my Uncle having to walk around the block after meals, and kids and grownups sleeping everywhere!

It was a wonderful Christmas, and my wish for each of you is that you will enjoy a similar holiday this year!

With warm Christmas greetings,

Mum Luanne





## Codiac Assembly #25

After we left Grand Assembly, the rest of the summer went by pretty quickly. The next thing we did was go to the Grand Officers' Reception. As usual, the drive up was long, tiring and entertaining. Though for some reason, the car looks like it has tons more stuff in it when there is only two people rather than six or seven. While in Ontario, we got to stay at the Cooper's house and we went shopping and had tons of fun. I also really liked the reception. Other than the fact that the food was amazing, I had never

been to a reception with a dance before. It was really fun. The drive home was about the same as the drive up. Even though our GPS seems to not like the highway, we made it back before the day ended. Another thing we did was on October 5th when we had a buddy sleepover. Lots of people came and we had lots of fun playing twister...even the people who fell on the second move. After that sleepover, I wouldn't be surprised if we had an Initiation or two.

-Sereana Simpson, Worthy

Associate Advisor of Codiac Assembly #25



## Toronto Assembly #2

Since we last met at Grand Assembly, Toronto Assembly #2 has been a very busy group with Rebecca Corby as our Worthy Advisor, with her term 'Classic Hollywood'.

On a beautiful sunny morning at 8:00 AM on Sat. September 10, 2011, we arrived at Lorraine Ball's home to set up for the Garage Sale. We sold many gently used items like game boards, books for all ages and house hold items. We say that one person's trash is another person's treasure, and the girls had lots of fun learning how to bargain, selling tons of stuff and making lots of money!

On Sun. Sept 11th, Toronto Assembly #2 and the Horace Mundy Chapter of DeMolay were both invited to the White Shrine of Jerusalem to perform ceremonies to demonstrate the meaning and purpose of their Orders. The

members and guests enjoyed both Presentations, and gave each Organization a very generous donation to help us with our Charity work.

We continue to serve our Eastern Star Chapters, as we did two caterings for West Hill Chapter, and had lots of laughs working in the kitchen, and cleaning up.

On Sunday September 18, 2011, we welcomed Grand Worthy Advisor Lorraine Ball for her Official Visit to our Assembly. We all wore our Hostess dresses for the meeting. After the meeting, we helped Lorraine to get dressed as an Elf and made her test some toys, so she can help Ho Ho Ho (Santa) with Christmas. The Assembly presented her with some gifts and best wishes for her term.

October was full of Celebrations! We began by celebrat-

ing Rebecca's Movie theme by dressing up as our favourite actress, and guessing who everyone was. We celebrated Halloween by dressing up and having a Parade after the meeting. Many friends and family joined us for this Spooky event. There were prizes for the most cute, scary, and creative costumes, and later we enjoyed delicious treats.

On October 29th, we hosted The Grand Officers' Reception at the Rameses Shrine Temple. We enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. We entertained Lorraine and her Officers with a crazy rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas. The room was beautifully decorated in a Winter Wonderland Theme, complete with the twinkling light ceiling! Dinner was followed by a Dance, with great music...

# Toronto Assembly #2 (Continued)

...from our DJ, Mr. McGregor, and it was indeed, a Jolly Good Night

November was a busy month too. We observed Remembrance Day by reading special poems that were meaningful to us, and honoured all our War Veterans who served in the Wars so that we may live in Peace.

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed a new girl into our

Assembly. We are very happy to see our Assembly growing!

We will be roller skating soon—get your skates all tuned up girls! December is quickly approaching, and that means more celebrations! We will kick off the Christmas Season by going shopping to buy gifts for some children in unfortunate circumstances .

On Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, we will host a Christmas Dinner at 7:00

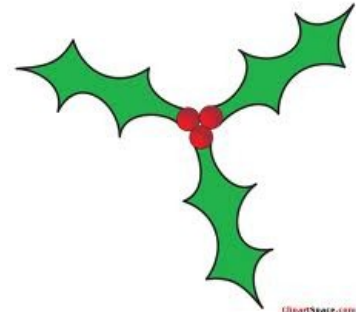
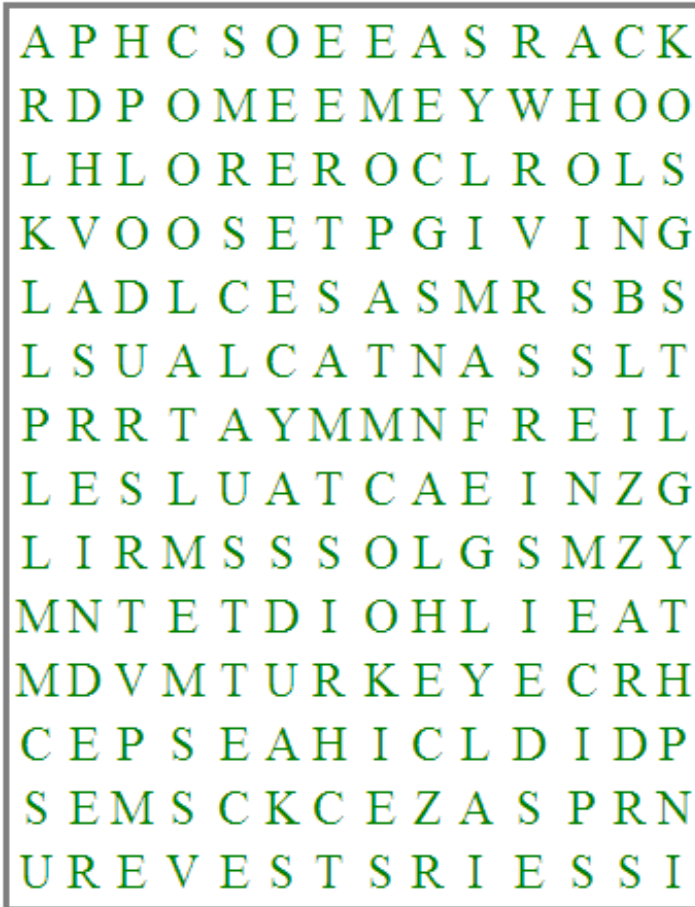
PM . All are welcome to attend. Santa will be coming to our Christmas Party on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. I hear that he will be bearing gifts!

On behalf of Toronto Assembly #2 I would like to wish everyone Love, Joy and Peace through the Christmas Season, and all the Best for the New Year!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kaitlyn Davies  
Grand Journalist



## Christmas Season



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|-------------|----------------|
| Reindeer    | Christmas Eve  |
| Sleigh      | Cookies        |
| Santa Claus | Presents       |
| Mrs Claus   | Rudolph        |
| Snow        | Blizzard       |
| Carolers    | Holly          |
| Tinsle      | Christmas Tree |
| Cold        | Turkey         |
| Giving      | Family         |
| Mistletoe   | Magic          |

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## Message from Michelle

Hello everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

To me Christmas is a great time of year. I just simply love looking outside to see snow falling everywhere (even if we didn't have snow on Christmas).

I always look forward to the holidays because my friends and I can spend time together and relax from the stress of school. Snow ball fights, skating and even tobogganing are some of the things we love to do together.

The other part of Christmas I love is getting together with my family. Unfortunately our family lives all over Canada so we don't get together a lot. This year however my aunt came with her family for Christmas Eve. Eleven family members is the most

we've had in our house at once and boy was it squishy.

Despite the lack of sleeping space, we had a wonderful time. We talked all night and watched many movies. Best of all we tracked Santa, the little ones were so excited!

Christmas is a marvelous time and I hope that everyone enjoys their time off.

In Rainbow love,  
Michelle Borgal  
Grand Editor



*Myself and my 2nd cousin on Christmas Eve!*