

SD Grand Guardian Council

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Ceremonies**

## 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 Daughter(s) who is/are entitled to receive the Lily of the Valley Award.

### **Option B:**

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** Those appointed to locate in the audience the recipient(s) 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 recipient(s) to the East remembering 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 recipient(s). The Grand Bethel Guide asks her/them to follow. Grand Bethel Guide leads, followed by recipient(s) 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 her/their unselfish love for our Order, this Daughter/these Daughters has/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 recipient(s) as she takes her station in the East. The Grand Bethel Guide reads the name/names of the recipient(s), who respond with a nod as introduction is made.*) (*Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back.*)

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** Daughter(s), 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 this Daughter/these Daughters west of the Altar.

*(Grand Bethel Guide leads, turns left, marching single file north to the North marching Line, turns west, marches on North Marching Line to Altar Line, turns south on Altar Line and marches to a point between Grand Bethel Treasurer's chair and Altar, turns west and marches to line west of Altar, turns north on line and faces east. 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 recipient/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 this Daughter/these Daughters who has/have shown her/their love for Thee and Your teachings through her/their continued involvement in our beloved Order. May you continue to guide her/them throughout her/their life/lives as shown in the lessons of life revealed during her/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 this/these Daughter(s) East of the Altar, and cause her/them to face the West to receive the 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 recipient(s) 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)* Daughter/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 you this Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of your dedication and devotion to this beautiful Order. *(Reads name as she hands out certificate(s). 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 a flower to each recipient. 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 Daughter(s) to face west. *(Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal direct the recipient(s) 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 this/these Daughter(s) who through their hard work and dedication have earned the Lily of the Valley Award. Please join with me in extending 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 this/these Daughter(s) to the seats reserved for them.

*(March music. Grand Bethel Guide, followed by the recipient(s) and the Grand Bethel Marshal, turn and march 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.)*

## 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, 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 85 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 who have been especially generous in dedicating time, talents and love to our beautiful Order. We are about to bestow upon them the Amethyst Award.

Grand Bethel Senior Princess, Grand Bethel Senior Princess Pro-Tem & Grand Bethel Junior Princess would you please escort the following to the east?

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Grand Bethel Honored Queen 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.

*(Information pertinent to why they earned the award shall be presented at this time by the Grand Guardian or Chairman of the Amethyst Award Committee.)*

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. This is one of the highest compliments that Job's Daughters can extend.

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** 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.

**GRAND BETHEL 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.

**GRAND BETHEL 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 for evermore.

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 royal purple hue, like the amethyst jewel in my crown and the amethyst award that you receive tonight.

**GRAND BETHEL 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 this/these individual(s) who has/have given so much to our order.

**GRAND GUARDIAN:** Words alone are not enough to thank you for all you have done for South Dakota’s 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. (Grand Bethel Honored Queen & Grand Bethel Princesses’ pin on the pins and give certificates) *3 RAPS AND A ROUND OF APPLAUSE*

*1 RAP to seat*

**GRAND GUARDIAN:** Grand Bethel Senior Princess, Grand Bethel Senior Princess Pro-Tem & Grand Bethel Junior Princess you will escort her/him/them to her/his/their seat(s). *1 RAP to close.*

## Honoring Eastern Star Ribbon Ceremony

### **NARRATOR:**

Women are no part of the Masonic Order. But woman's heart does beat responsively to the same Inspiration that prompts man to noble deeds, and out of this desire to serve in a like manner and the human desire for fraternal fellowship came the banding together of women of Masonic relationship know as The Order of the Eastern Star.

This glorious star, significant of the Star of Bethlehem which heralded the coming of the Light of all Lights, has in less than a century shed its rays of light into all parts of the world. Its dignity and beauty as a fraternal order is respected and revered by Masons and laymen alike.

Oh great and glorious Eastern Star whose light has shed both near and far  
To bless and comfort young and old, yea, light their path to a sheltered fold, we honor thee.

Your ray of blue has taught us too that God loves us as fathers do.  
Love and honor keeping us on a path so true  
Youth and inexperience our present state,  
But with your tutoring we can accomplish things so great.  
As the blue in the flag and in the sky shows us beauty to behold  
Fidelity in each kindred soul is the valued lesson by the blue ray told.

The golden light of the second ray  
has changed the outlook of many a day,  
Here we recall that labor brings love,  
the reward of labor sent from above.  
Constancy of purpose be it humble or great  
is blessed with companionship, a joy to relate.

Loyalty shines from the pure ray of white  
And loyalty pierces the darkness of night.  
It demands allegiance to family and friend,  
to Nation, to God, to the World, without end.  
Loyalty is the lesson on our hearts we must write  
if God is to guide us in the pathway of right.

Green pastures mean growth and new life on the earth  
for good Eastern Stars, green symbolizes rebirth.  
The green of the fourth ray is the hope of all men  
for it tells by story, "We shall live again."

The red of the fifth ray is the symbol of love,  
mother love, Fraternal love, the love from above  
That God in His Fatherhood gives to each one,  
Who seeks but to know Him and His Blessed Son.



Yes, Glorious Order of the Eastern Star,  
we pay you just tribute, for nothing can bar  
The light of your good deeds, your teachings of faith,  
The gifts of fine women to country and state,  
This star of your Daughters is our tribute to you,  
with our respect and honor, in all that we do.

### Diagram & Instructions

*Musician plays as Daughters enter to form a closed star formation. May be formed in the East, if the Bible is closed, or the West.*

*Daughters numbered 1 through 5 form the inner circle, facing out. Daughters numbered 6 through 10 form the outer circle, facing in.*

*Daughter #1 holds the end of the red ribbon in her left hand and the end of the blue ribbon in her right hand*

*Daughter #2 holds the end of the blue ribbon in her left hand and the end of the yellow ribbon in her right hand.*

*Daughter #3 holds the end of the yellow ribbon in her left hand and the end of the white ribbon in her right hand.*

*Daughter #4 holds the end of the white ribbon in her left hand and the end of the green ribbon in her right hand.*

*Daughter #5 holds the end of the green ribbon in the left hand and the end of the red ribbon in her right hand.*

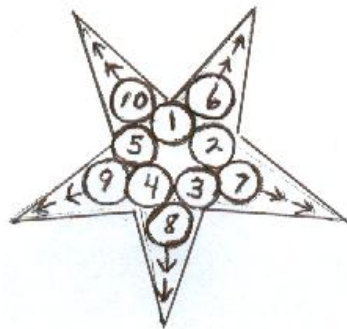
*Daughter #6 is the Blue Ray.*

*Daughter #7 is the Yellow Ray.*

*Daughter #8 is the White Ray.*

*Daughter #9 is the Green Ray.*

*Daughter #10 is the Red Ray.*



*As the narrator describes the color of each ray, that daughter shall back out of the closed star formation to the end of her ribbon, thus forming the star point.*

*When the ceremony is completed the ribbons may be placed on the floor. Daughters retire in an orderly manner, as the musician plays, leaving the completed star on the floor.*