South Dakota Grand Guardian Council

January 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Stanek, Grand Guardian. A quorum was established with seven of the eight South Dakota bethels represented.

The opening prayer was offered by Mona Kotas, PGG.

Approval of Agenda - additions

The following items were added to the agenda. Under New Business, tax forms and changing the address used for tax forms was added. Under Announcements, CAV training and Supreme website makeover was added.

Action: Sally Richardson, PGG, moved to accept agenda and it was seconded by Mike Holzhauser, AGG. The motion was carried.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were distributed and there were no corrections

Action: It was moved by Nancy Gonsor, PGG and seconded by Krista Greer to approve the minutes. The motion was carried.

Communications

- 1. Deanna White's address has changed to 8360 Valentine Terrace, Bloomington, MN, 55431. The online directory has been updated.
- 2. The Grand Guardian Council received a 'Thank you' from Jeannie Link-Johnson, SG and John Coulter, ASG, for the Supreme Reception in their honor in November.
- 3. The SDGGC received a 'Thank you' from the HIKE Fund for the donation of \$300. This \$300 was from donations from other Masonic Bodies in which they requested the donations be forwarded to the HIKE Fund.

Reports

1. Supreme Session - Jessica Stanek offered a brief report in addition to the report distributed via email following session. There was a lot of activity going on and a lot of discussion on membership. The biggest piece of news from Supreme was the passage of an amendment to allow for Masonic Sponsorship for membership into the organization. South Dakota girls were selected as Supreme Bethel Senior Princess and a representative to one of the jurisdictions of Brazil. Please refer to Jessica's distributed report for a more detailed report of Supreme Session.

- 2. Grand Lodge, York Rite, and Grand Chapter Jessica and girls attended all events. There was excellent response from our masonic bodies concerning the change in membership (sponsorship). We have also learned there is interest in starting a bethel in the Kadoka area.
- 3. Jobie Leadership weekend There was a report that was distributed via email following the Jobie Leadership weekend. Briefly, the weekend went well and the girls seemed to have a great time while attending several educational sessions. Carrie Bunkowske is planning on doing a Jobie Leadership weekend next year.
- 4. Supreme Visit The weekend went well. The Supreme Team was here all weekend and they enjoyed the Christmas tree decorating at the Capitol. Sally Richardson reported on hosting the Supreme Team. They were very appreciative of how the Past Grands donated for the meal.
- 5. JDR Week JDR Week was the week before the Supreme Visit. Jennifer Little, Bethel #19, noted that while Bethel #19 had no activities, they did wear their shirts every day and posted on Social Media. Jessica Stanek mentioned that Teagan McNary, Miss SDJD, led the effort for social media.

There was much discussion regarding the success of JDR Week. Krista Greer offered that it would be more successful if there was more organized support from the GGC. For instance, the first year, bethels received a plan and ideas for bethels to try.

Ann Holzhauser suggested it would be more effective if we combined pitching to kids with pitching to parents. We need to bring in to play the change to sponsorship. We need to build on the video that was done at Grand last year. Make a presentation we can take to adult groups (Zonta, Exchange, etc.) We need some type of package/presentation to these groups to find some new members.

Larissa Neiman offered that the timing is hard for bethels. Before Thanksgiving and in late March/April is hard. Perhaps we could look at different times of year, maybe right after Grand Session (early summer).

Jessica Stanek mentioned that Missouri has put together a presentation that Ann is in line with the presentation Ann is seeking. She discussed that Bethel 38 is going to use it and give some feedback to us on its success.

Lyn Neiman offered an additional update. Bethel 38 hosted a family night and Krista gave a presentation to parents (Jobie to Be parents), that covered a lot of information for parents and families as well as the girls.

Jessica Stanek suggested that it might be worth a try to let each bethel pick the week they do JDR week.

Lyn Neiman offered that a program concept and ideas for a plan would be helpful for bethels so they could design their JDR week.

Matt Bunkowske suggested that each HQ send a letter to surrounding lodges. Bethel #19 did so and after letters went out, they held two educational sessions and got a Jobie to Be out of it. We should be keeping in communication with lodges and chapters.

<u>Grand Treasurer's Report</u> - see attached report

2016 GGC Committee Reports

- 1. Jurisprudence deadline for bylaw revisions. Form is online. Deadline is February 27.
- 2. Scholarship Committee each bethel has received the scholarship application. Due March 30.
- 3. Finance Committee budgeting will get started before April
- 4. Promotion Committee no report
- 5. Ritual committee Jamie Conrad and Marcia Johnston are chairing the committee this year. They ask that all participants make sure bethels are using the new proficiency work from Supreme. The Majority competition will be 5th Messenger. We will continue to offer the Novice competition. We will be adding a 'Manjority' competition this year.
- 6. HIKE Dawn Erk. Donations so far of \$1,477.02. Dawn has a few pins from last year. They are \$3. She doesn't have any of the new pin at this time. If Bethels have money, please turn it in. Proceeds from lunch today will go to HIKE.
- 7. Miss Job Pageant Planning is in the works.
- 8. Spirit Ambassadors no report

Bethel reports

Bethel #1 - Jessica Somsaath gave the report. The Bethel currently has nine active girls. They initiated three girls in October. They have been very active with events like a Halloween party, Christmas party, Royal Reading and Craft day. They are currently discussing fundraising ideas. Finally, they have challenged the Demolay to laser tag competition as a fun event.

Bethel #3 - Bethel #3 has six active girls and is currently on reorganization.

Bethel #10 - Bethel #10 is currently on reorganization. They have six active girls and will be initiating one girl later this evening. They hosted the Pierre Bash last fall which went well and was attended by the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen and the Miss International Job's Daughter. They are currently preparing for King of Hearts in February.

Bethel #12 -Bethel #12 is going strong. They are currently on reorganization but will likely be coming off reorganization at the end of this term. They have 11 active girls, including two who were initiated in December. Please see Jamie Conrad's email, which is attached, for more detail.

Bethel #21 - Bethel #21 has ten girls, though one is in college. There are eight active girls but three of those active will be graduating in May. They have been very busy with lots of activity.

Bethel #19 - Bethel #19 has been very busy with activities. They are doing lots of fundraising so that they may attend Supreme Session this year. They have six active girls, one who comes sometimes, and one who in college and they will initiate one soon.

Bethel #38 - Bethel #38 has eight active girls, three are in college but they stay pretty active. Their famous Father Daughter dance coming up in February. They held a Family night recently, and invited all families of the active girls and jobies to be. They have six jobies to be and two of them will be initiated this spring. Bethel #38 is on reorganization but will soon come off reorganization if progress continues.

Bethel #44 - Bethel #44 has 12 active girls. They have been busy with activities like a Halloween party and Christmas party. They have been trying to get more masons to come to the meetings. The girls are doing very well, though the bethel has quite a few young girls.

Unfinished Business

- 1. Grand Guide Fundraiser Virginia has candy bars here for each bethel. Each person will be responsible for selling 30 candy bars.
- 2. Media Release forms All daughters must update their media release forms. These forms must be sent to Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary will look to see if any bethels need to submit them and contact them if there are no forms on file.
- 3. Trailer & property of the GGC A tire blew when taking the trailer back to Huron for winter storage. The trailer suffered some damage at that time. We need to replace the tire and repair the trailer. The trailer was re-organized and things were put into plastic totes. This will help to ensure we are not exceeding weight limits with the trailer. There are two large wooden boxes that were taken out of the trailer. They are currently stored at the Pierre Masonic Center. If anyone wants them, they can have them. Otherwise, they will be destroyed.
- 4. Belle Fourche Bethel closure Bethel #13 was closed July 25, 2015. The books have been closed and funds totaling \$469.35 were forwarded to the Grand Secretary. The paraphernalia will go to Ways and Means. The Bethel had two active girls. Savannah Allen demitted to Bethel #12 and Mackenzie Gallagher demitted to Bethel #44. The Bethel Guardian council has asked that a majority bible be purchased for Mackenzie and the balance be donated to HIKE.

Action: It was moved by Dawn Erk, PGG, and seconded by Mona Kotas, PGG, to purchase a majority bible for Mackenzie Gallagher and donate the rest to HIKE. A majority bible costs approximately \$18.75. The motion was carried.

Workgroup Breakouts and Discussion

- Financial Planning Group The Financial Planning Group will be bringing bylaw amendments to
 the Annual Session in April regarding ideas to reduce expenses of the Grand Guardian Council.
 The group believes there are five major topics for discussion including Ways and Means, Travel
 expenses, Pageant expenses, Membership expenses, and Grand Session expenses, including
 ritual competition award expenses, medallions, etc. There also needs to be serious discussion on
 the Education fund and scholarships for the Daughters.
- 2. Promotion Booth group Carrie Bunkowske presented a table top tri-fold which can be used to draw attention. Her tri-fold used pictures of fun events, info about HIKE, girls growing through Job's, what girls get out of Job's and a pocket with promotional material. Handouts, like little crowns to hand out to girls, could be used to gain more attention. She suggested that the tri-folds should have 'Job's Daughters' on everything to make sure we are getting our name out. She also suggested having a slide show video on laptop set up at the display table. These displays can be taken to Masonic events (Installation, CHIPS event, etc.). They can also be used at events like 'Royal Readings'. Consider after school programs. Each bethel can create their own tri-fold.
- 3. Promotion Packets Promotions packets should include materials for promotion including a specific handout, one side for parent info, the other for girl info. We need to have an elevator speech. Perhaps we can make a card that is "What is Job's Daughters" that can be handled out. Keloland does free advertising for "Tradition of Caring". Krista Greer has contacted the Dean of Digital Arts design college to see if a student would be available to help with some type of commercial.
- 4. Social Media and Website Jen Blake discussed ideas for our website. We could have girls do a FAQ section (Frequently Asked Questions). We could spark questions on Facebook and Twitter, need updated brochures and business cards on website. Slide shows and videos can be out there that people can use. Administrators of the Facebook page are Jessica Stanek, Carrie Bunkowske, Jennifer Blake, Teagan McNary, and Alesha Hansen.
- 5. Education Jessica Stanek mentioned that there will be education opportunities at Grand Session. Sally Richardson and Mona Kotas will offer a Table etiquette session during the All Job's luncheon. During the Men of Job luncheon, someone will talk about the duties of an Associate Guardian and the role of men in Job's Daughters. There will also be a Secretary and Treasurer meeting at Grand. Teagan McNary will put together a Capes and Crowns event so bethels can

take that information back to share in their communities. There will also be extra classes for girls. We will get feedback from bethels to get some ideas for topics.

New Business

- 1. Bethel Annual Reports Annual reports are due to the Grand Secretary no later than January 31st. Please contact Toni if you have any questions concerning completing the annual reports.
- 2. Supreme 2016 Carrie Bunkowske notified the Council that Session information is available on the Supreme website. Supreme Session will be held in Grand Rapids, MI, July 27-30.
- 3. HIKE 5K in Pierre, April 30 Jessica Stanek stated she hasn't got plans finalized yet but will get information out soon. The event will be an evening glow run. We will ask local businesses for funding so we can purchase t-shirts for participants. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the event, please contact Jessica.
- 4. Tax Forms Sandy talked with our tax man, Jim Brown, in Aberdeen. He has asked if we want to have a static address for tax forms. He has volunteered to be that address.
 Action: It was moved by Nancy Gonsor, PGG and seconded by Mike Holzhauser, AGG, to change the address to Mr. Brown's accounting firm. The motion was carried.

Announcements

Carrie Sanderson's daughter is due May 9. Britany Willis' third child is due May 13. Courtney Geigle's second child is due June 27. Erin Schmidt's son is due May 12. Jessica Somsaath's daughter is due April 5. Ginny Kaus' wedding was in November and it was a beautiful wedding. Bobbi Dueter had a baby girl in December. Jamie Conrad's daughter is due in July. Angela Pascoe had a baby boy in October. Jessica Stanek decided we will need to have a daycare room at Grand Session this year. Doc Willis passed away.

Reminder to have proper insurance in place for special events.

A CAV class will be held on February 28 in Sturgis. Lunch will be provided by Dick Lester. Two people in the Hills interested in becoming CAV trainers. They are Matt Bunkowske and Jen Little.

There is interest in starting a bethel in the Philip/Kadoka area. The bethel was #42 and closed in 1986. Jessica will be working with those interested.

Lyn Neiman asked that we contact Masonic bodies about sponsorship. She would like the Grand Guardian to send a letter to all organizations. Jessica did send a letter to the Grand Lodge. It was posted on their website and shared with all lodges and also included in their newsletter.

The Supreme website has had a makeover. Take a look.

Krista Greer announced that Bethel #38 will be hosting a reception for Teagan and Val on March 19 at the Masonic Center in Sioux Falls. It will be an Open House reception at 2pm followed by a sleepover.

Carrie Bunkowske asked about license plate decals since there is a new SD license plate. Toni will check on decals and send information out via email.

Sandy Vanneman notified the Council that she has changed her mind about not aspiring to continue as Grand Treasurer so she will be doing so at the Annual meeting in April.

The closing prayer was offered by Mona Kotas, PGG.

Jennifer Blake moved and it was seconded by Sandy Vanneman to adjourn. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Richardson, PGG

Grand Secretary

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Session Finance Chair:

SOUTH DAKOTA GRAND GUARDIAN COUNCIL FY 15 FINANCIAL REPORT

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Jessica Stanek

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Bethel 12 <sdjdbethel12@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, January 15, 2016 11:21 AM

To:

Jessica Stanek

Subject:

[EXT] Bethel 12 Report

12 has been going strong! We hit the ground running right after Grand Session with a 4th of July Parade in Belle Fourche where the girls wore dresses and tiaras and looked wonderful. They were awarded 1st place in the Youth category. After that the girls helped out with the Rally breakfast in Spearfish where they have been invited back next year. This fall we did the Corn Maze outside Spearfish, the Homecoming Parade in Sturgis, make cookies up at Dick and Debbie's house for the Mason's widow baskets for Christmas, and the Parade of Lights in Sturgis. With everything that we have done this fall, we've had most of the girls show up. They are coming up with ideas on their own! We have 11 active girls, including the 2 we just initiated in Dec. We have a box social with the masons planned for next month and trying to get the girls ready for Grand Session in June!

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Jobie love,

Jamie, BG

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South Dakota Delegation

Jessica Stanek, Grand Guardian Michael Holzhauser, Associate Grand Guardian Teagan McNary, Miss South Dakota Job's Daughter Alesha Hanson, Grand Bethel Honored Oueen Valerie Moos, Miss South Dakota Congeniality Toni Richardson, PGG, Grand Secretary Carrie Sanderson, PGG, Supreme 5th Messenger Sally Richardson, PGG Nancy Gonsor, PGG Ann Holzhauser & Calla Holzhauser, Bethel 10 Britany and Kyle Willis, Bethel 10 Kesiah, Emily and Jastyn Frederick, Bethel 10 Deb McNary – Mom of MSDJD Krista Greer – Bethel 38 Natalie and Parker King - Bethel 38 Kaitlyn Bruns - Bethel 10 Xzaria Henderson – Bethel 10 Kyleigh Vanneman – Bethel 10 Paige Thoelke - Bethel 38

Fun Activities

The representatives from South Dakota had a great time getting to know each other and Job's Daughters from around the world. Highlights from Supreme include a trip to Navy Pier and Shedds Aquarium. Some folks visited Millennium Park and Willis Tower (fka Sears Tower). The girls had fun riding the train to/from Chicago.

Our delegation attended and some participated in Formal Opening, Supreme Bethel Meetings, Supreme Council Meetings, Pageant, and Installations. This year was unique as they live streamed all of the major events from Supreme so that folks could watch from their computers at home. There were a few bugs to be worked out, but overall, it was a success.

Amendments

The Supreme Guardian led discussions on the majority of the proposed amendments. Amendment 10 (sponsorship) was defeated and brought back to the floor the next day where it finally passed by 6 votes. The other interesting amendment that passed was the creation of Social Clubs. The intention of this amendment is to allow

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areas that are trying to reinstitute Bethels to start raising funds and hold meetings in preparation for reinstitution.

It is worth noting that the social media groups were extremely active during Session. I saw a lot of inappropriate content and hostile opinions and messaging during this time. As a GGC, we need to be aware that the Job's Daughters world is watching and reading, and not everyone follows the Golden Rule in regards to their interactions through these media outlets. I want to caution all adults and daughters to be careful of what you post, what you "like", and what conversations you engage in. Our reputation will be questioned, and it will not reflect just upon South Dakota Job's Daughters, but Job's Daughters International as a whole. I forsee a lot of problems and grievances in our future if the past and present Job's Daughters and adults do not mind their P's and Q's!

Supreme Bethel Officers

The following Daughters were selected as Supreme Bethel Officers:

Supreme Bethel Honored Queen -Maddie Iroz, Nevada

Supreme Sr. Princess - Paige Thoelke, South Dakota

Supreme Jr. Princes – Abigail Hoellering, Alaska

Supreme Representative to Mato Grasso – Xzaria Henderson, South Dakota

Miss International Pageant

Miss South Dakota Job's Daughter Teagan McNary represented South Dakota beautifully in the most intense competition I have ever witnessed. She worked very hard and was selected as Miss International Congeniality, as well as 2nd Runner Up. We are so proud of Teagan!

Sarah Leeper from Nebraska was selected as the 2015-2016 Miss International Job's Daughter.

Supreme Guardian Council

The following adults were elected to the Supreme Guardian Council:

Supreme Guardian – Jeanie Link-Johnson, Michigan

Associate Supreme Guardian – John Coulter, Oregon

Vice Supreme Guardian - Pat Pelham, Maryland

Vice Associate Grand Guardian – Tim McIssac, Manitoba

Supreme Guide – Shelly Cole, Utah

Supreme Inner Guard – Ralph Schmidt, Missouri

Supreme Marshal – Pamela Henderson, Kansas

Supreme Outer Guard - David Kirk, Queensland

Future Supreme Sessions

2016 - Grand Rapids, Michigan

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2017 – Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 2018 – Salt Lake City, Utah

Jobie Leadership 2015 Report

Jobie Leadership at Storm Mountain held on Saturday, September 26th through Sunday, September 27, 2015. The girls stayed in cabins, had meals in the Mess Hall, and were able to hike and play outside during breaks. We did do s'mores by the campfire that evening which was a big hit!

Cost was \$65 per person for the weekend or \$20.00 per person staying just for Saturday. We had 25 girls that stayed for the entire weekend and 2 that were Saturday only. We had 21 adults that stay the entire weekend and 3 that were Saturday only for a total of 51 participants.

Presentations were as follows:

Attitude of Gratitude was presented by Jessica Stanek. Each girl got to choose a motivational picture for their wall that described them. They were each given note cards, paper and envelopes to write notes to someone in Job's Daughters who inspired them and why. Each person likes to be told they are appreciated and it's a simple gesture that would mean so much.

Parliamentary Procedure was presented by Teagan McNary. She worked with the girls to practice making motions and then talked a bit about public speaking skills and having confidence when speaking to a group.

HIKE information was presented by Valerie Moos and Dawn Erk. They showed a video to the attendees of a collage of children and adults that were able to hear for the first time. It was a very moving video that really showcased what our HIKE dollars can do for children with hearing impairments. Dawn Erk gave background information to the girls and talked about how many kids we've been able to help over the past 10 years. She handed out folders to each Bethel with information about HIKE as well as HIKE charms that were awarded from last year. Valerie ended the presentation by teaching the girls how to sign Nearer My God to Thee with the help of Jessica Zahn from Bethel 1 and Jen Blake, Grand Marshal.

Herb Cook, Grand Inner Guard, and local Mason, George Bauder gave a presentation about the Masonic groups that you can find in South Dakota and what they all are. They brought different hats and coats to show the girls so they could recognize other organizations and learn about the Masonic Family. George made sure to tell us to show the HIKE video to the Masons of South Dakota as often as possible. He was very moved by it.

Teagan McNary, Jen Blake and Jessica Stanek gave a presentation about Social Media Awareness and Internet Safety. It started with a video of a man who pretended to be a young boy and 'friended' 12, 13, 14 year olds on Facebook with the permission of their parents with the intention to get these young girls to meet him without really knowing who he was. Each girl fell for his rouse and gave the parents a way to talk to their daughters about meeting strangers and the consequences of their actions. That led into a discussion about ways to protect yourself on social media using different security settings and common sense practices. We talked about the image we want to put out on social media for both ourselves and for Job's Daughters. The girls brainstormed ways that we can each hold each other accountable without hurt feelings and we decided that if we see anything posted that is inappropriate, we will either use "TNJ - That's Not Jobie" or "42:15".

We asked a local young entrepreneur to come talk to the girls about where their leadership skills can take them. Samantha Ellis talked to them about her journey in making life decisions and how she used her faith to help her along the way. Her story was very interesting and the girls asked her a lot of questions. Her presentation outline is attached.

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The final presentation of the weekend was by Kati Seymour, PHQ. Katie talked about her journey in life with a disability and shared how she has overcome obstacles in her life and the many people telling her she "can't". She told the girls how Job's Daughters helped her find her voice and the courage to keep moving forward. She is a true inspiration to all of us and we all enjoyed listening and laughing with her. It was so fun to see all of our little girls flock around her!

I believe Jobie Leadership weekend was a great success! Thank you to the Kotas family for the afternoon snack for the girls as well as Forestburg watermelon for the evening. Thank you to Joann Coady for helping arrange presentations with Samantha; Margo Burton for helping make arrangments at Storm Mountain; Coleen Patmore for helping with the invitations; the committee for helping with presentation ideas; the presenters for sharing their time and knowledge; Toni Richardson for helping keep registration organized, and all of the girls and adults for attending.