

Membership Speech for Masonic Organizations

It is an honor for several reasons for me to talk to you today. First, because you are the kind of people Job's Daughters enjoy associating with. Second, because we share a common background that binds us together through the principles taught in Masonic organizations. And third, I get to discuss one of my favorite topics – Job's Daughters.

There is a very strong link between the International Order of Job's Daughters and the Masonic fraternity. We are irretrievably bound together because of our common background. Your members have provided guidance to our Order since it was founded more than 80 years ago. We are one in thought, word, and deed. And, more importantly, today's Job's Daughters are the future of tomorrow's Masonic bodies.

Through their association with Job's Daughters, many of our past members are now active in Eastern Star. As that affiliation continues into their lives, their husbands, sons, and daughters naturally become a part of the Masonic family through membership in related organizations. As you can see, we rely on each other, and we both have much at stake. The membership challenges facing Job's Daughters today are your membership challenges tomorrow. By working together, we can impact not only Job's Daughters current needs, but also the future membership needs of all Masonic-related organizations.

Job's Daughters is the only youth organization which requires that to become a member, a girl must be related to a Master Mason or be the daughter of a Majority Member of Job's Daughters. It is becoming more difficult for us to find a Masonic relationship in a family. Imagine how hard it is to tell a girl, who is full of excitement about becoming a member, that she can't join our Order because she has no Masonic affiliation in her family.

There's an opportunity here for both of us. For instance, what do you think would happen if the Bethel gave the name of the father of that girl to the Blue Lodge? They could then approach him to explain Masonry. Now that girl's father has every reason in the world to join the Masons...first, because his daughter wants to become a Job's Daughter, and second, because he has been introduced to Masonry by a member of the Blue Lodge and it interests him. And once he's a member, you might find that his wife and son will become interested too. We can help you identify these prospects and we will both benefit. It's just a matter of increasing communication between our organizations and working together.

There are two other important ways that you can help Job's Daughters. First, we need adults who will commit the time to make certain that our Bethel is active and happy. Your commitment to Job's Daughters is an investment in the

future of our Masonic bodies. Job's Daughters offer opportunities for you to contribute to the learning experience of young women, and I guarantee that the reward you will receive will be as much, if not more, than what you give. Each Bethel has a group of dedicated adults who work with our members in various capacities. No matter what your interest, there's a role that you can fill.

Like you, we also need more members. There are girls in your family who are eligible to join Job's Daughters, whether they be your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, or cousins. Talk to the leaders of our Bethels. Get your relative interested. And then, work to make sure that she has a good experience.

It's difficult to enumerate all the benefits a girl receives from Job's Daughters. Among them are teachings in the higher values of life; friendship, a sense of responsibility, leadership skills, discipline and a lot of wholesome social activities.

And what will you discover about a Job's Daughter? She has many attributes...she can be as persuasive as a Washington politician, have the energy of the sun, the enthusiasm of a squad of cheerleaders, and wisdom beyond her years. Each girl is beautiful and lady-like in a dress; and while she looks angelic in her white Grecian robe, it's hard to believe that only an hour before she was in blue jeans.

Job's Daughters may look like typical teenagers at first glance, but observe them for awhile and you will see that they are friendlier, have more respect and consideration for their elders, and radiate a positive and loving personality. They wear the name and emblem of Job's Daughters with honor and pride. Why? Because some adults took the time to impress them with the teachings of Job's Daughters.

You obviously are here today because you have found something rewarding about your involvement in the Masonic fraternity. Through Job's Daughters, you have the opportunity to share the teachings and values of Masonry to the next generation. They too can enjoy the fellowship and gain from the positive values taught by Masonic-related organizations. But it takes the commitment and involvement of you and this organization to ensure a meaningful experience for them.

Job's Daughters is the first step in the Masonic fraternity, therefore, we must make it a rewarding experience so that our daughters will make the next step in the Masonic fraternity. We need you and your organization's help to make this happen. Your commitment to Job's Daughters could very well be the most important commitment you make to your organization.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak with you.