

Grand Representatives Association of New Jersey

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

I am writing to you in August. As a retired teacher, I always considered August akin to the Sunday of the summer. Summer is rapidly coming to a close and we will be resuming our Eastern Star activities soon most of us with gusto and enthusiasm.

I had the distinct honor to be the guest of New Jersey Grand Assembly on August 9 for dinner and their Installation of officers. On Friday, August 8, I attended their opening and watched the Grand Representatives report which included a parade of costumed young ladies reporting on the states that they represented, some of the girls were privileged to attend. The Past Grand Matrons judged the costumes and presentations. I delivered the prizes on Saturday.

This year's fifth place went to Laura Elkins who dressed as the sun in the front decorated by flora and fauna and a disco ball in the back. She represented Georgia's GWA's symbols of nature and her fun symbol of the disco ball.

Our fourth place winner was Roxanne Burak as a driving horse. She represented Indiana and Kentucky and their state's two racing past times.

Third place was awarded to Alexandra Holst. She was dressed as a Red Carpet. She represented the Grand Worthy Advisor of Virginia's theme. She reported on her visit to their Grand Assembly.

Our Second place winner was Lilliana Sikorski. She dressed as a crab representing Maryland and reported on her visit to Maryland's Grand Assembly.

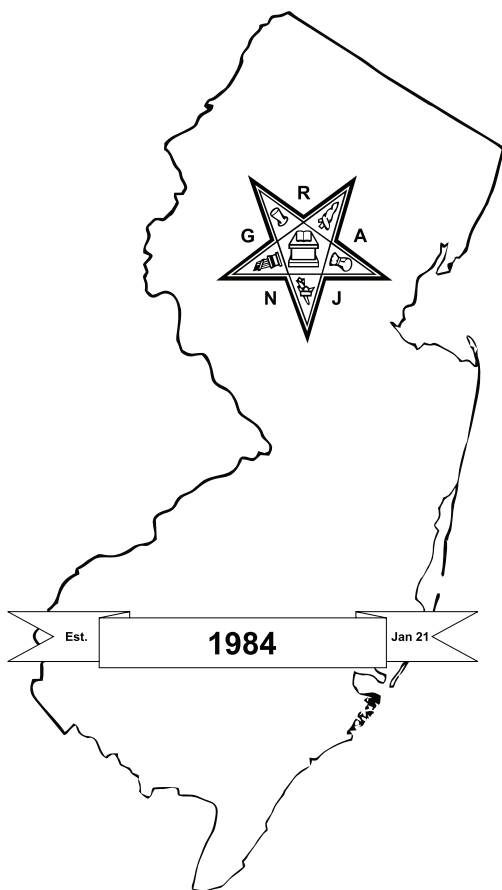
Valerie Cordero-Beckert took first place representing Pennsylvania dressed as the Liberty Bell. She used her wise cracking wit to entertain the croud.

My love of Rainbow and Grand Representatives has made this a highlight of my election to President of GRANJ.

I hope that many of you will join us as we have a Disco party to entertain the Rainbow Girls on October 4 at Burlington Lodge.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you soon.

In Star Love,
Barbara Helfrey
President, GRANJ



GRANJ OFFICERS 2025 - 2026

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Disco Party Reception 2026.pdf @ 100% (When: October 05, 2025 Time: RGB)

DISCO NIGHT GRANJ / RAINBOW

When: October 05, 2025
Time: 11:00AM
Where: Burlington Lodge
2308 Burlington - Mt. Holly Rd,
Burlington, NJ 08016
RSVP BY September 28 TO
Jenifer Molinaro 201-803-3760
200 Depew Street
Dumont, NJ 07628
Make \$20 Checks payable to GRANJ

TEAR OFF HERE AND RETURN

NAME _____ STATE _____

MEAL _____ DUES _____

DUES ARE \$5.00

JEWELRY:

GRANJ pins are available from Sister Elsie Van Dusen for \$10.

DUES:

Dues are \$5. Please send them to the secretary, or with your lunch reservations, or pay your Ambassador. Checks should be made payable to GRANJ.

TO OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

"...for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if you return unto him." 2 Chronicles 30:96 Our prayers are for you to feel the Lord with you and our hugs for you.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7 May your memories of cherished times bring you peace during this difficult time.

If someone you know is in need of a card – healing, encouragement, sympathy or joy – please notify our President Barbara Helfrey – 609-577-0230

FROM 1st VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

hope you all had an enjoyable summer.

As we welcome fall it's time again to travel our great state. To our present Grand Representatives, it is our sincere wish that you safely travel to your jurisdiction and make those lasting memories with your counterpart!

I look forward to seeing what our President Barbara has planned for us this year.

Please reach out to your Grand Representative pals and invite them to come out to our meeting on October 4, 2025, at Burlington Lodge. We will be welcoming the Rainbow girls. If they aren't a member of GRANJ we can sign them up that day!

I wish you all good health & safe travels!

In Star Friendship,
Heather Shoppas, GO
1 st Vice President GRANJ

FROM THE 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Representatives Association as your 2nd Vice President. I'm looking forward to working with Barbara, Heather and all of our membership over the upcoming years.

Being a Grand Representative was truly an honor and I loved every minute of it. I have loved being a member of this association and supporting the membership and projects over the years and look forward to continuing to do so in the future!

Remember to encourage both past and present Grand Representatives to attend our biannual meetings and support our association through the year.

Please send your reservation in as soon as possible for our October 4th meeting. I know Barbara has lots planned for us as we host the members of New Jersey Rainbow for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

In Star Love,
Jenifer Molinaro
2nd Vice President

MESSAGE FROM OUR SECRETARY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we are planning for the October GRANJ meeting and luncheon hosting the Rainbow Girls, I hope you are able to join us. I received very few dues payments since our February meeting and will have those cards ready for you/your Ambassador at the October meeting. If I do not receive your dues until the October meeting, I cannot guarantee I will have time to process and prepare your new card to give it to you that day. Please reach out to your District Ambassador to verify any changes in your address or email and to determine your dues situation. As new Grand Representatives are announced, please invite them to join and support the Rainbow Girls and our social time...all for only \$5. Thanks and if you have any questions you are welcome to reach out directly to me. Checks are made payable to Grand Representatives Association of NJ. My mailing address is 42 Two Bridges Rd., Towaco, NJ 07082.

Fraternally,
Jennifer Schiffrin, PGO
Secretary, GRANJ

GRANJ – MEETING and LUNCHEON

BURLINGTON MASONIC LODGE
Route 541 North
Burlington, NJ 08016

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

MEETING 11:00 A.M. LUNCH 12:00 P.M. CONTINUE MEETING AFTER LUNCH

MENU: Cane's Fried Chicken

RESERVATIONS TO:

Jenifer Molinaro
200 Depew Street, Dumont, NJ 07628-2526
Phone: 201-803-3760 • Jcmolinaro816@gmail.com

COST: \$20.00 CHECKS PAYABLE TO – GRANJ

RESERVATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 27th 2025

NAME: _____ (Past) GR of _____

Phone: _____ CHAPTER _____

AMOUNT INCLUDED: : _____ Check No. _____