

Lily of the Valley Award Ceremony

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **Members and friends, the Ideals of our Order live on through the dedication of members who remain active in the International Order of Job's Daughters. It is through such devotion that our Order continues as a guiding force in the lives of our members. We will now honor those members who have given unselfishly of themselves to our Order.**

Option A:

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **Grand Bethel Guide** (*rises*), and **Grand Bethel Marshal** (*rises*), **you will escort to the East the Daughters who are entitled to receive the Lily of the Valley Award.**

Option B:

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **Those appointed to locate in the audience the recipients of the Lily of the Valley Award will escort (her/them) to the East to receive the Lily of the Valley Award** (*rises, locates and escorts recipients to the East remember not to cross in front of the open Holy Bible*). (*When this option is used the Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal assume their positions on the East Line.*)

(March music. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal proceed to the recipients. The Grand Bethel Guide asks them to follow. Grand Bethel Guide leads, followed by recipients and then the Grand Bethel Marshal. They proceed to the East Line, turn north and stop centered with the Dais, facing the Grand Bethel Honored Queen.)

GRAND BETHEL GUIDE: **Grand Bethel Honored Queen, through their unselfish love for our Order, these Daughters have earned the right to bear the Lily of the Valley Award. I have the pleasure to present:** (*The Grand Bethel Guardian will hand the Grand Bethel Guide a note card with the name of the recipients as she takes her station in the East. The Grand Bethel Guide reads the names of the recipients, who respond with a nod as they are introduced.*) (*Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back.*)

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **Daughters, it is our pleasure to bestow this high honor on you in the presence of the members and leaders whom you have inspired with your commitment of continued service. You truly exemplify the best of young womanhood; the fairest in all the land.** (*Information pertinent to why they earned the degree shall be presented at this time by the Grand Bethel Honored Queen or the Chairman of the Lily of the Valley Committee.*)

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **Before we proceed with our Ceremony, we will ask the blessing of our Heavenly Father. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal** (*both take one step forward*), **you will escort these Daughters west of the Altar.**

(Grand Bethel Guide leads, turns and they march single file north to the North Marching Line, west to Altar Line to a position between Altar and Grand Bethel Treasurer's chair, west around the Altar. Music: "I'll Walk With God.")

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: Our Grand Bethel Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

(Three raps of the gavel. Altar music. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal cause recipients to kneel. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back. Grand Bethel Chaplain assumes the attitude of prayer and others join her.)

GRAND BETHEL CHAPLAIN: Our Father, we pray that fond memories attend us as we honor these Daughters who have shown their love for Thee and Your teachings through their continued involvement in our beloved Order. May you continue to guide them throughout their lives as shown in the lessons of life revealed during their membership in our Order. Help all members realize the value of living according to the lessons we learn in the International Order of Job's Daughters, so we may be as equally committed. We ask all this in Thy name. Amen.

(Altar Music. Grand Bethel Chaplain returns to her station. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal assist recipients to rise. One rap of the gavel.)

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, you will escort these Daughters to the East, and cause them to face the West to receive words of tribute from our Grand Bethel Messengers.

(Grand Bethel Guide leads and leaves Altar single file between Grand Bethel Chaplain and Altar, goes to Altar Line, turns north and marches to North Marching Line, then east to East Marching Line, south on East Line and stops centered with the Dais, facing the Grand Bethel Honored Queen. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal direct the recipients to face west, and take one step back. Grand Bethel Messengers rise together. As the Messengers approach the Altar, they take a position west of the Altar between the stations of the First and Third Messengers using Initiation Marching Lines.)

GRAND BETHEL FIRST MESSENGER:

**You are a Job's Daughter, fairest in the land;
Blessed with a smile and a helping hand.**

GRAND BETHEL SECOND MESSENGER:

**Your thoughts are unselfish; your heart is pure gold.
You've walked our path, and the lessons of Job you hold.**

GRAND BETHEL THIRD MESSENGER:

**When the trials of life you have had to face,
You learned it is patience you must embrace.**

GRAND BETHEL FOURTH MESSENGER:

**With your strong faith in God above,
You share His special gift of love.**

GRAND BETHEL FIFTH MESSENGER:

**And when your great reward is near,
Your love of God leaves nothing to fear.**

(Messengers are seated together. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal direct recipients to face east. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back.)

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: *(rises)* **Daughters, the tributes you have just heard from our Grand Bethel Messengers represent the sentiment of everyone associated with our Order as we hope that we, too, some day may be found worthy of such distinction. The three officers in the East represent the three Daughters of Job, therefore it is fitting that we bestow the honors of the Lily of the Valley Award. Grand Bethel Junior Princess, what honor do you give?** *(Grand Bethel Honored Queen is seated.)*

GRAND BETHEL JUNIOR PRINCESS. *(rises)* **I present to you this Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of your dedication and devotion to this beautiful Order.** *(Reads each name as she hands out certificates. Returns to her station and is seated.)*

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: *(rises)* **Grand Bethel Senior Princess, what honor do you give?** *(Grand Bethel Honored Queen is seated.)*

GRAND BETHEL SENIOR PRINCESS. *(rises)* **I present to you a symbol of the motto of our Order. Let this emblematic flower, the Lily of the Valley, remind you for the rest of your life that: “Virtue is a quality which highly adorns woman.”** *(Presents each with a flower. Returns to her station and is seated.)*

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: *(rises)* **Finally, I have the honor of bestowing upon you the Lily of the Valley medallion representing your high achievement. May you ever wear it as a symbol of our love and admiration for you, a true Daughter of Job, who can be called the fairest in all the land.** *(Grand Bethel Honored Queen descends the Dais with medallions and places one around each Daughter’s neck, giving an embrace of affection. Returns to her station.)*

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, you will cause the Daughters to face west.** *(Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal direct the recipients to face west. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back. Three raps of the gavel.)*

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **Members and friends, I present to you these Daughters who through their hard work and dedication have earned the Lily of the Valley Award. Please join with me in extending to them a heart-felt and cordial congratulations.** *(Applause.)*

(One rap of the gavel.)

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **Anyone wishing to present a gift may do so at this time remembering not to cross in front of the open Holy Bible.**

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **Grand Bethel Guide** (*takes one step forward*) and **Grand Bethel Marshal** (*takes one step forward*), you will escort these Daughters to the seats reserved for them.

(March music. Grand Bethel Guide, followed by the recipients and Grand Bethel Marshal, turns and marches single file south on the East Marching Line and west on the South Marching Line to the reserved seats. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal return side by side to their stations.)

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **This concludes our ceremony for the Lily of the Valley Award.** (*One rap of the gavel.*)