

Our Order

NARRATOR: Symbols are used by many societies, for symbols are ages old and were known and understood long before the building of pyramids.

Masonry, the oldest of all Orders, has survived the passing years and employs a system of symbols in ritualistic work. Several of these symbols have been used in our Order of Job's Daughters. They are not used in exactly the same manner but are employed as a basis for the expression of certain truths. These teachings have been brought down to the present through centuries of time with countless sacrifices by the Masonic fraternities.

THEY ARE OUR HERITAGE:

HOLY BIBLE:

We use a white Bible because in all ages the color white represents light and purity. When the Chaplain opens the Holy Bible it signifies that we beseech God to be present with us and our hearts should unite in love and devotion. Opening the Holy Bible is a mark of respect to the Master Masons because it is largely due to their efforts that we have this privilege. In Job's Daughter we open the Bible to the 42nd Chapter, 15th Verse of the Book of Job.

HORN OF PLENTY:

The Cornucopia or Horn of Plenty is symbolic of the triumph of faith and reminds us of the daughter of Job called Keren-happuch.

LILY OF THE VALLEY:

All nations agree in considering the lily of the valley the symbol of humility, purity and a clean life. For many centuries this little flower has been known as the lily of the valley, but no one knows in what pleasant vale it was discovered or why so named.

THE URN OF INCENSE:

The urn of incense is one of the most ancient symbols. It represents a pure heart filled with faith, love and devotion of God. The fragrance or perfume of incense going heavenward symbolizes a prayer of gratitude for our blessings. It has been used on altars and in sacred places for centuries.

THE DOVE:

There are many doves mentioned in the Bible. Noah used the dove as a messenger. The dove symbolizes peace. By the Ritual it is flying out of the East westward. It also stands for the name of Job's daughter called Jemima.

PURPLE:

Purple is the basic color of our Order. In the religious services of the Jews we find purple employed on various occasions. It was one of the colors of the curtains of the tabernacles where it was symbolic of the element of water. It was also the curtain over the great entrance. Purple is considered a color of dignity and was deemed an emblem of exalted office.

WHITE:

White is the second basic color of our Order. White is one of the most ancient, as well as most extensively diffused of the symbolic colors.

It has been said that white is the color of absolute truth, of Him, Who is. It alone reflects all the luminous rays. It is the unity whence all the primitive colors emanate.

THE TRIANGLE:

The triangle appears to have been adopted by nearly all the nations of antiquity as a symbol of the Deity. The mystic meaning of the Triangle is perfection. We see it represented in the human body by the three most vital organs, brain, heart, and lungs; in the complete man by body, soul, and spirit; and in the complete family by father, mother, and child.

THE NATIONAL EMBLEM:

The National Emblem is considered the most distinguished guest of any Bethel meeting and is presented first, before any distinguished member or guest. It holds a place of honor in the East during the meeting by order of the Ritual.

JOB'S DAUGHTERS FLAG:

Our flag was not created by chance, the colors, stripes, and the field stand for something quite definite. Our flag is truly emblematical of our Order.

First, the colors of the Order; second, the insignia; and third, the mystic numbers, all harmoniously blended together.

Supreme and Grand Job's Daughters Flag,

And oh! How much it holds
For all the Order's members
Secure within its folds.

May this emblem through the ages
For our Daughters wave on high;
Ever upward, onward striving
'til love shall rule in earth and sky.

THE OBLIGATION:

The Obligation is a privilege. The solemn vow is taken forever. All fraternities must have an Obligation to live by and live up to. The Obligation of Job's Daughters is a beautiful and solemn pledge, not only to each other, but to God and to our higher selves. Every girl who seeks membership in the Order should know that a solemn pledge will be required of her. Obligations well lived are preferred to prayers and obligations well said. The influence of the International Order of Job's Daughters outside the doors of the Bethel Room is felt through the individual lives of its members.

NARRATOR:

Job stood on the edge of an Arabian desert, silently glorifying the handiwork of the Creator of Heaven and Earth. Freemasons stand on the edge of the desert of life, silently and in brotherly love. So Job's Daughters, with grateful hearts pay tribute to all Freemasons everywhere. You inspire us to live and work together in great harmony. You are always welcome in our Bethels and at Bethel functions.