

## **Historian Lecture**

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls was founded on April 6, 1922 by Rev. W. Mark Sexson, who realized a great need to guide girls from the ages 11 through 20. With the teachings of the Holy Bible, he set to work writing our lovely and inspiring Ritual. The Order was given the name Rainbow because the Rainbow was one of the symbols used on the very oldest of Masonic charts, because the Rainbow was the first visible sign God gave his people, and because the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls makes girlhood a method through which God fulfills his promise.

Every Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls observes the Sunday nearest to April 6th as its anniversary by attending church together. Our Founder's birthday is celebrated in July each year.

Our Jurisdiction held its first Grand Assembly in 1927. Hazel Gowdy Alexander was selected to preside as Grand Worthy Advisor at our first Grand Assembly, and at those sessions Margaret Alleman Kenrick became this jurisdiction's first elected Grand Worthy Advisor.

May our Order ever live and prosper; that it may continue to guide the girlhood of our nation. My sisters heed well the lessons you have learned here today.