

An Introduction to Job's Daughters

This evening we would like to tell you a little about Job's Daughters.

The International Order of Job's Daughters was founded in 1920 by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick, to fill what she considered to be a void in the Masonic Family. The men were represented through their Blue Lodges, the women through their Eastern Star, and the boys had DeMolay. Job's Daughters was thus founded to "round out" the Masonic family and to guide Masonic Daughters along the same path of fraternal good that Masons hold so dear.

The purpose of the International Order of Job's Daughters is to band together young girls with Masonic relationship for character building through moral and spiritual development by teaching a greater reverence for God and the Holy Bible, loyalty to the flag and respect for parents and guardians.

From the very day a girl is initiated into the Order, she is taught many of the same principles, concepts and practices that Masons learn in the Lodge. Reverence for God, loyalty to the Flag of our Country, respect for elders and love for all the world are pillars of Job's Daughters. These ideas are taught through the ritualistic work of the Order and are reinforced at each Bethel meeting.

The members of Job's Daughters actually serve as ambassadors for the entire Masonic family, the girls are involved in a wide variety of Bethel projects and activities and receive a great deal of public exposure.

These projects may be conducted for the purpose of fund raising for the Bethel, for humanitarian purposes, for civic needs, or for the social enjoyment of the daughters. Regardless of the reason for the gathering, the girls always manage to project that image which parents and Masons would be proud to call their daughters. Their International Charity is the H.I.K.E. Fund (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund). The Daughters hike, take pledges and then provide hearing aids or other equipment for hearing impaired children from birth to the age of 20 regardless of sex or color. Through this public exposure questions are often asked about Job's Daughters, its membership requirements, and obviously about the Masonic relationship that is involved.

Our national emblem symbolizes the liberty we enjoy, the protection of our homes and the freedom of our institutions. It is an emblem of the blood of our forefathers who died that our country might endure. We love it and all for which it stands. (A Daughter holds the National Emblem).

Our Bethel Flag is truly emblematic of our Order. The colors of our Order, purple and white are represented in the stripes and insignia, a triangle containing the three Daughters of Job. (A Daughter holds the Bethel Flag).

Each Princess might hold the emblem of her Epoch, giving the appropriate explanation of its meaning in Job's Daughters (Both wearing their capes and crowns)

The Honored Queen might hold the emblem of her Epoch, and give the appropriate explanation of its meaning, followed by an explanation of the Lily of the Valley (Wearing her cape and crown)

The 42nd Chapter, 15th verse of the Book of Job tells us that "in all the land there were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their Father gave them inheritance". All Job's daughters are relatives of Master Masons...their fathers, too have given them inheritance. You are always welcome at our Bethel meetings and we hope you will visit us often.

When a Mason or member of Eastern Star is asked to support Job's Daughters, there should be no hesitation. One of the most important ways to show support is through attendance at meetings, and participating in projects. The Daughters try very hard to please, and they always seem to do their very best when they have an approving, encouraging audience.

At each Bethel meeting a prayer is offered that pays respect to each and every Mason, "Bless and protect, we pray Thee, the Master Masons who give us heritage..." These are not empty words but words of love, respect, and trust for a Fraternity of men who provided us with our foundation.

If you have a daughter, granddaughter, niece, or know of a girl between the ages of 10 and 20 with Masonic relationship somewhere in her family, perhaps you would like to tell her about our organization. Our members and Council members would be pleased to talk with you further.

It is our prayer that we, following your Masonic example, will promote brotherhood and good will for tomorrow's society.