

# SDJD Majority Member Booklet



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# Reference Documents

If you need any information or have any questions, here are some references you can use:

- Bethel bylaws
- Grand Guardian Council bylaws
- Supreme bylaws
- Book of Ceremonies
- South Dakota Job's Daughters website [www.sdjd.org](http://www.sdjd.org)
- Supreme website [www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org](http://www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org)
- Any adult or council member
- Local Masonic lodge
- State Masonic lodge

# Congratulations!

## You are now an adult member of Job's Daughters!

Congratulations! Your years of being a youth member of this beautiful order have paid off, and you are now an adult! What does that mean? Well, there are some things that change from being a girl to an adult, such as:

You can't:

- Wear the robes, capes and crowns
- Participate in a meeting as a youth
- Compete in Grand Bethel competitions

You can:

- Become a member of a Bethel Guardian Council
- Become a CAV (Certified Adult Volunteer) so you can chaperone the girls at fundraisers, Grand Bethel, and other functions
- Go to Grand Guardian Council meetings and become an associate member so you can stay informed about what is going on in SD Job's Daughters
- Join other Masonic organizations

In the rest of this booklet, we'll go over things you can do as an adult and how to stay involved. We are so happy to have you as a Majority Member! You are the future of our organization! You are closest to the members and you help us stay connected! WE NEED YOU! WE NEED YOUR ENERGY! WE NEED YOUR INSIGHT!

# Becoming a CAV

## What is a CAV?

A CAV is a Certified Adult Volunteer. This means that you are allowed to be around the girls and chaperone them at Bethel functions. Without this certification, you cannot be alone with any girls that are not a family member, you cannot volunteer for Bethel functions where you may be in charge of girls, you cannot drive girls to meetings or events, and you cannot be a member of a Bethel Guardian Council. We want you to be able to do all these things, so get your CAV! It's very easy!

## So how do you get a CAV?

Getting a CAV is very easy! All you have to do is:

- Attend a CAV training meeting – check with the Grand Guardian Council to find out who the trainers are and when the trainings are scheduled
- Pay an initial fee so JDI can process your application
- Renew your CAV on time, every year so you can keep being involved, and pay your renewal fee.

See, it's simple. I know it can be a little intimidating to have this responsibility, but it's really not as bad as it seems. There are some rules to follow, but you know how to do that already! As long as you follow those rules and keep your CAV up to date, you can keep going to Bethel meetings and having fun in this order.

Renewal notices are sent out about 4 to 5 months before you need to renew. You have to renew no more than 90 days and no less than 30 days before your CAV expires. Keep track of this! It's very easy to forget when you receive the notification so far ahead of time. You can mail in your renewal or renew online, so it is very simple to do!

# Other Organizations

Besides staying involved in Job's Daughters, you can also join other Masonic and Shrine women's organizations. Some of them are:

- Order of the Eastern Star – [www.sdoes.org](http://www.sdoes.org) or [www.easternstar.org](http://www.easternstar.org)
- Order of the Amaranth – [www.amaranth.org](http://www.amaranth.org)
- Daughters of the Nile – [www.daughtersofthenile.com](http://www.daughtersofthenile.com)
- Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America
- Shrine Guilds of America—[www.shrinersinternational.org](http://www.shrinersinternational.org)
- Daughters of Mokanna – [daughtersofmokanna.com](http://daughtersofmokanna.com)
- Social Order of Beauceant – [www.knightstemplar.org/soob](http://www.knightstemplar.org/soob)

Not all of these are available in every state, so you will have to do some checking if there is one you are interested in. You can also ask the Grand Guardian Council, your local Masonic lodge, or the state lodge to see which organizations are active. If you do join an organization and you are moving to another state or just a different part of your current state, ask your current chapter if there is another chapter in or close to your new location so you can transfer or apply for dual membership. Most organizations will be happy to help you and allow you to be a dual member if you want. They need members as much as Job's Daughters does!

## Other Ways to Stay Involved

So you might be wondering how you can stay involved while you're in college or just trying to figure out how to be an adult. If you're in college or have moved to another area, try to find a Bethel close to your location so you can still go to meetings and find out what's going on. Even if you're in another state you can do this. Check with either your Bethel Guardian, Guardian Secretary, or the Grand Guardian Secretary to get a list of Bethels in the state that you're located. You don't have to become a member of that Bethel Guardian Council in order to go to meetings, but you do need to have your CAV. They will check before they'll allow you to be with the girls. It's a protection measure for you and for them. Having it also means you can go to fun events with them and learn more about how Jobies in other states do things.

You should also stay connected to your home Bethel if it's still going. Get on the email list if you haven't already, join the Facebook page, whatever social media accounts your Bethel has, or even just give your Bethel friends a call to see how things are going. There is also an official Facebook group for Majority Members by Job's Daughters International:

- Strategic Planning JDI—Majority Members and Adult Volunteers

## Bethel Guardian Council

### Who are the officers on the Bethel Council?

So, you probably know who some of the officers on the Bethel guardian council are, but we'll review anyway. They are:

- Bethel Guardian – female leader of the council
- Associate Bethel Guardian – male leader of the council, also a Mason
- Secretary – records and keeps the minutes, sends out reminders for meetings and events
- Treasurer – records and keeps track of all money that comes into and leaves the bethel
- Director of Epochs – assists girls with learning the ritual and memorizing their parts
- Director of Music – keeps things moving with music of some kind, whether an instrument or a cd, so the meetings are more interesting and meaningful
- Director of Paraphernalia – keeps track of bobby pins, headbands, capes, crowns, decorations, etc. so everyone is wearing the appropriate garments and the bethel is set up correctly

So what can you do? Is there an empty position? Maybe you just want to stay on the sidelines for a while and see what it's like to be an adult. That's totally OK! We do want you to stay involved, but you don't have to join the Bethel Guardian Council right away. It's especially hard if you are still in college and aren't close to a Bethel. But we do want you to at least stay informed about what is going on in your Bethel, even if you can't attend meetings or take council position. **YOU STILL BELONG!!!**

# Grand Guardian Council

You've seen these adults at official visits and Grand Bethel, but who are they? What do they do? They are the top governing level for the state, which means any major decisions that involve Bethels in the state have to come through them. They are the top state leaders that want to help the Bethel leaders and Bethel members continue to grow our order. And now you can go to their meetings and find out what is really going on!

## So how can you be involved?

Talk to your Bethel Guardian or other adult and find out when the Grand Guardian Council meetings are. If she or another member of the Bethel Guardian Council is going, ask if you can go too. They will be happy to bring you! You will know so many people at the meetings, and they will all be happy to see you there! It can be intimidating, but don't be afraid. You'll get a lot of information, and find out more than you knew was going on as girl, but it's all for the best. You can be a voice for the youth members, and help the adults keep improving things for the order. Speak up if you have questions, and make suggestions to make things better. You can't vote yet if you're not a Bethel Guardian Council member, but you can still participate. It's good to remind the adults what they are really there for!

There are normally four meetings a year. They are:

- 45 Day Meeting – a meeting 45 days after Grand Bethel, so everyone has time to recoup and get reports ready
- January Meeting
- April Annual Meeting – this is the big meeting, where amendments are voted on and new grand guardian council members are elected. There is a lot of business to discuss at this meeting.
- Grand Bethel – there is usually, but not always, a meeting here

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## Membership

So how can you be a member? There are two ways:

- Voting member – you are currently a Bethel Guardian, Associate Bethel Guardian, Guardian Secretary, Guardian Treasurer, Director of Epochs or Director of Music, are a Past Bethel Guardian or Past Associate Bethel Guardian, and can vote at GGC meetings if you have paid your annual dues
- Associate member – You are a Majority Member and/or are a former member of a Bethel Guardian Council and still wish to support the Grand Guardian Council but don't want to be able to vote. You also have to pay dues, but only half as much as voting members.

You can also just come to watch and learn. No one will make you leave just because you don't pay dues. It's ok to just go to a few and see what is going on.

Once you are either a voting or associate member, you will be included on the email list. This means you will have access to meeting minutes, a directory of all the other members and how to contact them, and events that are going on around the state and at Supreme.

Whatever membership you have, you are the link between the girls and the adults. You are closer to the girls than most of the adults that go to these meetings. You need to be there to represent the girls' voice in all matters that are discussed. You can express your opinion even if you don't vote. WE NEED YOU!! WE NEED YOUR ENERGY!! WE NEED YOUR INSIGHT!! It's the only way for the organization to keep progressing!