

Amethyst Award Ceremony

GRAND GUARDIAN:

This portion of the evening has been set aside to pay the highest honor of South Dakota Job's Daughters to adults, in appreciation and recognition of their meritorious and unselfish service in the assistance and support of the International Order of Job's Daughters in South Dakota.

At a meeting held on January 19, 1921, the first executive council meeting took place in Omaha, Nebraska. At this meeting our founder, Mother Mick, was elected Executive Guardian and she appointed her officers. There were no ballots, no form 42 or 222, no updated ByLaw changes to discuss and no directory to assemble. Her words were, "Let's get on with the work at hand."

Now over 75 years later, amid a myriad of details, we are carrying on the basic principles that our founder endorsed. Through the years many adults have given of many talents, a wealth of knowledge, and tireless hours to bring us to where we are today.

Members and Friends we have come together to honor these adults to have been especially generous in dedicating their time, talents, and love to our beautiful Order. We are about to bestow upon them the Amethyst Award.

GBSP, GBSP Pro-Tem & GBJP would you please escort the following to the east? _____.

or

GBHQ would you please escort _____ to the east.

You have been selected to receive the Amethyst Award. You have given years of unselfish service to the Job's Daughters of South Dakota. You are the backbone of our Order. It is through your efforts and love that Job's Daughters continues to prosper in this jurisdiction.

The name of this award alone stands for the color purple which represents the highest ideals in life. It is the symbol of royalty which is founded in nobility of character. Kindness, patience, thoughtfulness, willingness and many other virtues are essential to noble character, all of which you possess.

Mother Mick left us with many gifts and many words of wisdom. If, during our years in Job's Daughters, we believe and live her teachings, we will be richly endowed with a beautiful and useful life. Each of us special in our own way. Grand Bethel Junior Princess you will begin.

GB JUNIOR PRINCESS:

Precious, everlasting, beautiful and pure – like an amethyst, each Bethel Girl.

We learn that Wisdom and Cooperation with a touch of Laughter will lead us to Accomplishment.

The Poise, Understanding and Grace that we gain brings a smile to every face.

The lessons of Friendship and Responsibility are added as we practice our Obligation, and live the lessons we learn from Job.

Like a setting of precious gold, we polish our lives with Love, Family, Friendship and God above.

GB SENIOR PRINCESS:

To be Thoughtful and Kind will give us Peace of Mind and add Enthusiasm and Confidence to our lives.

Our robes of pure white remind us of Truthfulness and radiant light.

The Bethel is where we learn Success, Patience and Faith.

We practice Equality and Kindness inside our doors, making us a family forevermore.

We are taught Loyalty to our country and each other in all that we do.

Leadership, is one of the many lessons we learn and is symbolized by the royal purple hue, like the amethyst jewel in my crown and the amethyst award that you receive tonight.

GB HONORED QUEEN:

Our founder taught "TO BE FAIR IS TO DO GOOD." This we have practiced as Job's Daughters and will practice throughout our lives.

She gave us treasures to gather during our youth, gems of Beauty, Sincerity, Honesty and Truth.

We're taught Poise and Courage to develop our lives, we build for tomorrow, one step at a time.

We're gathered together on this special day, to thank you for teaching countless girls like us these lessons by word and example, we pay honor to you in our own loving way.

Let us give many thanks from the bottom of our heart, for the love and dedication of these/this individual(s) who have/has given so much to our order.

GRAND GUARDIAN:

Words alone are not enough to thank you for all you have done for South Dakota Job's Daughters. This is one of the highest compliments that Job's Daughters can extend. You will now be invested with a token of our appreciation.

(GBHQ and GB Pr's pin on the pins and give certificates)

3 RAPS AND A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

1 RAP to seat.

GRAND GUARDIAN:

GBSP, GBSP Pro-Tem & GBJP you will escort this/these recipients to her/his/their seat(s).

1 RAP to close.