

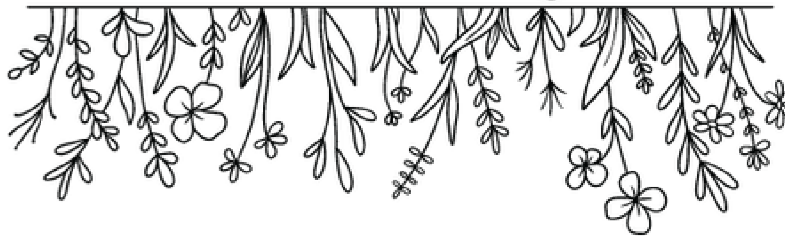
South Dakota **JOB'S DAUGHTERS**

2024 Grand Session Packet



Bloom

with Job's Daughters



Grand Bethel Honored Queen Hannah Freese

Grand Guardian Krista Vandersnick

Associate Grand Guardian Matt Johnson

2024 Grand Session

We are honored to invite you to the 80th Annual Grand Session of South Dakota Job's Daughters. From the Swappie Party, Ritual Competitions, Bloom Retreat Lounge, Grand Bethel Meeting, and Pool Party there will be so much fun to be had for the Daughters!

Included in this packet is information regarding registration, session meals, awards, competitions, ceremonies and responsibilities for Grand Bethel and Grand Council Officers. Please print off the registration forms and send them in, with payment (if applicable) according to the deadlines.

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SESSION DUE DATES

Amethyst Award Degree of Royal Purple Lily of the Valley Award	May 10, 2024	Sally Richardson 704 Stewart Place Pierre, SD 57501
Cost of Awards	April 24, 2024	Lyn Neiman, Grand Secretary 917 E 61st St Sioux Falls, SD 57108 sfmomneiman@yahoo.com
Arts and Crafts Talent Show	June 6 (see information below)	Gennifer Randolph 504 N State Dell Rapids, SD 57022
Grand Bethel Officer Name Changes and Majority Degree Recipients	May 10, 2024	Sarah Vanneman-Maskovich svanneman29@gmail.com
Grand Librarian's Contest JDI Knowledge Courses	May 10, 2024	Courtney Stegenga, Grand Librarian courtneystegenga@gmail.com
Necrology Ceremony Names	May 10, 2024	Laura Brown, Grand Chaplain lbrown@farmersagent.com
Grand Session Registration and Meals	May 15, 2024	Courtney Stegenga 205 Riley Circle Valley Springs, SD 57068



SESSION DUE DATES

Ritual Competition	May 10, 2024	Carla Knutson 20073 Ridgefield Loop Spearfish, SD 57783 ctknutson@gmail.com
Room Reservations	May 13, 2024	Ramkota - Sioux Falls 605-336-1789
Spirit Ambassador	May 10, 2024	Kati Seymour 900 West Venture Place Sioux Falls, SD 57105 seymourkatiem@gmail.com



REGISTRATION AND FEES

Everyone attending Grand Session must be registered.

The Registration deadline is May 15, 2024. Any registrations received after May 15 will be assessed a \$25 late fee. No refunds will be made after this date and emergency cancellations will be handled on a case by case basis.

DAUGHTER AND ADULT REGISTRATIONS INCLUDE ALL MEALS.

Registration	Fees
Daughter (D) Includes ALL meals and registration	\$75.00
Adults (A) Includes ALL meals and registration	\$110.00
Thursday Day Pass (TP) Includes Pizza Dinner and Swappie Party	\$15.00
Friday Day Pass (FP) Includes Lunch and Formal Banquet	\$35.00
Formal Banquet Only (FB)	\$20.00
Saturday Day Pass (SP) Includes Lunch and Awards Dinner	\$35.00

REGISTRATION CHANGES:

If for some reason it is necessary to make a change to your registration, please email Courtney Stegenga immediately to make adjustments. NO REFUNDS will be given after the registration deadline of May 15, 2024.



MENU

All meals below are included in the cost of registration.

Date	LUNCH	DINNER
Thursday 6/6/24	NA	Pizza
Friday 6/7/24	Sandwich Bar Deli meats, cheese + toppings, chips + dessert	Formal Banquet Grilled Chicken, cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, side salad + dessert
Saturday 6/8/24	Nacho + Taco Buffet Ground beef, tortilla chips, taco shells + toppings, dessert	Pasta Bar Penne pasta, alfredo or marinara sauce, grilled chicken or meatballs, side salad + dessert

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST:

The Ramkota provides a continental breakfast to all guests free of charge.



LOCATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION

LOCATION:

The 2024 Bloom with Job's Daughters Grand Session will be held in Sioux Falls, SD at the Sioux Falls Masonic Center with hotel accommodations at the Best Western Ramkota. Please see the schedule provided for specific event locations.

Reservations must be secured with a valid credit card. A block of rooms for South Dakota Job's Daughters will be held for **\$120.00 (not including taxes) until May 13, 2024.** After May 13, 2024, all unconfirmed rooms will be released back to the public and the guaranteed rate will not be available.

Hotel check in time is 4:00pm and check out time is 11:00am. Cancellations can be made until 24 hours prior to check in without incurring a cancellation charge.

HOTEL LIAISON:

During the session, all questions or complaints regarding the hotel accommodations or personnel must be directed to Courtney Stegenga, who will take your concerns to the hotel manager and/or catering department. Committee Chair people requiring additional equipment must place the request through Courtney Stegenga,

Hotel Contact:

3200 W Maple St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104
605-336-0650

Hotel Amenities Include:

- Complimentary hot breakfast for all guests
- Wi-fi in public areas
- Indoor and outdoor pool
- Free parking



HONORED GUESTS + DIGNITARIES

You're Invited!

South Dakota Job's Daughters welcomes you to our Grand Session! As a past member of SDJD, a current member from another jurisdiction, or a member from one of our beloved Masonic Family organizations, you are invited to join us during this special gathering! Below is a listing of events with note of who may be in attendance.

Thursday:

Swappie Party - ALL invited to attend

Friday:

Lunch - ALL invited to attend

Grand Bethel Meeting - CLOSED to public attendance, those eligible to attend include: a Mason (or direct descendant of), a female relative of a Mason, a member of another organization basing its membership on Masonic relationship. If you have questions on your eligibility to attend the Grand Bethel Meeting, please contact Sarah Maskovich, GBG.

Formal Banquet - ALL invited to attend

Formal Opening Ceremony - ALL invited to attend

Saturday:

Lunch - ALL invited to attend

Awards Dinner - ALL invited to attend

Reception + **Jobie Reunion** - ALL invited to attend



DRESS CODE

The dress code is meant to make all adults and members feel comfortable and represent Job's Daughters in a positive manner. Bethel Guardian Councils are asked to enforce the dress code and ask Daughters to change if necessary.

Overall — Attendees should wear appropriate undergarments and accessories. Undergarments should not be visible. No short-shorts, cut-offs or midriff shirts. Strapless, one shoulder, halter and spaghetti straps are acceptable. All tops should be in good taste. No plunging necklines. Dresses or skirts should be no shorter than 1" above the knee. If you have to ask, it's probably a no.

***CHAPERONES: It is your responsibility to ensure the dress code is enforced.**

Practices - Casual dress including jeans and appropriate length shorts with Jobie t-shirts are appropriate to wear to practices.

Meeting/Business Casual — Grand Session events, practices, lunches and GGC meetings, "Jobie Casual" is appropriate. This includes jeans, dress pants, knee length skirts or dresses and Job's Daughters t-shirts or other appropriate tops.

Formal — Formal Opening and Banquet & Awards Night. Appropriate attire includes: knee length or longer formal dresses or gowns, "dressy" dresses or "dressy" palazzo style pants, pant suits, formal jump suits, tuxedos, or sport coats and ties.

Official Regalia — All Daughters will wear official regalia (robes, white slippers, etc.) to the Grand Bethel meetings. Jewelry worn with official regalia shall be limited to membership or Officer's jewels or awards, a wristwatch and one (1) additional piece of jewelry in keeping with the regalia of our Order and approved by the Grand Bethel Committee or Bethel Guardian Council.

Competitions — See competition guidelines to verify if Official Regalia or other options for dressing are needed.



JOBIE TO BEES



Calling all Bees! Discover what the BUZZ is all about at Grand Session!

Jobie to Bees ages 8-10 years old are invited to join the South Dakota Grand Beehive for a fantastic time at “Bloom with Job’s Daughters” Grand Session.

Join us in the Hospitality Room to meet new friends and have some fun!

Friday, June 7

1:00 - 4:00 PM during the Grand Bethel Meeting

Saturday, June 8

1:30 - 3:00 PM during Installation Practice

Jobie to Bees are also invited to participate in the Swappie Party/Pool Party, Talent Show, Formal Opening, Reception + Jobie Reunion, Installation Ceremonies and all meals.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility to attend an activity, please reach out to State Beehive Coordinator, Lyn Neiman.



GRAND FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY



Friday, June 7, 2024

7:30 PM

Join the Grand Guardian Council of South Dakota Job's Daughters to officially kick off this 80th Grand Session! Our Grand Family will welcome honored guests and dignitaries before completing the following:

Lily of the Valley Award

The Lily of the Valley Award is awarded in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service by a Daughter to Job's Daughters International. This award is intended to recognize a Daughter who has remained active and supportive, who has given to the Order in a capacity above and beyond the normal call of duty and who is an outstanding contributor to the organization

Degree of Royal Purple

The Royal Purple Degree is an award that recognizes a person's dedication to Job's Daughters.

The Degree honors Majority Members who have been especially generous in dedicating their time and efforts to promoting their Bethels and Job's Daughters International

Amethyst Award

The purpose of this award shall be to pay the highest honor of Job's Daughters adults in appreciation and recognition of their meritorious and unselfish service in the assistance and support of Job's Daughters International.

Flag Ceremony

We would like to ask for a representative from each bethel to present their Bethel Flag during Formal Opening. A special presentation will be given.



2023-2024 GRAND BETHEL OFFICERS



Grand Bethel Officers

- Grand Bethel Officers shall wear the Official Regalia complimentary to their Grand Bethel Office.
- Grand Bethel Officers shall have their Ritualistic work memorized upon their arrival to Grand Session.
- The Grand Bethel will be performing the following ceremonies:
 - Opening + Closing Ceremony (Grand Bethel Meeting)
 - Majority Ceremony (Grand Bethel Meeting)
 - Lily of the Valley Ceremony (Formal Opening Ceremony)
 - Degree of Royal Purple (Formal Opening Ceremony)
 - Amethyst Award (Formal Opening Ceremony)
- Practice for all Grand Bethel Officers will be held on Friday, June 7 at 8:30 AM.
- Grand Bethel Officers are also required to be present at Formal Opening practice held on Friday, June 7 at 10:30 AM.
- If a GBO or GBR is not able to attend Grand Session, the Bethel Guardian or Daughter is to notify the Grand Bethel Guardian no later than May 10, 2024. All GBO and GBR positions must be filled for Grand Formal Opening and the Grand Bethel Meeting. The Bethel of the absent GBO or GBR will provide a pro-tem.
 - If the Bethel is unable to provide a pro-tem, the Grand Bethel Committee will select a Daughter from another Bethel.
- If you have any questions please contact Grand Bethel Guardian, Sarah Maskovich.



GRAND BETHEL MEETING



Grand Bethel Meeting

Friday, June 7

1:00PM

- Grand Bethel Officers shall wear the Official Regalia complimentary to their Grand Bethel Office.
- Grand Bethel Officers shall have their Ritualistic work memorized upon their arrival to Grand Session.
- The Grand Bethel will be performing the following ceremonies:
 - Opening + Closing Ceremony (Grand Bethel Meeting)
 - Majority Ceremony (Grand Bethel Meeting)
 - Necrology Ceremony | Chaplains (Grand Bethel Meeting)
- Practice for all Grand Bethel Officers will be held on Friday, June 7 at 8:30 AM.
- Grand Bethel Officers are also required to be present at Formal Opening practice held on Friday, June 7 at 10:30 AM.
- If a Grand Bethel Officer is not able to attend Grand Session, the Bethel Guardian or Daughter is to notify the Grand Bethel Guardian no later than May 10, 2024. All GBO positions must be filled for Grand Formal Opening and the Grand Bethel Meeting. The Bethel of the absent GBO will provide a pro-tem.
 - If the Bethel is unable to provide a pro-tem, the Grand Bethel Committee will select a Daughter from another Bethel.
- If you have any questions please contact Grand Bethel Guardian, Sarah Maskovich.

Any Bethel desiring to have members receive the Majority Degree at Grand Session should submit their name to the Grand Bethel Guardian by May 10th. Majority Bibles need to be provided by the Bethel.

The Necrology Ceremony will be held under the direction of Laura Brown, Grand Chaplain during the Grand Bethel Meeting. Please send the names of any deceased members of Job's Daughters or others associated with Job's Daughters to Laura.



2024-2025 JURISDICTIONAL BETHEL OFFICER SELECTION

Jurisdictional Bethel Elections

2024-2025 officers of the Jurisdictional Bethel will be chosen during the Grand Bethel Meeting. Elections will be ran according to the Constitution and Bylaws, SD R&R Grand Bethel.

Registration for Bethels for Jurisdictional Bethel Elections will be the Session Registration Table located in the main lobby of the Masonic Center. The cut off for Jurisdictional Bethel Election Registration will be 10 AM on Friday, June 7.

If you have any questions regarding Jurisdictional Bethel Elections, please reach out to Sarah Vanneman-Maskovich, Grand Bethel Guardian.

Election of Jurisdictional Bethel Sr Princess and Jurisdictional Bethel Jr Princess and Musician

Below you will find information regarding the duties, responsibilities and qualifications associated with the offices of Jurisdictional Bethel Sr Princess and Jurisdictional Bethel Jr Princess. Bethel Guardian Councils, it is your responsibility to provide eligible Daughters AND their parents with the following information so that they may make an informed decision to participate in the selection of these offices.

DUTIES OF THE JURISDICTIONAL BETHEL HONORED QUEEN

The JBHQ is the representative of the Jurisdictional Bethel of South Dakota. Please refer to the BYLAW SD R&R Jurisdictional Bethel (formerly Grand Bethel) for these specific duties.

DUTIES OF THE JURISDICTIONAL BETHEL SENIOR PRINCESS

It is the duty of the JBHQ to attend state functions and all meetings of the Jurisdictional Bethel, and to memorize the Sr Princess parts as found in the ritual and special ceremonies. The 2024-2025 JBSP will automatically be the next JBHQ.

DUTIES OF THE JURISDICTIONAL BETHEL JUNIOR PRINCESS

It is the duty of the JBJP to attend state functions and all meetings of the Jurisdictional Bethel, to memorize her parts as found in the ritual and special ceremonies. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the JBSP, the JBJP shall advance to the officer of JBSP.

JURISDICTIONAL BETHEL MUSICIAN

Daughters proficient on an instrument, not limited to piano, may submit their name to be chosen as Jurisdictional Musician. Those eligible shall be put into the JB Musician bucket and may also be considered for other JB Offices.

2024-2025 JURISDICTIONAL BETHEL OFFICER SELECTION

Jurisdictional Bethel Elections

Eligibility for Election of Jurisdictional Bethel Sr Princess and Jurisdictional Bethel Jr Princess

Section 1 Eligibility (per BYLAW SD - R&R - Grand Bethel)

(a) A Daughter must be a member in good standing in her Bethel and must be registered and in attendance at the Grand Bethel meeting to be eligible for selection as a Grand Bethel Officer or Representative.

(b) A Grand Bethel Officer or Representative who has been suspended or expelled from her Bethel shall lose her office and her honors in the Grand Bethel.

(c) Honored Queens Elect, Honored Queens and Past Honored Queens aspiring to be Grand Bethel Senior Princess, Grand Bethel Junior Princess and Grand Bethel Honored Queen of the Grand Bethel shall complete a letter of intent that:

- (1) she and her parent(s) or guardian(s) are aware of the responsibilities as outlined in the Grand Bethel, Article XI, Sect. 1
- (2) why she aspires to hold the office of Grand Bethel Honored Queen and her ideas for her term as Grand Bethel Honored Queen.

(d) A Daughter aspiring to the office of Grand Bethel Senior Princess, Grand Bethel Junior Princess and Grand Bethel Honored Queen shall:

- (1) be at least fifteen (15) years of age by her Installation as Grand Bethel Senior Princess or Grand Bethel Junior Princess.
- (2) be less than nineteen (19) years of age at the time of her Installation as Grand Bethel Senior Princess or Grand Bethel Junior Princess.
- (3) have successfully which completed the Supreme and/or SD Ritual Knowledge Course and submit a certificate of completion to the Election Committee, at the Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council to which she aspires selection.
- (4) daughters aspiring to these offices shall attend an informal meeting with the Grand Guardian, Associate Grand Guardian, and Grand Bethel Committee at the beginning of the Grand Session in which she aspires to this office. A parent or representative of their daughter shall accompany each daughter. At this meeting:
 - [a] each Daughter shall relate her intent to aspire to hold the office of Grand Bethel Honored Queen and her ideas for her term as Grand Bethel Honored Queen.
 - [b] give an oral recitation of ritualistic work as chosen by the Grand Bethel Committee, in front of a judges panel and judged on accuracy and presentation.
 - [c] complete a written test based on a general knowledge of JDI and the Ritual .
- (5) daughters aspiring to this office shall have attended at least one (1) previous SD Grand Bethel Annual Session.
- (6) daughters aspiring to this office shall have competed in at least one (1) previous Ritual Competition.

(e) Upon completion of the informal meeting, oral recitation and written test, the names of the daughters scoring a total of at least 80% on all the judged components combined, shall be entered into the drawing.

(f) A Daughter may not hold a Grand Bethel office and Miss SDJD or Miss SD Congeniality in the same Job's daughter year.

2024-2025 JURISDICTIONAL BETHEL OFFICER SELECTION

Jurisdictional Bethel Senior Princess and Juniors Princess PERMISSION FORM

Name: _____ Bethel # _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

We have read the qualifications and duties contained in the call letter and consent to the nomination of _____ for the office of Grand Bethel Senior Princess and Grand Bethel Junior Princess. We understand that there are out-of-pocket expenses for which we will not receive reimbursement should I/our daughter be elected.

Date

Signature of Daughter

Date

Signature of Parent (or Legal Guardian)

The Executive Bethel Guardian Council of Bethel _____ hereby recommend the above listed Daughter for the office of Grand Bethel Senior Princess and Grand Bethel Junior Princess. Three (3) Executive Council Officer Signatures required.)

Date

Name and Title

Date

Name and Title

Date

Name and Title

(Bethel Seal)

The background features several colorful butterflies in shades of blue, purple, and pink, along with small five-petaled flowers in purple and pink. The butterflies are scattered around the text, with some larger ones in the corners and smaller ones interspersed. The overall theme is spring and nature.

**2024 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA
JOB'S DAUGHTER PAGEANT**

SOAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
MASONIC CENTER
SIOUX FALLS, SD

**THE PAGEANT COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD ONLINE
BEFORE GRAND SESSION (LIKELY LATE MAY/EARLY
JUNE) BELOW. ONCE YOU COMPLETE AND SUBMIT
THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION BELOW, SOMEONE
WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU WITH MORE DETAILS.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

LARISSA NEIMAN

605-376-2990

LARISSA.NEIMAN@GMAIL.COM

2024-2025 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA JOB'S DAUGHTER PAGEANT

Registration Information

The 2024 - 2025 Miss South Dakota Job's Daughter will be selected during a virtual competition with the winner being announced Saturday June 8th at Grand Session.

Each contestant is required to have access to the following technologies:

- Electronic device with reliable internet, word processing, and video capabilities
- Access to Zoom
- Access to a printer, scanner or camera for submitting required forms
- Smart phone, digital or web camera for submitting required forms
- Valid email address that is monitored daily

Contact Pageant Chairman Larissa Neiman (605-376-2990) immediately if you do not have the required access.

The duty of the Miss South Dakota Job's Daughter (MSDJD) is to represent South Dakota Job's Daughters to the public and to other Masonic organizations. She will attend local and state Job's Daughters events to promote interest in the ideals of Job's Daughters and enthusiasm for the growth of our organization. The MSDJD will also represent SD in the Miss International pageant to be held at Supreme Session 2024. Each Bethel in South Dakota is encouraged to sponsor a Daughter in the Miss South Dakota Job's Daughters Pageant. Bethels are allowed to have more than one candidate as long as they are sponsored equally. Contestants should possess a thorough knowledge of the Job's

Daughters Ritual and rules governing the Order. Each contestant will be evaluated on the following:

- Knowledge of the order (written exam)
- Ability to effectively communicate one the messenger lectures
- Poise and public presentation skills.

ELIGIBILITY: The Daughter MUST be a member in good standing in her Bethel, and be at least sixteen (16) years of age by the date of the International Pageant at Supreme Session in 2024 and less than twenty (20) years of age at the time of her selection to represent South Dakota. In addition, she must have passed all three (3) sections of the JDI knowledge course before the entry form deadline. A consent form must be signed by the Daughter, her parents or legal guardians, and three (3) executive members of the Bethel Guardian Council. A Miss South Dakota Job's Daughter who marries while in office forfeits her title as Miss South Dakota Job's Daughter. A Daughter shall be eligible to compete in only two (2) pageants for the title of Miss SDJD.

2024-2025 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA JOB'S DAUGHTER PAGEANT

Requirements for Judging

REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGING: Specific guidelines for each judging requirement will be sent directly to each contestant as confirmation of her participation in the Pageant.

WRITTEN TEST: This test will consist of a written examination based on general knowledge of Job's Daughters International, the ritual, the constitution, bylaws and other documents of the Order. The Written Exam will be completed online prior to Grand Session. More details to come.

RITUAL RECITATION: Oral ritual recitation will be given in professional/business attire. The Daughter will recite a Messenger's Initiation lecture (contestants will be notified as to which one). Judging will be on accuracy and presentation. The Ritual Recitation will be given to a judges panel via zoom. More details to come.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW: Each contestant will have a ten (10) minute private interview with a panel of pageant judges. Judges will have received a fact sheet on each contestant giving age, education, training, interests, ambition, and Job's Daughter achievements. The Daughter will be judged on her personality, diction, sincerity, manner, adaptability to the situation, and the general impression she makes. The interview will also be via zoom following the Ritual Recitation.

IMPROMPTU QUESTION: All contestants will be asked to respond to an extemporaneous question. Judging will be not only on her response to the question, but also on the overall impression the contestant makes as she responds. This question will also happening virtually following the Lecture and Interview.

SCORING: The contestant chosen as Miss SDJD shall earn at least an 80% cumulative score from all categories of judging. Should a tie result, it will be broken by referring to the combined written test and recitation scores for the tied contestants. The contestant with the highest combined score will be declared the winner.

ENTRY FEE: The entry fee is \$100.00 and must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2024. Make checks payable to the SD Grand Guardian Council. These donations must be turned in/postmarked (mailed) to Lyn Neiman (917 E 61st St Sioux Falls, SD 57108) by October 1st, 2023.

SPONSORS AND PATRONS: Each Miss SDJD candidate is required by bylaw to seek TEN (10) donations from sponsors and patrons, both as a way to increase awareness of our Miss Job's Daughter candidates and as a means of meeting the expenses of the pageant itself. Sponsors can be business establishments, Bethels, or fraternal groups, and Patrons are individuals (like family and friends). Each sponsor or patron may donate any amount. Enclosed is a sponsor and patron sheet for you to fill out and send along with a check for the amount raised. Make checks payable to the SD Grand Guardian Council. These donations must be turned in/postmarked (mailed) to Lyn Neiman (917 E 61st St Sioux Falls, SD 57108) by June 1, 2023

2024-2025 MISS SOUTH DAKOTA JOB'S DAUGHTER PAGEANT

Pageant Registration Check List

Use this checklist as a tool to ensure that you've completed ALL the steps required to compete in this year's pageant.

- Read and understand the MSDJD Bylaws and duties of the office. (<http://sdjd.org/bylaws/>)
- Complete the Registration form and mail (or scan and email) to Larissa Neiman.
- Ensure that you have completed and submitted the South Dakota Ritual of Knowledge Course. You can check this by emailing Courtney Stegenga, Grand Librarian
- Mail \$100 for the registration fee to Lyn Neiman (917 E 61st St Sioux Falls, SD 57108). Must be postmarked by May 15th.
- Obtain donations from at least TEN (10) sponsors or patrons. The monetary amount doesn't matter. This can be local businesses, other masonic organizations, or family and friends. Fill out the Sponsors and Patrons sheet and mail to Lyn Neiman (917 E 61st St Sioux Falls, SD 57108). Must be postmarked by June 1st.
- Do you have access to zoom?
- Do you have a computer with a webcam and/or smartphone with video?

23-24 CURRENT GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

Grand Guardian Council Officers

- Formal Opening Ceremony practice will be held on Friday, June 7 from 10:30AM - 12:00PM in the
- Please wear a black formal dress for the Formal Opening Ceremony.
- If you are a GGC Officer and are unable to attend Grand Session, please let Krista Vandersnick, Grand Guardian know ASAP so she can find a replacement.
- In place of door prizes, we are asking all GGC Officers to please bring an item to put in the welcome bags for each Daughter. Some ideas are: candy, stickers, pens, markers, trinkets, pins, something homemade! Please bring enough for 50 bags.
 - You can turn these in upon your arrival to the hotel on Thursday June 6.
- We will have one meeting at Grand Session to finish any business not completed at the Annual Meeting in April. This will be held from **3:00 - 4:00 PM on Saturday June 8.**
 - Dues for the 2024-2025 Jurisdiction Guardian Council can be paid at Grand Session.
- ALL elected Grand Guardian Council Officers and Committee Chairpersons must prepare a typed report for presentation at Grand Session. Please submit this to the Grand Secretary.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 6, 2024

- 4:00 PM Session Opens + Hotel Check In
5:00 PM Pizza + Swappie Party
7:30 PM Talent Show
8:00 PM Pool Party

Friday, June 7, 2024

- 8:00 AM Registration Opens
8:30 - 10:30 AM Grand Bethel Practice
10:00 AM Committee Meetings
-Spirit Ambassador Committee + Judges Meeting
-Ritual Competition Committee + Judges Meeting
-Grand Bethel Committee + Judges Meeting
10:30 - 2:00 PM Spirit Ambassador Competition
Jurisdictional SP/JP Competition
10:30 - 12:00 PM Formal Opening Practice
12:00 - 12:30 PM Lunch
1:00 - 4:00 PM Grand Bethel Meeting (Necrology + Majority Ceremonies)
Jobie to Bee Activity
6:00 - 7:15 PM Formal Banquet + Pictures
7:30 PM Formal Opening Ceremony



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 8, 2024

- 7:00 AM Robe Judging
- 7:30 AM Ritual Competition
- 9:30 - 12:00 PM Education Sessions + Service Project
- 12:30 - 1:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 - 3:00 PM JGC + JB Installation Practice
Jobie to Bee Activity
- 3:00 PM GGC Business Meeting
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM Awards Dinner + Pictures
(including Ritual Competition, Miss SDJD + Spirit Ambassadors)
- 7:00 PM GBHQ Reception + Jobie Reunion

Sunday, June 9, 2024

- 9:00 AM GBHQ Retiring Ceremony
- 9:30 AM Jurisdictional Chartering Ceremony
- 10:00 AM Jurisdictional Guardian Council + Jurisdictional Bethel Installations



AWARDS

AMETHYST AWARD

Purpose: The purpose of this award shall be to pay the highest honor of 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 Daughter in South Dakota.

Requirements for nomination:

1. The nominee must be 30 years of age or older, a man or woman who has shown exceptional service to the Order, with at least ten (10) years of service. A man or woman who has shown exceptional service to the Order, with at least ten (10) years of service. This shall exclude the Grand Guardian, Associate Grand Guardian, Vice Grand Guardian, Vice Associate Grand Guardian, Guide, Marshal, Inner Guard and Outer Guard during their terms of office and the work done in that capacity.
2. A nomination in writing shall originate through members of Job's Daughters
3. The nomination letter MUST include ALL of the requested qualifying information for the proposed nominee:
 - o Name/Birth Date
 - o Address/Phone Number
 - o Occupation
 - o Number of years of service to Job's Daughters
 - o Bethel # (list all appropriate)
 - o Bethel Guardian Council Positions held and length of time
 - o Grand Office and Committee positions held
 - o State how long you have known the nominee
 - o Give 3 or 4 reasons why you believe the nominee deserves the award.
4. The nomination shall be accompanied by three (3) reference letters (from non-relatives) for the proposed nominee, giving good and sufficient reason why they should be considered for this award. The letters must contain a signature or attached to an email from their own email account to qualify as an e-signature.
5. Cost of the award must be forwarded with the nomination letter. If the award is denied, the fee shall be returned. Contact **Sally Richardson, PGG at 605-280-6981 or slrichardson52@gmail.com** for the current cost of the award.
6. The nomination letter, all required supporting documentation (letters of recommendation), along with the fee must be provided to the committee chairman.
7. The knowledge of who has been nominated and who has been approved to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential within the committee.

The Amethyst Award will be presented at Formal Opening on Friday evening, June 7th, if we have recipients.



AWARDS

DEGREE OF ROYAL PURPLE AWARD

Purpose: The Royal Purple Degree is an award that recognized a person's dedication to Job's Daughters. As stated in the ceremony, the Degree honors Majority Members "who have been especially generous in dedicating their time and efforts to promoting their Bethels and the Job's Daughters International".

Requirements for nomination:

1. At the time of nomination the nominee must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age.
2. The Executive member of a Bethel Guardian Council or a member of the Executive Grand Guardian Council shall nominate an individual in writing without her knowledge. The letter shall state why you and the members of your Bethel, Council or Grand Council think this woman is worthy to receive the Royal Purple Degree.
3. The nomination letter shall be accompanied by four (4) reference letters (from non-relatives) for the proposed nominee, giving good and sufficient reason why she should be considered for this award. At least two (2) of these must be from someone officially connected with Job's Daughters. The reference letters must contain a signature or attached to an email from their personal email account to qualify as an e-signature.
4. The nomination letter MUST include ALL of the requested qualifying information for the proposed nominee:
 - o Name/Birth Date
 - o Address/Phone Number
 - o Occupation
 - o Number of years of service to Job's Daughters
 - o Bethel # (list all appropriate) and Date of Majority
 - o Offices held in Job's Daughters
 - o Bethel Committees
 - o Church Activities
 - o Other Masonic Organizations
 - o State how long you have known the nominee
 - o Give 3 or 4 reasons why you believe the nominee deserves the award.
5. The cost of the award must be forwarded with the nomination letter. If the award is denied, the fee shall be returned. Contact the Grand Secretary for the current cost of the medallion.
6. The nomination letter, all required supporting documentation (letters of recommendation), along with the fee must be provided to the committee chairman.
7. The knowledge of who has been nominated and who has been approved to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential within the committee.

The Degree of Royal Purple will be presented at Formal Opening on Friday evening, June 8th, if we have recipients.



AWARDS

LILY OF THE VALLEY AWARD

Purpose: “The Lily of the Valley Award is awarded in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service by a Daughter to the Job’s Daughters International”. This award is intended to recognize a Daughter who has remained active and supportive, who has given to the Order in a capacity above and beyond the normal call of duty and who is an outstanding contributor to the Organization.

Requirements for nomination:

1. The Daughter must be a Majority Member of Job’s Daughters International and be between the ages of 20 and 23.
2. The Executive members of a Bethel Guardian Council shall nominate an individual in writing without her knowledge. The nomination letter must be signed by the Bethel Guardian or the Bethel Guardian Secretary.
3. The nomination letter must include **MUST** include **ALL** of the requested qualifying information for the proposed nominee:

* Name and Age

- Address/Phone Number
- Bethel # (list all appropriate) and Date of Majority
- Between the ages of 17 and 23 provide the following:
 - List seven (7) meeting or activities attended (at any Bethel) each year
 - List three (3) Grand Sessions registered and attended
 - List one (1) statewide activity attended (HIKE, Supreme Visit, etc)
 - List all Bethel Council or Grand Council offices held
 - List all committee appointments
 - State how long you have known the nominee
 - Give 3 or 4 reasons why you believe the nominee deserves the award.

1. The nomination letter shall be accompanied by three (3) references letters from non- relatives who are knowledgeable of the nominee’s qualifications, giving good and sufficient reason why she should be considered for this award. The reference letters must contain a signature or must be attached to an email from their personal email account to qualify as an e-signature.
2. The cost of the award must be forwarded with the nomination letter. If the award is denied, the fee shall be returned. Contact the Grand Secretary for the current cost of the medallion.
3. The nomination letter, all required supporting documentation (letters of recommendation), along with the fee must be provided to the committee chairman.
4. The knowledge of who has been nominated and who has been approved to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential within the committee.

The Lily of the Valley will be presented at Formal Opening on Friday evening, June 8th, if we have recipients.



RITUAL COMPETITIONS

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF ENTRY DEADLINES

Grand Session will be offering Ritual Competition to Bethels, and Individuals. Please read all of the instructions and information carefully as there have been changes. If you have any questions about Ritual Competition, PLEASE contact competition chairman.

GENERAL RITUAL COMPETITION RULES:

You must pre-register in order to compete and you will receive confirmation of your registration. Entries postmarked later than the deadline will not be accepted.

THE RITUAL, COPYRIGHT DATE 2012 WILL BE USED.

The minimum qualification to win an award is 85% of the total possible points to ensure a degree of competence and excellence, even in the case of only one Bethel, or Individual entering a category. There will be 3 age groups for individual competitions; Novice (first time entry), General age 11-14, and Purple age 15-19.

You will be judged on proper Regalia: robes, slippers, headbands, jewelry, crowns, long slip, and white hose. Capes and crowns will not be acceptable for any primary station on the floor except Honored Queen, Senior Princess and Junior Princess. PHQ capes and crowns may not be worn during any competition.

A Daughter may enter only three (3) competitions, (not including Choir Competition), may enter only one (1) individual messenger competition.

All Daughters participating in Ritual Competition must be members in good standing (dues paid and dues cards available).

A Daughter who reaches the age of 20 during the Grand year will be allowed to compete in individual and choir competitions, and may not participate in the Majority Competition.

Majority Members will not wear the official regalia of the Order. Semi-formal attire is expected and appearance will be judged during the lecture. Robe judging is not included in the majority competition.

For scheduling purposes, please identify those who are participating in the Spirit Ambassador Competition on the entry forms.

Only the Bethel Guardian shall pick up her Bethel's score sheets after the Awards Ceremony.

A minimum of two per competition must register in order for the competition to be held. Notification of canceled competitions will be sent out following the registration deadline. Competitions that have an unexpected or last-minute drop at Grand Session will still compete as scheduled.

RITUAL COMPETITIONS

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF ENTRY DEADLINES

***INDIVIDUAL MESSENGER LECTURE COMPETITION & INSTRUCTIONS

This year, there will only be 2 (two) individual messenger lecture available. This year's Individual Messenger Lectures are First and Fourth Messengers

Judging on any of the Messenger's lectures will be from the Opening Ceremony and the Ceremony of Initiation. You need not be a Messenger to participate in the Individual Competition. Messengers will start at their respective station, give their lecture, and then return to their station. All directional lines shall be given. Crowns and capes will not be acceptable in Messenger Competition and will result in point deductions. Miss Job contestants may not compete in this competition in the lecture chosen for the required lecture for Miss Job competition.

First Messenger: The Daughter will enter the room and be seated in the First Messenger's chair. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin." She will rise and the part to be given begins on page 41 with "Honored Queen, my station..." and then take the proper position west of the altar, as described in the Ritual on page 90. The part to be given begins on page 90 with "On the edge..." and ends on page 91 with "... on his mission." After completion on her lecture, she will return to her station as per Ritual and wait until the proficiency judge dismisses her.

Fourth Messenger: The Daughter will enter the room and be seated in the Fourth Messenger's chair. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin." She will rise and the part to be given begins on page 41 with "Honored Queen, my station..." and then take the proper position west of the altar, as described in the Ritual on page 97. The part to be given begins on page 97 with "Job's cries to God..." and ends on page 98 with "... to the Senior Princess." After completion on her lecture, she will return to her station as per Ritual and wait until the proficiency judge dismisses her.

NEW COMPETITIONS

Written Test: The test is based on the Ritual and there will be 3 (three) divisions. Novice is for first time competitors. Novice may use the ritual for the test. General age 11-14 and Purple age 15-19 will not be allowed to use the ritual during the test. There will be a separate test for each division.

Honored Queen: The Daughter will enter the bethel room and be seated at the Honored Queen station. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin." She will rise and the part to be given begins on page 103-104, and 106-107 and the Proficiency Work No. 6, 7 & 9. After completion on her lecture she will be seated and wait until the proficiency judge dismisses her.

Senior Princess: The Daughter will enter the bethel room and be seated at the Senior Princess station. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin." She will rise and the part to be given begins on page 99-100, and 104 and the Proficiency Work No. 4, 5, & 8. After completion on her lecture, she will be seated and wait until the proficiency judge dismisses her.

Junior Princess: The Daughter will enter the bethel room and be seated at the Junior Princess station. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin." She will rise and the part to be given begins on page 92-94, and the Proficiency Work No. 2 & 3. After completion on her lecture, she will be seated and wait until the proficiency judge dismisses her.

RITUAL COMPETITIONS

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STORY OF JOB COMPETITION & INSTRUCTIONS

The Daughter will enter the Bethel room and be seated. The Story of Job is to be judged on all five (5) Messenger Initiation Lectures, found on pages 90-102. Parts are to be given in succession like a story, omitting the instructions to the Guide and Marshal and the floor work. Each lecture will be done one right after the other like a story, by ONE DAUGHTER, excluding directional lines. The Daughter will enter the room and be seated in the First Messenger's chair. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin." She will approach the altar from the First Messenger's Station according to the Ritual and give all five messengers' parts as a continuous story. The parts to be given start with the First Messenger's lecture on page 90 with "On the edge..." and ends on page 91 with "...on his mission." It continues with the Second Messenger's part which begins on page 91 with "Job was happy..." and ends on page 92 with "...to receive misfortune?" It continues with the Third Messenger's part which begins on page 95 with "Job, stricken..." and ends on page 97 with "...God's Divine Hand." It continues with the Fourth Messenger's part which begins on page 97 with "Job's cries to ..." and ends on page 98 with "...by the Adversary." It finishes with the Fifth Messenger's part which begins on page 101 with "The story of..." and ends on page 102 with "... Daughters of Job." After completion of the Fifth Messenger's lecture, she will be seated in the Fifth Messenger's chair and wait to be dismissed by the proficiency judge. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Do not include the directions to the Guide and Marshal from the Second, Fourth and Fifth Messenger's parts!

CHAPLAIN COMPETITION & INSTRUCTIONS

The Daughter will enter the room and be seated in the Chaplain's chair. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin." The Chaplain Competition will be judged on the following: The Chaplain will rise and take her position east of the altar, as per Ritual on page 127. She will open the Bible. Chaplain's instructions during Initiation on page 88, begins with "This solemn pledge...", the Obligation (Proficiency Lesson 1); Closing Prayer in Initiation, page 108 with "Our Father, every blade..."; and the Closing Ceremony Prayer, page 68 with "Our Heavenly Father, we ask...". After completion, she will close the Bible, return to her station as per Ritual and wait until the proficiency judge dismisses her. Judging will also include the floor work and opening and closing the Bible.

ATTENTION ADULTS!

We need Judges for the 2024 Ritual Competition at Grand Session in June in Sioux Falls. We are asking for at least two judges from each Bethel and any available Grand Council members.

There will be a brief meeting for the judges at **10:00 AM** on Friday, June 7. Judging packets will be distributed at the meeting, so please attend this meeting. Thank you! The Ritual Competition Chair will be happy to have you volunteer by emailing her at ctknutson@gmail.com.

RITUAL COMPETITIONS

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NOVICE COMPETITION & INSTRUCTIONS

A Daughter may participate if she was initiated since Grand Session 2022, is not comfortable with competition yet and would like to learn what it is all about. This should be her first and only competition this year. The daughter will be allowed to have a council member from her Bethel, in the room during competition. The adult may not say anything or give any directions and will sit at the side of the room. The Daughter will recite the Mothers', Fathers' and Guardians' Prayer in official Regalia. She will be judged on accuracy, presentation, and general appearance. The daughter will be seated in the fifth (5) messenger chair. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin". The Daughter will proceed directly forward to west of the altar, kneel and assume the Attitude of Prayer. Once in position she will recite the Mothers', Fathers' and Guardians' Prayer. When finished she will return to her seat and wait for the judges to dismiss her.

JOBIE TO BEE COMPETITION & INSTRUCTIONS

This is a great opportunity for a Jobie to Bee to participate in Grand Session! The Jobie to Bee will be allowed to have a council member from her Bethel, in the room during competition. The adult may not say anything or give any directions and will sit on the sidelines. The Jobie to Bee will recite the Lord's Prayer as written in the Ritual. She will be judged on accuracy, presentation, and general appearance. The J2B will be seated in the 5th Messengers chair. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin." The J2B will proceed directly forward to west of the altar, kneel and assume the Attitude of Prayer. Once in position she will recite The Lord's Prayer. When finished she will return to her seat and wait for the judges to dismiss her.

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MAJORITY COMPETITION & INSTRUCTIONS:

A Majority Member may compete as long as they are not currently a Grand Bethel Officer, participating in any of the Individual or Bethel Competitions. She will enter the room and be seated in the Second Messenger's chair. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin." She will rise and the part to be given begins on page 41 with "Honored Queen, my station...." and then take the proper position west of the altar, as described in the Ritual on page 91-92. The part to be given begins on page 91 with "Job was happy...." and ends on page 92 with "... to the Junior Princess." After completion on her lecture, she will return to her station as per Ritual and wait until the proficiency judge dismisses her.

Ritual Competition Parts for 202

Honored Queen: Ritual Pages 103-104, 106-107; Proficiency Work No. 6, 7 & 9

Senior Princess: Ritual Pages 99-100 & 104; Proficiency Work No. 4, 5 & 8

Junior Princes: Ritual Pages 92-94; Proficiency Work No. 2 & 3

Chaplain: Ritual Pages 88-89, 108 & 68; Proficiency Work No. 1

First Messenger: Ritual Pages 41, 90-91

Fourth Messenger: Ritual Pages 42, 97-98; complete with instructions to Guide and Marshal

*Messengers will start at their stations, perform floor work, give their lectures, and return to their stations.

Story of Job: Ritual pages 90-102. Parts are to be given in succession like a story, omitting the instructions to the Guide and Marshal and the floor work. When entering the room and be seated in the First Messengers chair.

Novice: Ritual Page 66 - Mother's Father's & Guardians Prayer.

Majority: Ritual Pages 41, 91-92; complete with instructions to Guide and Marshal

RITUAL COMPETITIONS

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF ENTRY DEADLINES

Robe Judging Form

Daughter's Name _____ Bethel _____ Jurisdiction _____
Competitions Entered _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: JUDGING WILL BE DONE BY VISUAL INSPECTION ONLY, FOCUSING ON HOW ROBES LOOK. THERE WILL BE NO MEASURING. EVERY ROBE MUST HAVE A WHITE CORD.

SCORE ONE (1) POINT FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS

1. Official robe from Supreme or made from official pattern _____
2. Robe is clean and pressed _____
3. Cords stitched correctly with 6-inch gab in front _____
4. Cord around waist once _____
5. Cord crossed at center front 3 times _____
6. Cord tied in a double (square) knot _____
7. Robe 3 inches from floor when tied _____
8. Hem of robe 4 inches wide _____
9. White shoes/slippers (no decoration except bow) _____
10. White long slip (below the knee) _____
11. White hose (not socks) _____
12. White & purple headbands (no decorations) centered over ears _____
13. Hair pieces: neutral, not distracting or large _____
14. Jewelry as limited by Supreme Bylaws
(membership and/or officer's jewels, awards, a wristwatch and one (1) additional piece of jewelry) _____
15. Clear or no nail polish _____
16. Overall appearance 0-5 points _____

Total (Maximum 20 points) _____/20

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION FORM

DEADLINE: Arrive by MAY 10, 2024

MAIL TO: Carla Knutson
20073 Ridgefield Loop
Spearfish, SD 57783
(605) 645-9527
email: ctknutson@gmail.com

DAUGHTER'S NAME: _____ BETHEL # _____ AGE: _____ (June 12, 2023)
BIRTH DATE: _____

BETHEL GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

All South Dakota Job's Daughters are eligible to enter Ritual Competition. Daughters who reach the age of twenty (20) after Grand 2023 and have not taken their majority are eligible to compete. Majority Members ARE eligible to judge, should they wish.

**LIMIT OF THREE INDIVIDUAL and ONE INDIVIDUAL RITUAL KNOWLEDGE TEST PER DAUGHTER
INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES (CHECK NO MORE THAN THREE)**

Honored Queen		1st Messenger	
Senior Princess		4th Messenger	
Junior Princess		Story of Job	
Chaplain		Novice or Jobie to Bee	
Majority		Spirit Ambassador	

INDIVIDUAL RITUAL KNOWLEDGE TEST (CIRCLE ONE):

J2B/Novice 1st time entry

General age 11-14

Purple age 15-19

ROBE JUDGING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL DAUGHTERS COMPETING IN RITUAL COMPETITION BUT NOT REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUAL RITUAL KNOWLEDGE TEST.

REMEMBER : INDIVIDUAL RITUAL KNOWLEDGE TEST WILL SUNDAY EVENING AND ALL OTHER TESTS AND COMPETITION WILL BE ON COMPETITION DAY.

IF YOU DROP A COMPETITION, PLEASE NOTIFY CARLA KNUTSON BY OR AT CHECK-IN OF COMPETITION DAY!

Daughter/Majority Member Date

Bethel Guardian (for Daughters only) Date

SPIRIT AMBASSADOR COMPETITION

**We are looking for girls ages 10-15
who have the following qualities:**

- a great leader in their Bethel
- like to have FUN
- have a desire to help others

Does that sound like you?

Spirit Ambassadors have the opportunity to meet new people, participate in programs and help others become their very best!

This is also a great opportunity to help prepare yourself for future responsibilities and leadership positions in South Dakota Job's Daughters.

The Duties of a Spirit Ambassador:

- Be present at Grand Bethel Installation.
- Be a role model for and representative of the younger members of South Dakota Job's Daughters.
- Participate in activities and meetings of her own Bethel.
- Exemplify confidence, enthusiasm, spirit and friendliness.
- Be assigned Bethels to represent and communicate with. To create, generate and maintain a high level of spirit and positive attitude, with a goal toward increased participation and membership. Give ideas and suggestions to her assigned Bethels regarding membership, promoting Job's Daughters, encouraging member participation in Bethel activities, etc. Spirit Ambassadors will be expected to communicate by written correspondence to assigned Bethels.
- Encouraged to attend state activities during her term as Spirit ambassador...workshops, receptions, Grand Sessions, etc.
- Prepare and submit to the Grand Guardian one article for the newsletter regarding her experiences as Spirit Ambassador.
- Report on her activities to the Grand Guardian during the year.
- Encouraged to prepare a scrapbook of her activities and take to Grand Session using the following criteria:
 - Must be completed by the Spirit Ambassador.
 - Size can be no larger than 15" x 20"
 - Name of Spirit Ambassador, Bethel and town must be on inside cover of the first page.



SPIRIT AMBASSADOR COMPETITION

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. The candidates must submit an initial application fee of \$20.00 per applicant to enter the competition. Transportation throughout the year would be at their own expense.
2. All candidates must be at Grand Session the year they compete and to take the written examination.
3. Candidates must not be over the age of 15 by June 1 of the year they compete.
4. Candidates must possess and demonstrate spirit and enthusiasm towards Job's Daughters International and have the willingness and ability to share these qualities with other Bethels, Bethel members and other people.
5. The Candidate's application and permission forms along with an entry fee must be sent to the Spirit Ambassador Committee Chairperson.

SELECTION:

Spirit Ambassadors will be selected at Grand Session. All the Spirit Ambassador Candidates will be presented at the Formal Banquet. Those selected will be announced and will serve a one-year term as a South Dakota Spirit Ambassador (from Grand Session to Grand Session).

It is important for the candidates to be well prepared in each of these areas. In order to become a Spirit Ambassador they must score a minimum of 85% of the total criteria. Each Spirit Ambassador will receive a medallion to wear for their year.

Daughters will be judged and selection will be based on the following.

1. A written examination of their knowledge of Job's Daughters. The written exam shall be comprised of questions based on general knowledge of Job's Daughters and the Ritual. There will be no questions asked about the Constitution or Bylaws of Job's Daughters International.
2. Robe judging. Daughters must go through robe judging. Points may be deducted from the total score. Robe judging for this competition will be conducted at the same time as ritual competition.
3. Reciting the obligation shall be given in the official Bethel robe (either white or purple cord, no Princess or HQ attire). The Daughter shall recite the Obligation (proficiency Lesson #1) and will be judged on accuracy, presentation, floor work and general appearance. The Daughter will be seated on the South Sidelines and then asked to proceed west of the altar and kneel. She should then assume the attitude of prayer. The proficiency judge will say "You will repeat the Obligation" (Proficiency Lesson #1). As per Bylaws.
4. A brief written explanation by the candidate of her own examples of how she has demonstrated her spirit and enthusiasm toward Job's Daughters (refer to the application form).
5. A personal interview with the judges which will consist of questions developed by judges to assess the candidates' ability to communicate, present her own thoughts in words, and demonstrate her enthusiasm for Job's Daughters.

SPIRIT AMBASSADOR COMPETITION

2023 – 2024 SPIRIT AMBASSADOR CANDIDATE APPLICATION

NAME: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ AGE: (as of June 1, 2024) _____

PARENT'S OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____

BETHEL NO. LOCATION: _____

PERMISSION FORM

We, the Executive Council Members of the Bethel Guardian Council of Bethel No.____, have reviewed the objectives and responsibilities of the Spirit Ambassador Program. We understand the program and agree to support our candidate in the event she is selected as SPIRIT AMBASSADOR.

Signature of Bethel Guardian

Signature of other Executive Council Member

We, the parents of the candidate, have reviewed the objectives and responsibilities of the Spirit Ambassador Program. We understand the program and agree to support our daughter so that she may fulfill her responsibilities in the event she is selected as a SPIRIT AMBASSADOR. We understand that transportation throughout the year would be at our own expense.

Signature of Parent of Legal Guardian

I, as the candidate for my Bethel, have reviewed the objectives and responsibilities of the Spirit Ambassador Program. I understand the roles and responsibilities and agree to fulfill my obligations to the best of my ability should I be selected as a SPIRIT AMBASSADOR.

Signature of Candidate

With your application, please also submit an essay answering the following prompt:

“Describe in your own words what makes a great leader. Tell us about a time you stepped into a leadership role with South Dakota Job’s Daughters, what lessons you learned or insights you gained.”

GRAND LIBRARIAN'S CONTEST

Do you have a talent for writing? Or maybe it's just a hobby? We'd love to hear your voice in the Grand Librarian's Contest!

You may enter the in four different categories:

- Poetry
- Essay
- Short Story/Creative Writing
- Other (quote, song, etc)

Please limit your piece to no more than 1500 words and keep it Jobie appropriate.

We hope to have at least one girl from each Bethel enter a piece in this contest. Daughters are NOT limited to one entry per category.

1. There will be two age groups: 10-14 and 15-20
2. Each piece will be judged for content to theme, grammar, spelling and punctuation, creativity.
3. Each entry should be typed and cited appropriately
 - a. If submitting a song, the lyrics may be typed with the source of the sheet music cited.
4. All entries must have your name and Bethel # on a 3 x 5 index card and tucked inside an envelope with just your category and age on the outside. Then attach the envelope to your entry.
5. If you are unable to attend Grand Session, you may still enter the contest.
6. The winners will be announced at Grand Session, and the winning submissions may be used as the Librarian's Report during Grand Session.

All entries must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2024.

Use the prompts below to write your piece(s). Please submit the registration form with your entry.

Questions?

Contact Grand Librarian, Courtney Stegenga. Her email is noted above.



GRAND LIBRARIAN'S CONTEST

PROMPT #1: Female Empowerment

Think about what it means to be empowered and how women and girls achieve this in different ways. You can talk about a woman you know personally, a female public figure, or a character from a story who embodies empowerment. Describe the qualities and actions that make her an empowering figure. Discuss how she has overcome challenges or helped others to do the same. Explain why it's important for everyone, regardless of gender, to support female empowerment and how it makes the world a better place for all.

PROMPT #2: Sisterhood

Think about the bond of sisterhood. Whether you have a sister by blood or someone you consider a sister by heart, describe what sisterhood means to you. Talk about the joys and challenges of having a sister or a sister-like figure in your life. Share a memorable moment that you think shows the true spirit of sisterhood. Explain how this relationship has shaped who you are and discuss the values such as loyalty, trust, and support that come with sisterhood.

PROMPT #3: Inspiration

Think of a person who you look up to and admire. This could be a family member, a teacher, a historical figure, or even a character from a book or movie. Share why this person is important to you. Describe what makes them special and how they have influenced your life. Share a story or an experience that shows why you admire them so much. Remember to explain what you have learned from them and how you try to be more like them every day.

GRAND LIBRARIAN'S CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bethel + Location: _____

CATEGORIES (please circle one):

POETRY

ESSAY

Short Story/Creative Writing

Other



GRAND SESSION ART SHOW

Items for the Art Show need to be delivered to the Masonic Center Lobby on Friday June 8th.

Daughters and adults may enter items that are their own creation, a kit, or school project. All that we ask is that you please make sure that your item is Jobie Appropriate. If you are not sure if your item is or not, please ask a council member, or the Art show chair.

We are not limiting the number of items that a daughter enters into the art show, but we do ask that you register your items ahead of time so that we know how much room to set aside for you!

The Grand Guardian Council and Committee are NOT responsible for lost, broken, or damaged items. Every precaution will be taken to guard against this possibility. Each person bringing an item shall be responsible for all her own packing material and will keep it in her own possession.

**Please return your entry form by May 30th to Gennifer Randolph
genniferanneBR549@gmail.com**

Art show entry form

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ BETHEL & LOCATION: _____

CATEGORIES: (Please Circle One)

Painting/drawing

Sculpture

Other item

Approx. size: _____

Does it stand on its own, or need to be propped up?

Brief description of your piece:



TALENT SHOW

The Talent Show will be held on Thursday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. Entry forms must be sent to the chairman.

This will be a Talent Show, not a Competition. We want to showcase the many talents of our daughters in a more relaxed setting. We're hoping more girls will participate if they are not being judged. We would like each Bethel to be represented in the Talent Show please. Let's have some fun!

NOTE: You will be limited to two (2) categories including any groups.

TALENT SHOW ENTRY FORM

Please type or print, one form per entry

Name(s) _____

Please circle a category. Your entry must not exceed the below specified time limits.

VOCAL MUSIC: Time limit 6 minutes

Solo Duet Ensemble Full Bethel

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC:

Solo - Time limit 6 min Duet - Time limit 6 min

Ensemble - Time limit 8 min Piano - Time limit 8 min

Name of Musical Selection: - _____

Name of Composer: _____

If applicable, give accompanist's name and specify if a Daughter or Adult:

ORAL INTERPRETATION: Time limit 8 minutes

Dramatic
Humor
Original
Poetry
Skit

DANCE: Time limit 4 minutes

Solo
Duet
Ensemble
Duet

Title of Selection: _____ Name of Author: _____