

## **The Living Cross of Job's Daughters**

The International Order of Job's Daughters is an organization for the purpose of banding together young women who believe in God and the teachings of the Holy Bible. The Order of Job's Daughters is founded upon the book of Job, with special emphasis on the 42<sup>nd</sup> Chapter, Verse 15, where we read: "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job."

Most of the story of Job as told in the ritual can only be given at a closed meeting. However, one very beautiful and solemn part of the closing ceremony, the forming of the Living Cross, may be done at an open meeting and by special request. Some of you are seeing the forming of the Cross by the officers for the first time. As we witness this solemn ceremony, we must realize that a great deal of thought and care was given to the position of the officers in the Cross.

The Honored Queen is at the foot, or base of the Cross. You may think she is there as a place of honor, but we would rather think that she is there in humbleness, as a sign of her willingness to accept her lot, whatever it may be and to share with the Daughters over whom she presides in their joys and sorrows.

The Chaplain is at the center of the Cross, very near where Jesus' heart was while He hung on the Cross.

At the ends of the arms of the Cross are the Junior and Senior Princesses to represent the hands of our Blessed Savior. The purple of their capes represents the blood which flowed from His hands while they were nailed to the cross.

Standing outside and behind the Cross, are the Junior and Senior Custodians. They serve not only as Custodians over the property of the Bethel but also as Custodians over the Living Cross.

As the daughters come out of the Cross, turning to the right and left, the diagram that is made on the floor would be that of a large open Holy Bible. "And in all the Land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren."