

SOUTH DAKOTA GRAND GUARDIAN COUNCIL  
JANUARY 14, 2017  
WINNER, SD

There was no Board of Trustees meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Carrie Bunkowske, Grand Guardian. Attendance is shown on attached attendance sheet.

A quorum was established with 5 bethels represented.

The Opening Prayer was given by Grand Chaplain, Nancy Gonsor.

#### Approval of Agenda

1. Carrie added HIKE presentations to Unfinished Business. It was moved by Nancy Gonsor to approve the agenda as amended and seconded by Jen Blake. The motion was carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting – It was moved by Larry Johnson to approve the minutes as distributed and seconded by Jen Blake. The motion was carried.

#### Communications

1. Margot Burton's updated contact information was shared. The online directory will be updated. Margot's new email address is [tracejohn25@yahoo.com](mailto:tracejohn25@yahoo.com) and her phone number is 605-343-1832.
2. Update on bylaw amendments – Toni provided an update on the status of the bylaw amendments submitted to Supreme Jurisprudence for approval. While we are still waiting to hear back on two amendments, the updated bylaws and Rules and Regulations will be distributed. Since Windows and Word have gone through several updates, the SD bylaws and Rules and Regulations have all been updated to address formatting issues so members will need to print them in their entirety. They will be distributed within days.

#### Reports

1. Supreme – Carrie Bunkowske reported on Supreme in Grand Rapids, MI. She shared that housing was a challenge and we should be thankful for the work that Mona Kotas does for us during our session. Things were expensive at Supreme Session. We had some competition winners at Supreme. Brittney Peel placed for her ritual competition entry and Alicia Peel received an award for her Miss IJD written test. Alicia Peel was selected as Supreme Outer Guard and Brittney Peel was selected as Supreme Representative to Oregon. One of the bylaw amendments that garnered the most discussion was for voting privileges and wanting to expand the right to vote for all bylaw amendments. While it did not pass, look to see this one back in the future. Jessica Stanek mentioned that bethels under Supreme have issues with not having representation on the Supreme Council. Officers of the Supreme Council must be members of Grand Guardian Councils. This could likely be leading to the interest in this particular amendment. Carrie mentioned that she received information for next session which will be Pennsylvania and the 2019 session that will be held in Kansas.
2. Jobie University was held at the beginning of September at Camp Rimrock in the Black Hills. There were six Bethels represented with 44 people staying overnight and six for day passes.

There were classes on the other masonic organizations available to women, "Jobie Do's and Don'ts", line officer responsibilities, a class for Council members, a class for Jobies other than line officers, a sign language class and a painting class. We took in \$1,160 and paid out \$880. Carrie would like to thank the other organizations that donated food.

3. Grand York Rite was held in Sioux Falls in September. The attendees went to the public opening and stayed for installation. They were treated to dinner and entertainment. The Grand York Rite gave a generous donation. Virginia Kaus received the Youth Award. Attendees included Shawn Peel, Carrie Bunkowske, Audra Tesch, Alicia Peel, Jessica Zahn and Bob Tesch.
4. Grand Chapter was held in Pierre in October. Attendees included Carrie Bunkowske, Alicia Peel, and Audra Tesch. The girls presented the flags and then all were presented in the East. The Grand Chapter of SD OES graciously gave us a \$50 donation. Sandy Vanneman, PGG and Grand Treasurer, was installed as Worthy Grand Matron, Colleen Patmore was installed as Grand Warder and Jon Gonsor was installed as Associate Grand Patron.
5. Grand Treasurer's Report was given by Toni Richardson in Sandy Vanneman's absence. Please see the attached report.

#### Bethel Reports

1. Bethel #1 – The girls attended Jobie U in September. They have had prospect parties, a Halloween party, game night, Official Visit in November, Christmas party, and another game night. Installation was held recently. They have 9 members and 7 are active. They are looking to set up events with Bethel 38 and the demolay.
2. Bethel #3 – no report
3. Bethel #10 – Jessica Stanek reported that they are doing fantastic. The Bethel initiated 5 girls this fall and have hopefully four more to initiate this spring. They have 14 active girls, 1- 16 year old, 1-13 year old, the rest are YOUNG! The Bethel lost five girls to Majority but have gained one more girl than lost. They have attended Jobie U, hosted the Pierre Bash, and held a Christmas party and Installation. They want to come off reorganization so they are able to hold elections this spring.
4. Bethel #12 – Jen Blake reported that they have 7 active girls and have an initiation planned for hopefully 6 more girls. Some of their recent activities include attending the corn maze, the parade of lights and they held installation last weekend.
5. Bethel #19 – Kim Miles reported that they have 5 active girls, including 2 girls who were initiated in the fall. They held a rummage sale, had a fundraiser during the Parade of Lights, attended Jobie U, and held a dual installation with Bethel #44. They have lots of activities planned for the spring term. They are a young bethel.
6. Bethel #21 – Colleen Patmore reported that the bethel has 9 girls on the books with 5 very active. They attended Jobie U and the Pierre Bash. They held a successful bake sale, decorated a Christmas tree at the courthouse, rang bells for Salvation Army, and hung flags for federal holidays. They will have open meeting tomorrow and sent out 20 letters of invitation to potential members and their parents.
7. Bethel #38 – Larry Johnson reminded members that Bethel #38 goes dark for August and September. They have sold greenery and poinsettias, worked at the parade of lights, and attended the Shrine patient Christmas party. They have initiated 1 girl, and held a majority ceremony for 4 girls. They are busy preparing for their annual Father/Daughter dance in February. They have 8 active girls.
8. Bethel #44 – Joann Coady reported that the bethel has been busy by visiting Storybook Island and movies at Main Street Square. They have helped bethels to initiate girls. There are 9 active girls and they lost 1 to majority so 8 girls are pretty active. They have no new members and



currently no new prospects. They are looking at having a prospect party end of February. Jen will work with younger girls. One fun activity was their Mad Hatter tea party where they invited Past Honored Queens and past council members. While they didn't have the best turnout, their ABG dressed up as Cheshire Cat. They did have a joint installation with Bethel #19 which was pretty cool. Some of their recent fundraisers include Pizza Ranch, and selling butter braids and Perkins pies. They are kind of in a rut with membership.

#### Unfinished Business

1. Jobie to Bee Packets - Carrie passed out folders for each bethel. The folders contained information from Supreme and other jurisdictions for a Jobie to Bee program. These are tools to help our bethels build membership. Jen will get this information available on our website.
2. Promotion Packets – Jen Little couldn't be at the meeting today but she has materials they have been working on. Packets will be available at the April meeting.
3. Grand Guide Fundraiser – Jen reported on Pasta sale which did very well. We had more than \$5,000 of actual sales so company gave us an extra \$100. We earned \$2,262.40. The great part about the fundraiser is that there were many sales to people outside of South Dakota. This is likely due to the fact that the fundraiser information was shared multiple times by multiple people on Facebook.
4. HIKE presentations – Carrie reported that we have awards for 2 children. They have received their checks and we are in contact with them to find a time to do a presentation. One is in Sioux Falls and one is in Rapid City. Carrie has had trouble getting presentations scheduled so she will ask SF and RC bethels to get something scheduled.

#### New Business

1. CAV classes – Please let Carrie know if we need to schedule additional CAV classes. We need to let Supreme know 30 days in advance to get classes approved. The next one will be held in Pierre next Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please remember that you have up to 90 days to get your renewal filed. As soon as you get your letter, please send it in to make sure you get renewed.
2. Official Visits will be scheduled in March and April. Carrie is working with the Guardians to get them planned. The Grand Team would like to attend a meeting with each bethel.
3. The Grand Family Reception will be held Saturday, March 18 in Rapid City. 2pm.
4. Jessica asked if Carrie is planning a HIKE event. Carrie said they are considering an event at Grand Session, though at the moment, there is not one planned.

#### Sunshine and Rain

1. Brad Maskovich has recurring cancer and is undergoing chemo treatment and will eventually be having surgery. Bethel #10 will be doing a fundraiser to benefit the Maskovich family.
2. Eugene Leao, PAGG, passed away. His family has donated back his masonic jackets and other Masonic/Job's items.
3. Mindee Johnson is doing very well. She finished radiation right before Christmas, and she's going great.
4. Lindsey Thompson Heath had a baby girl.
5. Virginia's brother is back in the States.
6. Krista Vandersnick is having a baby girl.

## Announcements

1. Supreme is having a t-shirt contest. See Carrie's email and Facebook page. Please encourage the girls to enter the t-shirt contest.
2. Supreme Scholarship info is available and due April 30. Encourage them to look for scholarships with other Masonic bodies (Eastern Star, Grand Lodge, etc.). Virginia will have our scholarship information out very soon.
3. Audra's project is a t-shirt quilt. Raffle tickets at official visits. Alicia's project is Shrine patient travel bags. She is asking each bethel to make 2 bags.
4. The next newsletter is coming out soon. Send items to Carrie.
5. The annual GGC Session will be held in Pierre on April 1 and 2. Meetings will be at the Masonic Lodge. Carrie is looking for group rates for hotels. Information will be sent out at end of January.
6. Toni reminded all that Annual Reports are due by end of January. Bylaw amendments will be due by February 15.
7. Nancy announced that Bethel #10 is looking at taking a bus to Supreme.
8. Jessica announced that she is missing reports from the Chair of the Board, Finance Committee, Audit Committee, JDI Ritual Knowledge Committee, Credentials, Medallions and Flags, and Talent. Please submit your report as soon as possible so the 2015-2016 Session Proceedings can be distributed.
9. Thank you to Bethel #21 for hosting the council meeting and providing lunch.
10. Make sure you have the proper insurance. If you have any questions, please contact the Grand Secretary, Toni.
11. Doc Morgan is now requiring payment upon purchase. If bethels need to purchase items from Doc Morgan, those purchases need to be done online rather than through the Grand Secretary. Please remember to select your jurisdiction (South Dakota) so that the Grand Council continues to receive the rebate.

The Closing Prayer was offered by Nancy Gonsor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Richardson, PGG  
Grand Secretary



# Grand Guardian Council Meeting Attendance Sheet

DATE: 1/14/17

PLACE: Winner, SD

Grand Council Officers	Bethel Council Representative by Bethel
GG <u>Carrie Bunkowski</u>	1.
AGG <u>Sharon PEEL</u>	3.
VGG <u>Virginia L. Kays</u>	10. <u>Jessica Stanek</u>
VAGG <u>Robert E. Cook</u>	12.
GGuide <u>Joni Blake</u>	19. <u>Kim Miles</u>
GIG <u>Lang Johnson</u>	21. <u>Cheryl Johnson</u>
GM	38. <u>Lang Johnson</u>
GOG	44. <u>Joann &amp; Coady</u>
GSec <u>Shirley Richardson</u>	
GTreas	All Other Grand Council At Large
GLib	<u>Dawn Erk - P&amp;G HIKE Chair</u>
GChap <u>Nancy Gorsor</u>	<u>Lillie Palmer P&amp;G #31</u>
GMus	<u>Hennede Miles P&amp;G SD 14-15, #44</u>
G1M	<u>Karen Willis</u>
G2M	<u>Linda Nelson</u>
G3M	<u>Joan Helgeson</u>
G4M	
G5M	
GSC	
GJC	
GBG	
AGBG	
Board of Trustees:	
Chair	
Vice Chair	
Trustee	
Trustee	
Trustee	
Finance Committee:	

**SOUTH DAKOTA  
GRAND GUARDIAN COUNCIL  
FY 17 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016**

<b>Checking Account - Beginning Balance as of 07/01/2016</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>\$15,749.50</b>
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Total Deposits & Interest on checking account	8,533.79	
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Total Expenditures	7,771.01	
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Also includes outstanding checks:	401.07	
2803 Carol White	47.00	
2804 Klabo	298.15	
2805 Alicia Peel	55.92	

<b>Checking Account - Ending Balance as of 12/31/16</b>		<b>\$16,512.28</b>
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Less Insurance Funds in Checking	190.00	
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<b>Available Checking Account Balance</b>		<b>\$16,322.28</b>
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Investments	Date Reported	Previous Value	Increase /Decrease	Current Value
Investment Account	12/31/16	67,580.74	4,448.55	\$72,029.29
(End of FY 2011 before \$15,000 draw)		64,835.09		
Includes: Future SGG funding				
 MIJD CD	6 months	0.15%	5/1/15	6,098.33
			4.60	6,102.93
 Insurance CD's	\$5,000	12 months	0.10%	9/12/15
				5,000.00
	\$5,000	21 months	1.00%	2/20/15
				5,000.00
	\$5,000	37 months	1.25%	10/24/15
				5,000.00
Insurance funds collected in checking account as of report date				190.00
Total Insurance				\$15,561.31
 <b>Total Investments</b>				<b>\$93,693.53</b>
 <b>Total Assets</b>				<b>\$110,015.81</b>