

## Memorial For Ethel T. Wead Mick

**HQ** (*Rises*) We have set aside this portion of our Bethel meeting to pay tribute to the founder of our organization, Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick. In the early 1020's she dreamed of an organization composed of Masonically related teenage girls that would span the world. She was a woman of great vision. The International Order of Job's Daughters now has a membership of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ and meets in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Australia, and Brazil.

Each of the Bethel Officers will now share with us some of the principles which Mother Mick thought to be important. (*Remain standing*)

**SP** (*Rises*) The stone in my crown is purple, the emblematical color of our Order. It is the symbol of royalty. True royalty is founded in nobility of character, made up of virtuous habits and thoughts. Kindness, patience, thoughtfulness, willingness and many other little virtues are essential to noble character. (*Remain standing*)

**JP** (*Rises*) The stone in my crown is white. By it we are reminded that white in all ages has been deemed an emblem of purity and a symbol of joy. Through it Mother Mick has taught us to share the joy of our relationships with one another and the joy of a job well done. (*Remain standing*)

**G** (*Rises*) Mother Mick used my station in the Bethel to remind us of the importance of following the teachings of God and allowing Him to guide us through life. Mother Mick has taught us never to let our footsteps take us into a place or situation that may cause us regret or embarrassment. (*Remain standing*)

**M** (*Rises*) Mother Mick assigned to the Marshal the duty of caring for the property of the Bethel and of displaying our flags. By the American flag we are taught to never waiver in our duties as citizens of this beautiful country. By the Bethel flag we are reminded of our wonderful Order, the principles upon which it is based, and the desire to spread our Order throughout the world. (*Remain standing*)

**C** (*Rises*) In taking our obligation, which Mother Mick assigned to me to communicate to the pilgrims, we make a solemn pledge, not only to God, but to ourselves. Our organization is judged by the manner in which it's members exemplify their sacred promise. We are taught to be living symbols of our obligation, ever striving to conduct ourselves in a manner that will reflect credit on our beautiful Order. (*Remain standing*)

- OG** *(Rises)* Mother Mick created the office of Outer Guard to teach us to be ever watchful and to guard against the temptations of life which we all face. *(Remain standing)*
- IG** *(Rises)* Through my duty to convey messages between the Honored Queen and the Outer Guard, we are given a lesson in the importance of being able to work closely with one or more persons to accomplish a needed goal. *(Remain standing)*
- Mu** *(Rises)* Mother Mick assigned to the Musician and Bethel Choir the duty of providing proper music for our meetings and ceremonies. In this effort she was assisted by Mrs. Lillian Faber, the editor of our Music Ritual. The Commonwealth of Kentucky can be proud that we shared her last years with the great lady and were given the privilege of insight into the founding of our Order. My station teaches that we should all strive for the harmony necessary to the successful operation of all organizations. *(Assumes Station at the instrument)*
- L** *(Rises)* Through my duty to make a report at each meeting we are taught the importance of good literature and the arts and science. Our Order stresses the need for a good education and even aids in this effort with our various scholarship programs. *(Remain standing)*
- SC** *(Rises)* The emblems of our Order are placed across the front of the Bethel room where they can easily be seen and remind us of the lessons they teach. The Urn of Incense symbolizes prayer and reminds us of the manner in which Job faced all of the events of his life. It is also symbolic of the name of Job's second daughter, called Kezia. *(Remain standing)*
- JC** *(Rises)* The Horn of Plenty symbolizes the triumph of Job against temptation and his reward for a pious life. It is also symbolic of the name of Job's third daughter, called Keren-happuch. *(Remain standing)*
- R** *(Rises)* The White Dove symbolizes purity and truth. We are taught in the musical part of our work to think of the Holy Spirit as the Heavenly Dove. It also symbolizes the name of Job's first daughter, called Jemima. *(Remain standing)*
- HA** Our five messengers represent those in the Bible who informed Job of the disasters that were accumulating in his life. They each have an important lesson to teach.

- 1M** *(Rises)* From the early part of Job's life we learn that even during the good times of life we have certain responsibilities to our family and to God. *(Remain standing)*
- 2M** *(Rises)* From the trials of Job we learn that whatever suffering or misfortune we may face in life should be met with a continuing faith in God. *(Remain standing)*
- 3M** *(Rises)* From the wrongful accusations made by Job's three friends we are taught to keep our own council and to not always listen to the advice of others. *(Remain standing)*
- 4M** *(Rises)* From Job's dialogue with God, we learn that no person has the strength and power of God. *(Remain standing)*
- 5M** *(Rises)* From the study of Job's life we learn an important lesson – that adversity of some type comes to all lives and that we should remember how Job handled his problems with difficulties come to our lives. *(Remain standing)*

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*Musician plays and all sing, "Behold, Behold" until all officers but Junior Princess, Senior Princess, and Honored Queen are in place. Guide and Marshal proceed directly to north and south marching lines. They march directly east to east marching line and from there to point "A" on the diagram. As each officer except Chaplain, Junior Princess, Senior Princess, and Honored Queen is passed they join the end of the line. Following lines of the triangle leaving spaces for Junior Princess, Senior Princess, Honored Queen, and Chaplain. The Chaplain marches directly to the base of the triangle.*

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- JP** *(Assumes place in formation as speaking)* The 15<sup>th</sup> Verse of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of the Book of Job says, "that in all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job." Let it be our goal to live by the ideals taught by the International Order of Jo's daughters and be true daughters of Job.
- SP** *(Assumes place in formation as speaking)* The triangle we have formed tonight reminds us of the three-fold influence upon our lives, our God, our Country, our Home. May the teachings of our Order never fail to strengthen our love and adoration for the Heavenly Father; never fail to strengthen our love and loyalty to our country; never fail to strengthen our love and respect for the family and home which is the foundation of the security in which we live.

**HQ** *(Assumes place in formation as speaking)* Ethel T. Wead Mick founded the International Order of Job's Daughters in the early 1920's and spent the next 27 years of her life giving countless time and services toward it's enhancement. Through her loyalty and devotion she has influenced the lives of all who knew and loved her. Through the ritual of the International Order of Job's Daughters she has made a lasting impression on those of us who did not have that honor. She has left these earthly pursuits, leaving us with the memory of a beautiful life, dedicated to Youth, Country, and God. (Pause) Our Chaplain will lead us in prayer. Daughters and Majority Members you will please rise.

**C** *(Turns and kneels at the Altar)* Teach us, Dear God, to be fair and to do good. Thank you for our Founder and for those who have followed after her working to continue our wonderful Order, and making Mother Mick's dream come true. Amen