

## The Light and Guidance of Mother Mick

Great things have small beginnings; a tiny seed becomes a tree; drops of water, the sea; and dreams of yesterday, the realities of tomorrow.

In 1920 a spark was kindled in Mother Mick's heart to form an organization for teenage girls when her husband expressed the opinion that there was a "missing link" in the Masonic-based organizations. He felt the daughters of Masons should have a chance to learn something about the basic principles of Masonry. Mother Mick immediately opened her Bible and the spark became a flame when it seemed to her that a spirit, like the hand of God, guided her to the Book of Job – the 42<sup>nd</sup> Chapter. As her eyes fell upon the passage, "...and in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance," she decided that this was indeed the idea she wanted to stress, not physical beauty, but the spiritual and moral beauty which is beyond compare. The Order was now coming to light as Mother Mick intensified her labors on behalf of Masonic daughters.

Mother Mick gave to us all a beacon of light in the darkness, a hand to hold in time of sorrow, and faith to guide us in times of darkness. Her dream was to give all young women the chance of an upright view of life, based on the book of Job.

As three daughters were given to Job after he was restored to health and prosperity, Mother Mick established the three highest officers to represent these daughters. The youngest daughter was Keren-happuch whose name in Hebrew means "beautiful eyes". Eyes are the window of the soul and often speak louder than words. Therefore, the Honored Queen must shed light through her example that will lead every girl on the right path. Her light is that of leadership. The second daughter was named Kezia, a word linked with a cinnamon-like spice having a strong odor or perfume which symbolized a strong influence for good. Her light is one of patience and promise. Promise for the future is expressed in the principles of virtue and honor by the Senior Princess. Jemima, a word meaning Dove or "light of the morning," was Job's oldest daughter. She was a sunny, bright, optimistic, forward-looking daughter. The Junior Princess' light is symbolic of the magic of youth, signifying a desire to reach for the highest and best that life has to offer.

In the stations of each officer there is sentiment, for as you grow you realize that there is much beauty and many deep lessons of life hidden within you. What could possibly be more beautiful than the unbreakable faith of a man in God? The journey to tranquility is through prayer. Job's character is a light in itself.

His strength, unfaltering faith and dedication is something we should all strive to attain.

In the Mothers', Fathers', and Guardians' Prayer, it is asked that the Lord teach us how to be and so it is done...with prayer as the key. Mother Mick, having grown up in a Christian home, realized the importance of continually growing in God's love. She felt the commandment to honor your parents and guardians was important enough that she included it in the ritualistic work. She believed so strongly in this that she felt it should be skillfully woven into the cloth of our lives.

Job's Daughters is a way of life. By practicing the vows taken and fulfilling the trust Mother Mick gave us in years past, we move upward and onward. The "light" of Job's Daughters cannot shine and sparkle without effort on the part of each individual member. With the flame of each member burning brightly, enthusiasm for this beautiful Order will continue to shine forth in the world. Through the burning light of our beloved founder, Mother Ethel T. Wead Mick, the International Order of Job's Daughters will shine brightly throughout the entire world!

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