

The Meaning of Job's Daughters

HQ Many people have asked – just what is the Organization of Job's Daughters? What is its purpose, its meaning and its ideals? Why is it considered the finest organization for teen-age girls with Masonic relationship?

Just what is it that ties a group of girls together? Girls who may have entirely different tastes and abilities, yet they are able to work and find enjoyment in meeting together?

The answer is quite simple. Job's Daughters fills a vacancy in the lives of many young Masonic girls. It provides a place for them to go; to mingle with other girls of their own age in a friendly atmosphere, where their training teaches them to become outstanding young women; where they gain self confidence, poise and many fine traits that helps to develop their personality. In other words, to become an admirable and wholesome young woman.

The purpose of the International Order of Job's Daughters is to band together girls of Masonic relationship for the building of character through moral spiritual development of teaching a greater reverence for God and the Holy Scriptures, Loyalty to our Flag and the Country of which it stands and respect for our Parents and Elders.

In our Bethels we cultivate FRIENDSHIP, real friendships are abiding. "There is no one so poor that he is not rich if he have a friend, and there is no one so rich that he is not poor if he have not a friend."

The meeting place where our girls meet is called a "BETHEL" meaning "Holy Place". The lessons revolve around the story of Job. From this story, depicting Job's patience during his suffering, as well as his wonderful faith in the Lord when others would have forsaken him, together with his everlasting love for God, we learn that we too must have FAITH, that we must have PATIENCE, and above all we must always love the LORD.

The Ritual of Job's Daughters was written from ideas presented by the Founder Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick, taken from the Book of Job with particular reference to the 42nd Chapter, 15th Verse: "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job". Special emphasis is given to this thought, "To be fair is to do good" and that "Virtue is a quality which highly adorns WOMAN".

In our Ritual we also learn from the study of Job's life, that he was a man of great knowledge and wealth of information. It further teaches us that when our knowledge fails us, we can trust God, the One to whom all things are evident and who understands and cares.

"God hath not promised skies ever blue,
Flower strewn pathways, always for you.
He hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain,
Be He hath promised strength from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying Love".