

# 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.

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### \*\*\*INDIVIDUAL MESSENGER LECTURE COMPETITION & INSTRUCTIONS

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

**Second Messenger:** The Daughter 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 then take the proper position west of the altar, as described in the Ritual on page 91. 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.

**Fifth Messenger:** The Daughter will enter the room and be seated in the Fifth Messenger's chair. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin." She will rise and then take the proper position west of the altar, as described in the Ritual on page 101. The part to be given begins on page 101 with "The story of Job..." and ends on page 102 with "... to the Honored Queen." 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.

**Jobie to Bee:** A Jobie to Bee is any girl ages 8 and up and who has not yet joined a Bethel. 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 at the side of the room. The Bee will be seated in the fifth (5) messenger chair. The proficiency judge will say, "You may begin". The Bee will move to the 5th messengers as described in the Ritual on page 101 and say the following Jobie to Bee Song. When done she will back up to the 5th messengers chair and wait until the proficiency judge dismisses her.

**I Am a Jobie to Bee,  
Buzzing around so happily.  
I am a Jobie to Bee,  
I've got Jobie big sisters who love me.  
I'm waiting to grow up patiently,  
I learn from my sisters faithfully.  
Someday when I grow up big like you,  
I'm going to be in the Bethel too.  
I am a Jobie to Bee,  
With a million sisters who love me!**

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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](mailto:ctknutson@gmail.com).

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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.

### **\*\*BROUGHT BACK BY REQUEST\*\***

#### **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**

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

**Second Messenger:** Ritual Pages 91-92; complete with instructions to Guide and Marshal

**Fourth Messenger:** Ritual Pages 101-102; 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

**Jobie to Bee:** Recite the Jobie to Bee Song (written in the instructions above)

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## 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  
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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)**

Chaplain		2nd Messenger	
Majority		5th Messenger	
Novice		Story of Job	
Jobie to Bee		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

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Bethel Guardian (for Daughters only)      Date