

## Prospective Night

*Officers and Choir shall wear official regalia, follow established lines for floor work, and assume the attitude of prayer when necessary. Prepare the Bethel room as per Ritual, placing in Bethel Charter, Holy Bible, Horn of Plenty, Lily of the Valley, Incense Burner, and Dove in their proper places. National Flag and Bethel Flag should be placed in the Preparation Room.*

### ENTRANCE OF BETHEL GUARDIAN AND ASSOCIATE BETHEL GUARDIAN

*This shall be done per Ritual:*

**BG** Bethel No. \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (city) (State, Province, Territory or Country) of the International Order of Job's Daughters is about to convene for an Open Meeting. All present are invited to remain to acquaint themselves with a beautiful organization for the youth of today. In conducting the evening's business, we will be using a gavel. Three raps of the gavel calls up the entire assembly. Two raps calls up the Officers. One rap seats the assembly, calls to order, or signifies that an action has been completed.

### ENTRANCE OF BETHEL OFFICERS AND BETHEL CHOIR

Long after parents and children have parted,  
Youth shall carry on what you have started.  
To sit where parents have sat  
And do what parents have done.  
Will be the responsibility of youth  
Every daughter, every son.  
They shall one day rule your nation,  
Doing what they think is best.  
They will take over your corporations  
And they too must pass the test.  
Youth must grown up to be fair and strong  
If they are to rule your land;  
They need adults to help them along,  
So lend a willing hand.  
Teach them the great virtue, faith  
To trust in the Lord on high;  
For like everyone else, youth must try its wings  
Before it learns to fly.  
For early in youth their tasks begin  
When first they learn to talk

They must close their minds against evil and sin  
As on through life they walk.  
For cities and churches soon will be theirs  
To run however they please  
And what good are policies if no one cares  
So it's good that youth can carry our creeds.  
Give them hope that never faileth  
Teach them to reach for the best;  
With truth forever spoken  
Our youth will stand the test.  
Kindness to follow men, and faith  
Though it may be furled  
Will be forever carried on by  
Youth, the heart of the world.

#### CHOIR

Entering first is our Bethel Choir  
Their voices ring out loud and clear;  
With youthfulness and love resounding  
They assure us that God is always near.

#### INNER AND OUTER GUARDS

To Guard their hearts alert to win  
Lest outward sins press ever in  
To mar the peace or cause disgrace  
Within the walls of this holy place.

#### FIRST MESSENGER

Our First Messenger tells that the story of Job  
To all of our lives should apply  
That if we have humility and faith like Job  
Our standards should always be high.

#### SECOND MESSENGER

The Second Messenger relates the trials of Job  
How he steadfast and faithfully stood.  
And warns us that even when troubles do come  
We should take the bad with the good.

#### THIRD MESSENGER

The Third Messenger tells of the miseries of Job  
And the friends who come to his aid;  
She tells us that pride must be dragged in the dust  
And prayers for assistance be made.

#### FOURTH MESSENGER

The Fourth Messenger tells the humility of Job  
And God said he passed every test.  
She teaches that we should be humble like Job  
And our lives would be happy and blessed.

#### FIFTH MESSENGER

The Fifth Messenger says that the story of Job  
Holds a lesson we can all understand;  
And that we should be like daughters of Job  
Who were the fairest in all the land.

#### MUSICIAN

Without her music with us to share  
The days would seem too long;  
We need her happy melodies  
In harmony and song.

#### LIBRARIAN

Our thirst for knowledge in the arts  
Is truly virtue rare;  
Our Librarian answers all our needs,  
Her wisdom beyond compare.

#### CHAPLAIN

Who shall teach us how to pray  
And put our trust in Him?  
Our Chaplain kneels and bows her head  
As altar lights we dim.

#### RECORDER

On spotless pages, our Recorder doth write.  
Our every act and deed;  
Her records tell of faith and love  
For happiness is our creed.

#### TREASURER

In terms of gold we count our wealth  
But gold cannot compare  
With youth and beauty of one we trust  
Our Bethel Treasurer fair.

#### MARSHAL

As pilgrims seek to know the truth  
And meaning of our creed  
Our Marshal fair is there to aid  
She's there to take the lead.

#### GUIDE

Our Guide will surely point the way  
To pilgrims seeking the light of day  
With wisdom rare and noble deed  
To peace and happiness she'll lead.

#### JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRINCESSES

As in the Book of Job we read  
There were three Daughters fair  
Come now, two Princesses in view  
Their beauty to compare.  
We know when God created man  
He planned a beautiful face  
For here we see His work of art  
In loveliness and grace.

Before you now, these Daughters stand  
In youthfulness and grace.  
They are the fairest in the land  
And none can take their place.  
To you, my daughters, have such faith  
That when your work is through  
You'll know that you have learned to live  
As he would want you to.  
Always turn to Him for help  
Don't ever turn away;  
For he alone can give you strength  
As you go on your way.

*(Bethel Guardian hands gavel to HQ and retires to seat)*

**HQ** Marshal, you will retire and present the flag of our nation west of the Altar.

*(Marshal leaves and re-enters per ritual) All sing the National Anthem.*

**HQ** I present our Country's Flag, born in freedom, cradled in Independence by the pioneers of a glorious Country. It has been the symbol of a Nation in its unsteadiness as well as its glories. Never have its folds trailed in the dust of defeat and may it ever be borne overhead in the defense of every

righteous cause. May our hearts be filled with all that it signifies as we rally to its support, and may we, as citizens of this Nation, ever follow it with honor and peace. Marshal, you will place the flag in the East

*(Marshal approaches East and places flag as per ritual)*

HQ All will join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

HQ Bethel Flag Bearer, you will display the Bethel Flag.

*(Bethel Flag Bearer retires and presents the flag as per Ritual. The following is said when the flag is west of the Altar)*

**HQ** Job's Daughters' Flag,  
And oh! How much it holds  
For all the Order's members  
Secure within its folds  
It stands for joy and order  
Beautiful and sincere  
Domineering over self and  
Let evil not appear  
Upward and onward and for  
Reverence a token;  
Let hope never fail, and truth  
Always spoken.  
Its stripes stand for knowledge,  
Waving toward the best,  
It floats steadfast and upright,  
Life's future for success.  
Teaching respect for elders,  
Love for all the world,  
Kindness to follow men and faith  
tho it be furled.  
And so we bear you tribute  
Job's Daughters Flag today,  
For your land and our land and  
All the world some day.

HQ Bethel Flag Bearer, you will place the Bethel Flag in the East.

*(Bethel Flag Bearer approaches East and places flag as per Ritual)*

HQ Our Chaplain will lead us in the Lord's Prayer.

*Chaplain approaches Altar and opens Bible per Ritual. Musician plays "Sweet Hour of Prayer". Chaplain remains standing during the following speech and then kneels for the Lord's Prayer.*

**C** While I, the Chaplain, attend at the Altar, all members of Job's Daughters assume the attitude of prayer which is given by bowing the head and placing the open hands palm to palm fingers pointing upward. All others are asked to pray in the manner they are accustomed to. (*kneels*)

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

*Chaplain retires from Altar in usual manner. Musician plays "To a Wild Rose" or "Peace" Recorder assumes station at Recorder's desk.*

**HQ** In the name of our Lord and by virtue of the power vested in me by the Grand Guardian Council I now declare Bethel No. \_\_\_\_ of (city, state, province, territory, or country) of the International Order of Job's Daughters regularly assembled for a meeting. Recorder, you will read the Special Dispensation.

*Record reads the Dispensation, then is seated.*

**HQ** We have invited you here tonight to witness our own special ceremony created specifically to help you understand what Job's Daughters is all about. We will be giving you a lot of new information tonight and I recommend you listen carefully to all of it. It will tell you a great deal about our Order. Several members will be sharing with you their pride in our Order this evening.

This is considered an open meeting. Usually our meetings are closed, which means only members of Job's Daughters, their parents, Master Masons in good standing, or women over the age of twenty who are either the wife, daughter, granddaughter, mother, sister, half sister, or widow of a Master Mason, are admitted to the meeting.

All of our regular meetings follow the form outlined in our Ritual, this little purple book. (*Hold up Ritual*) Each girl becomes very familiar with its contents but remembers to keep it secret from unobligated persons. Our secrets are in no way destructive or offensive to anyone, but are merely in keeping with the high ideals of Job's Daughters. No part of the work of

Job's Daughters is hidden from those who should know what the members do and are taught. The girls preside over the business and affairs of the Bethel and take an active part in all activities.

**SP** The International Order of Job's Daughters was founded in 1920 by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick in the city of Omaha, Nebraska. Her dream has grown and now includes membership in over half of the United States and Canada, as well as Australia, Brazil, and the Philippines.

The fundamental object of the International Order of Job's Daughters is to band together young women for spiritual and moral up-building, to inspire the desire for knowledge, to teach love of Country and flag, love of home, respect for parents and elders, and reverence for the Holy Scriptures-the principles for which Free Masonry stands. Job's Daughters is Democratic and Christian in purpose, preparing young women for domestic, civic, patriotic, business, religious, fraternal, and social activities.

**JP** There is nothing more fitting to young women than the beautiful sentiment expressed in the Book of Job in the Bible, and as exemplified in our ritualistic work, indicating that through life, from early childhood to old age, we encounter trials and tribulations which must be met and overcome.

The drama, as developed by lectures, symbols and song, has an inspiring influence on all who attend the meetings. The great influence of an organization of this kind cannot be estimated.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Chapter, 15<sup>th</sup> Verse, of the Book of Job tells us that "In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance." Job's Daughters are the relatives of Master Masons and their fathers have given them inheritance.

**HQ** The International Order of Job's Daughters is the only organization for girls that requires all of its members to be related to a Master Mason. While Job's Daughters is not a part of the Masonic fraternity, this prerequisite ties it closely to the Masonic Order.

**1M** The history of Masonry dates back to the time before the Christian Era. In the middle of the seventeenth century, a group of skilled architects banded themselves together for the protection of their craft and the prosperity of their skills. They were the first "Master Masons," creators of the magnificent edifices of the Medieval Period of cathedral building in Europe. They worked under their own government, traveling from place to place as work required.

- 2M** Some years later, in 1702, a London, England lodge decided to open the doors of Masonry to men unskilled in architecture. As the demand for operative skill decreased, the lofty moral principles, noble ideals and manly virtues of those who were already members attracted to this society men of prominence in church and state, whose higher character and fine attainments had made them distinguished. This is the origin of Freemasonry as we know it today.
- 3M** Persecuted by church and state because of its successful effort to promote free thinking and lofty ideals, its history pages are smeared with the blood of the martyrs who gave their lives that this order survive. Its history also has gilded pages covered with the records of deeds well done, of bonded men set free, and of mercy and good-will to all mankind.
- 4M** A writer of authority on the subject of Masonry tells us that the great secret of this Order is that it makes men aware of the divinity within them. A Mason's whole life takes its beauty and meaning from this divine spark and inspires him to follow and obey it. This same writer says; "A man is a Mason when he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope, and courage which is the root of every virtue."
- 5M** This following quotation from "The Veil of Isis", by Winwood Reade, is a revelation of the high ideals of this great Masonic Order that we revere and honor. "The doctrines of Masonry are the most beautiful that is possible to imagine. They breathe the simplicity of the earliest ages, animated by the love of a martyred God. That word which Puritans translated CHARITY, but which is really LOVE, is the keystone which supports the entire edifice of the mystic science. LOVE ONE ANOTHER. TEACH ONE ANOTHER, HELP ONE ANOTHER. This is all our doctrine, all our science, all our law. We have no narrow-minded prejudices; we do not debar from our society this sect or that sect; it is sufficient for us that man worships GOD no matter under what name or in what manner. It is impossible to be a good Mason without being a good man."
- HQ** Job's Daughters owe their heritage to the Master Masons. We are proud of their victories over bitter persecution; we are grateful for their triumph over the snares of time.

The organized group to which we belong, and our meeting place is known as a "Bethel", meaning "Holy Place." Our meeting place is always this Masonic Temple. The affairs of the Bethel are directed by regularly initiated and affiliated members of the Order under the supervision of an

adult advisory group composed of nine members and known as the Bethel Guardian Council. The two top adult authorities are the Guardian and the Associate Guardian of the Council. Our Guardian is \_\_\_\_\_ and our Associate Guardian is \_\_\_\_\_.

One of the lessons learned in a Bethel is that of equality. Regardless of one's status outside, when within the Bethel all are equal, even to the wearing of identical white Grecian robes by Bethel Officers and Bethel Choir. The Grecian robe was worn in the days of Job. Our colors, purple and white, are constant reminders of the royalty of motherhood and the purity of a womanly life. This official regalia suggests a forward, upward, and onward trend toward higher ideals.

In our ceremonies tonight, we have tried to answer most of the question you may have formulated about Job's Daughters. IF, however, there are any further questions that we have left unanswered, please ask any one of us after the close of the meeting and we would be most happy to help you. Anyone who is seriously considering joining our Order, we urge you to pick up a petition from our Guardian Secretary or Bethel Guardian (both rise) after the meeting. A petition is a two page form that must be filled out by you, your Masonic sponsor, and be confirmed by his lodge. We would be most eager to initiate each one of you into Job's Daughters.

### ESCORT AND INTRODUCTIONS

HQ In the many years Job's Daughters has existed, we have found many people we are proud of because of their special services to our Order. We take time to recognize these many special people at each of our meetings. At this time I would like to present to you the beautiful people in Job's Daughters.

*Continue with Escort and Introduction as per ritual, with the elimination of honors. Have the prospective members introduced after Presiding Officers.*

## REMARKS AND PRESENTATIONS

### CLOSING

HQ Chaplain, you will attend at the Altar. *(Three raps)*

*Chaplain approaches altar in the regular manner. Musician plays "Sweet HGour of Prayer"*

C Oh Lord, be Thou Our Guardian on high,  
Be there to counsel us, to keep us free from fear.  
Be with us as we part on our various ways,  
Guide and protect each one assembled here.  
Help us to help each other. May we practice in  
Our daily lives the trustful faith of Job.  
Bless our leaders, our parents,  
and those near and dear to us.  
In Thy Name. Amen.

*Chaplain reverently closes Bible while Musician plays appropriate music, and then returns to her station.*

HQ All present will please be seated until the Bethel Officers and Bethel Choir have retired.

*Retiring March proceeds as per ritual.*