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# INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

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## BOOK OF MUSIC

The song of spring blends into summer---  
The sun replaces clouds of grey;  
All nature now begins to waken  
As God creates another day.  
Melody birds begin their singing,  
Their golden notes send forth such cheer  
That all the world is calm and relevant'  
For they, too, feel His presence near.

(Entrance of Bethel Choir--)

Soft melodies blend into harmony rare  
For sweet music, young voices together belong  
Their heavenly golden notes filling the air,  
And none quite so fair as our Daughters of song.

OUTER AND INNER GUARD: Guarding entrance to our Bethel  
These golden notes add to our song  
By making sure all those who enter  
Have the will to do no wrong.

JR AND SR CUSTODIANS: The first notes, in our bar of music,  
Custodians of our urn and dove,  
Who carefully watch o'er our possessions  
Receive their blessing from God above.

TREASURER: The gold she brings for us to share  
In joyful act or noble deed,  
Denotes such wealth of happiness  
That work like ours can but succeed.

RECORDER: As music echoes from her pen,  
On pages white she doth record  
All our good deeds and acts of love,  
And names of those who love the Lord.



LIBRARIAN: She seeks for Truth in all she does  
And adds a note of wisdom there,  
Her thirst for knowledge seems in tune  
With all she brings for us to share.

MUSICIAN: Sweet harmony her notes give forth  
Like heavenly music from above;  
She teaches us to Trust Him  
With melodies of Faith and Love.

CHAPLAIN: The golden halo 'round her head  
Sparkles with notes of music rare;  
Before the Altar with head bowed low  
She'll teach us how to trust in prayer.

FIVE MESSENGERS: They add their notes of Hope and Faith  
For Harmony throughout the land;  
That Truth and Honesty sincere  
Will rule the world as God had planned.  
They teach us that to trust in Him,  
Who guides us through each busy day,  
Will make our lives a melody  
And help us in our work and play.

MARSHEAL AND GUIDE: No melody could be complete  
Without these notes to lead the way;  
Our Guide and Marshal lend a hand  
To Pilgrims seeking light of day.

PRIINCESSES: And now the melody grows bright (Princesses)  
As come our Princesses in view;  
They add their notes of Truth and Love  
And Patience in all things we do.  
Each Princess offers words of cheer  
And seeks to help us on our way,  
To comfort or to lend a hand  
And guide us in our work each day.

HONORED QUEEN: Like a song without a tune  
Would be a Bethel without a Queen!

On yonder Threshold now she stands  
Her robe of royal, lustrous sheen,  
Her smite reflects such radiance,

She walks with such a regal air,  
No song could match her graciousness –  
She is the fairest of the fair.

The song we bring is now complete  
And to each note we'll add a word,  
And as we hum this melody  
"Twill be the sweetest ever heard;  
And God will smile down on each one  
As reverently now these daughters stand:  
Behold! These are the Daughters of Job,  
The fairest, the fairest in all the land.

## CLIMB 'TIL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE

Yesterday is gone forever  
Tomorrow is still a dream  
Today is ours to treasure  
No matter how our burdens may seem.

For all that is in the past  
And all that ever has been  
Can never return to us  
To be lived once again.

And whatever lies ahead  
Or the things that ever will be  
Are still in God's own hands  
His power we all shall see.

For far off in the distance  
Are our goals we are trying to reach  
And tho' tomorrow is only promised  
Be mindful of what the Bible does teach.

Or Jesus said, "I am the Way and the Truth"  
"Follow me" and do what is best  
"Cast your burdens upon me"  
"And I will give you rest."

These goals are all our dreams  
And in youth they play a big part  
For dreams are truly the center  
Of each Job's Daughter's heart.

For this is one of Life's stories  
Of the young and of the old  
For we all have our priceless dreams  
And some that have never been told.

For hopes and dreams are built on  
That far away distance mile  
And far off bright horizons  
Make the road we climb worthwhile.

For the climb is not all easy  
And the sun does not shine all the way  
There is sorrow that tugs at our hearts  
And bright skies that have all turned gray.

CHOIR: So many things are needed  
On the road of "Dreams Come True"  
And if we are to reach our goals  
We must seek Him in all we do.

Many things we are to carry  
Not one at a time but all  
For each is just as important  
And with them we will not fall.

OUTER GUARD: So aim for a star and keep our sights high  
With a heart full of Faith within  
Our feet on the ground, and our eyes on the sky  
And someday we are bound to win.

INNER GUARD: Let us carry Faith in our heart and start upward  
And follow that far away beam  
Make each Tomorrow a better Today  
And don't be afraid to dream.

JR. CUSTODIAN: To achieve the utmost level  
Carry Respect within our heart  
For our Flag and for our Country  
And be willing to do our part.

SR. CUSTODIAN: For our Nation needs protection  
And to Her be loyal and true  
For no matter what men may say  
There's none like the Red, White and Blue

TREASURER: For nothing in life that is worthy  
Is ever too hard to achieve  
If we have the Courage to try it  
And if we have the faith to believe.

RECORDER                    Lord, give us Courage that we can scale  
The hardest peaks alone  
And transform every stumbling block  
Into a stepping stone.

LIBRARIAN:                Determination to go onward  
Look upward and Strive for the goal  
Don't' give up or be defeated  
But climb – His blessing to behold

MUSCIAN:                On this road that we are traveling  
Responsibility must go too  
Never push our burdens to another  
Be alert and watchful in all we do.

For we are the foundation of tomorrow  
And responsibility we must not cast aside  
Today Youth is truly the watchword  
But let our Lord and master be the Guide.

CHAPLAIN:                Prayer must go all the way with us  
God hears and answers each one  
The rich, the poor, the great and small  
When we pray, "Thy Will be Done."

For Prayer is the Gateway to Jesus  
And Jesus is the answer to our dreams  
So with a prayer in our hearts keep going  
And the way is not as hard as it seems.

1<sup>st</sup> MESSENGER:        Much Patience is needed for the journey  
And a heart that is filled with Love  
Remember how Job was rewarded  
By His Heavenly Father from above.

2<sup>nd</sup> MESSENGER:        For Job was burdened with sorrow  
And misfortune came his way  
But with Love in his heart for God  
He knew he'd be saved one day.

3<sup>rd</sup> MESSENGER:        Grant us Knowledge to be aware  
That the road is hard to climb  
And let us know that through our service  
It is now our will, but Thine

4<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: Give us Wisdom and give us strength  
And put a purpose in our days  
And show us how to serve Thee  
In the most effective ways.

5<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: And don't forget to take along  
That little "Ray of Hope"  
For it might light up the pathway  
As we're climbing up the slope.  
Remember how Job heard the song bird  
But its stain had changed to sorrow  
But he gazed with reverence upon the horizon  
And he had Hope for the tomorrow.

MARSHAL: Scatter all along the way  
Some seeds of Kindness and Truth  
For surely these are stepping stones  
In this great battle of youth.

GUIDE: And if we want this earth  
More like the Heavens high above  
We should plant true happiness  
Kindness and Love,

JR. PRINCESS: For those who are traveling with us  
Be Grateful for their smile  
For nothing in life is more valuable  
And it will help brighten every mile.

Be Grateful for all good with which  
We've been blessed throughout our life  
For hardships and for heartaches too  
For failures, trials and strife.

SR. PRINCESS: Carry Trust all the way  
Don't ever be without  
"Trusting Jesus" be our motto  
Then we'll never be in doubt.

Job remained God's faithful servant  
Tho' his heart was torn with grief

But he knew that by his Trusting  
God would surely give relief.

HONORED QUEEN: When at last we reach the summit  
Then we'll know how it was done  
For it was by the things we carried with us  
For this is how the goal was won

As we stand and gaze in the distance  
And far into the valley below  
Peace of Mind and Joy of Happiness  
Will be ours – This we know.

Freedom from all cares and worries  
Security we'll find in the hands of God  
For we traveled in His pathway  
And followed where His feet had trod.

Friendship will be ours to cherish  
For what is Life without a friend  
One to share with us our burdens  
And go with us to the end.

“Ye are my friends,” said Jesus  
And before Him may we stand  
With open minds and grateful hearts  
Knowing we are “the Fairest in the Land.”

## CROSS OF LOVE

High on a hill in splendor clad,  
A lowly cross once stood  
A symbol of love and sacrifice,  
Where Jesus, our Lord, shed his blood

This Cross has lived down thru the years,  
Its glory, love and deep humility  
Gives meaning still to life and death

Truth echoes from its lofty site.  
Faith shines in splendor bold  
Sacrifice, simple, true and great—  
For Love, unmeasured, untold.

These lessons here we strive to learn,  
As Job taught his Daughters true;  
God smiled upon Job's steadfast faith,  
And rewarded him with life new.

Let us proclaim, with lives of love—  
This message the Cross still holds,  
A message for each Daughter's heart  
Inspiring them as their lives unfold.

So as they come to take their stand,  
A message each has to give,  
Made fair by service, faith and love.

Choir:

Where service is joyful, true and pure  
A song will ever fill the air.  
A song of hope, a song of Joy,  
Comes forth from Daughters fair.  
No bird can warble a truer note,  
No breeze a gentler message to bring,  
Than the Daughters of song so pure  
As in harmony their voices ring.



Outer Guard: In a world of sin and temptation great,  
We must be watchful, never sleep.  
And so to guard our entrance door  
Our Daughter, constant her vigil keeps.

Inner Guard: We guard without, we guard within.  
Never too watchful can we be.  
To preserve the love, the joy, the faith,  
And pass it on to eternity.

Jr. Custodian: Our Junior Custodian brings a message of peace  
As she places our Dove on its stand.  
Her blessing will come from Our Father in Heaven,  
Who guides her gently by the hand.

Sr. Custodian: A prayer our incense burner sends,  
To He who gave, and gives today.  
Our Custodian cherishes and keeps it bright,  
To speed our prayers on their way.

Treasurer: Our Treasurer brings a message of care and truth;  
A wealth of happiness in noble deeds,  
She stores up treasures in heaven,  
And thru her, His good work succeeds.

Recorder: A Recording Angel stand on high,  
And reaches down a loving hand;  
To our Daughters, for records carefully written;  
True records of the "fairest in the land."

Librarian: A burning thirst for knowledge flames  
Within each glowing mind of youth.  
Our Librarian brings us pearls of wisdom'  
To lead us forth in our search for truth.

Musician: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord..."  
Our musician helps us sing His praise,  
Her lesson of harmony never ends,  
As songs of love and faith we raise.

Chaplain: In true humility, service and love,  
She leads us as we bow to pray,  
That God may know us and grant His Grace,

When homage to Him we jumbly pay.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: God sees our weakness and our strength  
Our every thought and word and deed.  
Our footsteps she must guide aright,  
If we would, in His eyes, succeed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: Uprightness, steadfastness, kindness and truth—  
Theses virtues are rare, but God will know  
When we such testimony have given,  
And these virtues to others show.

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger: God's love, the test has always borne,  
His wisdom and charity are divine;  
This Daughter, these lessons will impart,  
And help us truer service find.

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: Sin and sorrow are ever hovering near,  
But patience and prayer will alone.  
If pure and loyal we remain  
His presence leaves us never alone.

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger: As she travels onward down life's path,  
A message of triumph she will bring,  
A story of love and sincere hope,  
Abounding in joy and hearts that sing.

Marshal: Sincere devotion to all mankind  
And loyal adherence to duty's call;  
No truer servant can be found  
Thank this Daughter as she serves us all.

Guide: To each Pilgrim of life she gives a hand,  
As she guides them on with tender love;  
Holding forth a ray from the Cross,  
A faithful promise of hope from above.

Jr. Princess: This Daughter's smile as gently and warm,  
As happiness glows in kindly grace  
Gives heart to all who pass her way,  
And brings joy into each searching face.

Sr. Princess: There comes all, a time of truth,

A cross of sacrifice to be borne,  
New life waits for those who pray,  
A crown of triumph will be worn.  
Our Senior Princess, so pure of heart  
Will lead to Light those in conflict torn.

Honored Queen:

In reverent purity and joyous love,  
Our Honored Queen Leads our noble work.  
She knows His hand is firm and sure,  
Wherever life's temptations lurk.  
Patience and kindness to guide us thru;  
Each hour of service – a golden charm,  
In grace she comes; His love to share,  
As she leans upon His "Everlasting Arm."

And so our Daughters learn of love;  
A love the Cross could not erase.  
They come to share its heavenly light,  
And tell the world of Jesus' grace.

Each Daughter know of God gave His Son—  
That day the heavens were dark and drear;  
But from that sacrifice comes hope  
So great it still shines far and near.

So may God bless each Daughter true,  
And give her message wings of light;  
To hold the CROSS OF LOVE on high  
And brighten the ever-darkening night.

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OF FAITH

We read within the Holy Book  
That God created man;  
He made the sun, the moon and stars  
According to His plan.  
He gave the melody to the birds –  
The honey to the bees,  
With grass He cover o'er the earth,  
Put fruit upon the trees.

Th man He gave the virtue, Faith  
To trust in Him on high;  
For He knows youth must try its wings  
Before it learns to fly.  
Symbolic of that Faith – Cross,  
Where Christ was crucified  
Remains us that to have such Faith  
Strengthens the soul inside.

Around that Cross, a friendship ring  
Denotes our Faith in God;  
His friendship, too, we all would seek  
As on through life we trod.  
A friendship circle bound with love  
Of prayer, of song, and smile,  
Of Faith to trust in all our friends.  
Will make our live worthwhile.

Choir:

Their songs of friendliness and Faith  
Ring out for all to hear;  
Their youthful voices, rich and true  
Make known that He is near.

Outer and  
Inner Guards:

No one shall pass our guarded door  
Nor Seek to enter here  
Unless these Daughters, fair, make sure  
They're worthy and sincere.

Senior and Junior Custodians: Our properties are ever watched  
By Daughters such as these;  
They work in perfect harmony  
Their aim is but to please.

Treasurer: In terms of gold we count our wealth,  
But gold cannot compare,  
With youth and beauty of one we trust,  
This precious Daughters fair.

Recorder: On pages spotless, she doth write  
Our every act and deed;  
Her records tell of faith and love  
For friendship is our creed.

Librarian: Our thirst for knowledge in the arts  
Is truly virtue rare;  
This Daughter answers all our needs,  
Her wisdom beyond compare.

Musician: Without her music with us to share,  
The day would seem too long;  
We need her joyous melodies  
In harmony and song.

Chaplain: And who shall teach us how to pray  
To put our trust in Him?  
Our Chaplain kneels, with head bowed low  
As Alter Lights we dim.

Messengers: Our messengers, so fair off face,  
Bring tales of joy and woe,  
They teach us to have faith in friends  
And trust in those we know.  
They practice honesty and truth  
And try to set the pace,  
So all of us who follow them,  
Will cherish this Holy Place.

Marshal: As pilgrims seek to know the truth  
And meaning of our creed,  
Our Marshal fair is there to aid  
She's there to take the lead.

Guide: In everything we do and say,  
In fun or service planned,  
Our Daughter Guide is always here  
To lend a helping hand.

Junior and Senior:  
Princess: As in the Book of Job we read  
There were three Daughters fair, --  
Come now two Princesses in view  
Their beauty to compare,  
We know when God created man,  
He planned a beauteous face,  
For here we see His work of art  
In loveliness and grace.

Honored Queen: And now, the eldest of the three  
On yonder threshold stands,  
She's learned the lessons of His Love  
Heeds well all His commands;  
For she is truly fair of face,  
And walks with regal air –  
We know that God created her  
The fairest of the fair.

Before you now these Daughters stand  
In youthfulness and grace,  
They are the fairest in the land  
And none can take their place.  
To you, my Daughters have such faith  
That wene your work is through  
You'll know that you have learned to live  
As He would want you to.  
Always turn to Him for help,  
Don't' ever turn away;  
For He alone can give you strength  
As you go on your way.

(Officer and Choir carry Cross and Sit in Circle)

## FRIENDSHIP IS THE HARMONY OF LOVE

The month of January often brings with it the first snowfall of the new year and the countryside becomes a crystal palace. The sky is cloudless blue and the sun shines on silvery snowflakes. Everything is pure and pristine in its whiteness. The beauty of the scene is breathtaking.

So each of our Daughters tonight is like the white landscape. Pure and innocent in their youth, waiting for the bright colors of life's experiences. This is the most beautiful scene of all, a young girl taking on life's colors and becoming along the way, a lovely young woman.

We begin our new term with a message of Love and Friendship. A Friends Loves At All Times, without question and without giving.

To learn and never be filled, is Wisdom  
To teach and never be weary, is Love.  
We may give without loving,  
But we cannot love without giving.

Friendship is the main ingredient that will bind our Bethel Daughters together. Tonight we lay the foundation – We pray it will last forever!

Enter now our Daughters fair –  
Know in your heart that we all truly care!

Bethel Choir: Each musical rendition is a very important part  
As your sweet music fills this room and enters into each and every heart.  
Some things we have done must certainly have been right  
As we look to these Daughters, they are indeed a delight!  
Gibe us faith once again, we know we can cope.

Outer Guard: Know that those who seek to enter here  
Are worth and truly sincere.  
Extend a friendly hand  
And a kind word of greeting.  
Do this to welcome all those  
Who are obligated visitors to our meeting.

Inner Guard: This Daughter will Keep our Bethel free  
From evil and from sin.  
Her hope that love and kindness  
Will always stay within.

Jr. Custodian: Custodians protect the Urn and the Dove

And assist in many ways,  
To carry out our story of love  
Which last from day to day.

Sr. Custodian: Custodians know just what is best  
In humble love, each task is blessed  
To you we entrust the Urn and the Dove.  
Assist our Bethel Marshal  
In her labors of love.

Treasurer: The Bethel finances are in her charge  
As our bills are paid, both small and large.  
She tends to our wealth with all her might  
Receiving the dues with true delight.  
Carefully dispense our money on order  
Always keeping the books in balance with those of the Recorder.

Recorder: This Daughter performs her duties with pride  
Assuming each task as she takes them in stride.  
She calls the roll and records each deed  
As she follows up on every lead  
To see that the records are spotless and straight  
As to all new members she strives to relate.

Musician: Like heavenly music from above,  
Her God-given talent is an expression of love.  
She will enrich each meeting as she leads us in song,  
For sweet music and young voices together belong.

Librarian: With patience and understanding her pen will write  
A report or a poem filled with words to delight  
A thirst for knowledge she does impart  
As each expression is a rendition of the heart.

Chaplain: Remain faithful to God in your every thought,  
Count well the blessings each day has brought.  
Teach us to pray for forgiveness of sin  
As we bow our heads and altar lights grow dim.  
Prayer is our communion with God  
He hears and answers each one.  
Lead us with reverence in our devotion  
And we are assured His will be done.



Messenger: The Messengers tell a story,  
For all to relate,  
Of Job's trials and tribulations,  
His destiny and fate.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: The First Messenger relates the story of Job  
And how our lives should apply.  
If we have humility and faith such as Job,  
Our standards will always be high.

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: The Second Messenger relates the trials of Job  
How he steadfast and faithfully stood.  
And warns that even when troubles do come,  
We must accept the bad as well and the good.

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger: The Third Messenger tells of the miseries of Job  
And the friends who came to his aid.  
She tells that pride must be dragged in the dust  
And prayer for assistance made.

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: The Fourth Messenger tells of the humility of Job  
And God said he passed every test  
We teach that we should be humble like Job  
And our lives will be happy and blessed.

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger: The Fifth Messenger in all of her glory  
Conveys to the Pilgrims the end of our beautiful Story.  
A lesson told for all to understand  
That the Daughters of Job are "the fairies in all the land."

Marshal: You are the officer authorized to assist the Guide in escorting distinguished  
guests.  
Perform this task in harmony and true togetherness.  
Escort the flag of our Nation,  
The red, the white and the blue  
To this great land we live in  
Teach us to always be true.

Guide: Our Daughter Guide is always there to lend a helping hand  
 In everything we say and do, and everything we plan.  
 As the Pilgrims seek to know the truth  
 And the meaning of our creed,  
 With wisdom rare and noble deed  
 To peace and happiness she will surely lead.

Jr. Princess: As you take the first step in ascending the East,  
 Bring job to your station and the Pilgrims help teach.  
 Be steadfast, loyal and dispense true light,  
 Keep your pathway clear and forever bright.  
 As you move to the left of the new Honored Queen,  
 And assume your office of such high esteem,  
 Teach us through wisdom, truth and love  
 How to gain Life's blessings from our Father above.

Sr Princess: As you move to the right of the new Honored Queen,  
 With yet another office of such high esteem,  
 Show wisdom and grace as you pave the way  
 For in six short months it will be your day.  
 Always turn to Him for help,  
 Don't ever turn away,  
 For He alone can give you strength  
 As you go on your way.

Honored Queen: Enter now our new Honored Queen  
 As a term she envisions of friendship serene.  
 A heart filled with kindness,  
 A smile ever sincere,  
 Bring to your Bethel Sisters  
 The theme you hold dear.  
 Love rejoices in the truth with honesty of purpose  
 As you strive to get at facts and accept only what is real.  
 Search for truth with an unbiased mind  
 As you go through life with vigor and zeal.  
 We lay our life's foundation  
 In the golden yours of youth  
 But no life is worth the living  
 Unless it is built on truth.  
 To you who will wear the crown of Queen,  
 A special prayer is given.  
 May your term be filled with happiness and love,  
 All blessing bestowed by our Father above.

Before you now these Daughters stand  
Each one so fair of face.  
They are the "Fairest in the Land:  
And none can take their place.  
Now as you start a brand new term  
A lesson in friendship we would hope to learn  
Laughter and fun we will try to impart.  
As each of you share a kind and loving heart!  
Where there is Friendship, the heart is light  
Where there is Love, the day is bright.  
Where there is Music, there is also song  
Where there is Fun, we smile all the day long.

You make the world we live in a little better place  
You make life with its problems a bit easier to face  
As you start this new term, may you radiate sun.  
And prove to each one around you that life can truly be fun.

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## THE GOLDEN RULE CEREMONY

As we journey down the pathway of life,  
We have a golden rule,  
Which helps us to meet every strife  
And to mankind is a valuable tool.

This is one tool from the book so great  
That was given us by our Father above.  
With may such tools as this states  
Out life will be filled with thoughts of love.

And now enter the Bethel officers so new,  
Who in their lives follow the Golden Rule,  
“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Choir: From our choir with voices raise  
We learn of God’s work so fine  
In songs which shout His Praise  
Of beauty and His grace divine.

Guards: Watching the doors is a must,  
This duty to our guards we entrust.

Custodians: Our Custodians who protect our urn and dove  
And assist us in many ways.  
Carry out our story of love  
Which last from day to day.

Treasurer: The treasurer tries to keep our Bethel pleased,  
By keeping a record of our balance and fees.

Recorder: As an angel would write in her book of gold,  
May our recorder write in her book of old.

Librarian: A lesson of interest is taught each week,  
For the Librarian’s duty is specifically to teach.

Musician: To give us music so sweet,  
Our Musician provides this treat.

Chaplain: Our Chaplain leads us in our devotional task  
That we may have guidance from God in all we ask.

Messengers: To bring the thoughts of Job's Holy Story.  
Our Messengers enter with pride and glory.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: Where He lived the first tells,  
Under the palms in the dell.

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: The second tells of the possessions lost by Him  
When the lord tried His piety.

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger: When He showed no signs of loss for reverence  
The Lord agreed to use some violence.

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: At last His piety was proven  
As the fourth tells how his goods were renewed him.

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger: From the fifth we learn patience is a virtue  
May we learn patience and be steadfast too.

Marshal: New in the ladder to the top  
The Marshal is making her first stop.

Guide: Guiding our lives down life's pathway.  
Our Guides is beginning to make her way.

Junior Princess: Fair and gentle as the snow white dove,  
The Junior Princess relates a story of love.

Senior Princess: One more rung in our ladder of life  
The Senior Princess has witnessed every strife.

Honor Queen: Honored Queen, so noble, so fair  
A crown you will wear.  
Lead the others so that they  
These laws of ours will obey  
The Golden Rule in your hand  
To teach the "Fairest in the Land."

## HAPPINESS IS ... "BEING YOURSELF"

Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain,  
Good things and bad things, pleasures and pain,  
We can't have all sunshine, but it's certainly true  
There is never a cloud the sun doesn't shine through...

So always remember that whatever betide you,  
The power of God is always beside you.  
And if friends disappoint you, and plan go astray,  
If nothing works out in just the right way,  
Take heart – "Stand Tall," think who you are,  
For God is your Father and no one can bar,  
Or keep you from reaching your desired success,  
Of withhold the joy that is yours to possess...

So trust in His wisdom and follow His ways,  
Be not concerned with the world's empty praise.  
But seek first His kingdom and He promises you will possess

BETHAL CHOIR: First enters the choir --- Each golden voice  
Will help us as we rejoice.  
The sound so young and sweet and true  
Will be like sunshine beaming though.

OUTER AND INNER  
GUARD: The Guards enter now the Bethel door  
To remind the Daughters o'er and o'er  
Allow peace and love to enter in,  
Be ever watchful to keep out sin.

SR AND JR CUSTODIAN: The Custodians have a task of love,  
Caring for the Urn of Incense and the Dove  
Their purity and truth, and reverence for prayer  
Are things each Bethel Daughter should share.

TREASURER: The book the Treasurer keeps  
Must an honest record be  
Of all the money earned and spent,  
A book that is open for all to see.

RECORDER: The Recorder's book contains the names  
Of the Daughters who serve so well.  
She keeps the record of each meeting,

A story of service her books do tell.

LIBRARIAN: From her open book our Librarian brings  
Wisdom and knowledge of many things  
That friends will grasp and hold most dear,  
And treasure through each coming year.

MUSICIAN: Harmony is the gift our Musician brings,  
Like heavenly music from above.  
She shows the way to happiness  
With songs of faithfulness and love.

CHAPLAIN: And who shall teach us how to pray,  
To put our trust in Him?  
Our Chaplain kneels with head bowed low  
As Altar lights grow dim.

1<sup>ST</sup> MESSENGER: Teaches that the story of Job  
To each of our lives can apply,  
That we should be jumbles and faithful like Job,  
And our standards should always be high.

2<sup>ND</sup> MESSENGER: Tells of the trials of Job,  
And how steadfast and faithful he stood.  
She warns that even though troubles may come,  
We must take the bad with the good.

3<sup>RD</sup> MESSENGER: Tells how Job's joys were swept away,  
Still he knelt each night to pray.  
Believing in God, though it seemed unjust,  
No matter the trial, he had unfaltering trust.

4<sup>TH</sup> MESSENGER: Relates Job's triumph when all seemed lost,  
The reward for his faith being worth what is cost.  
How the Lord spoke unto him and ended his strife,  
Restoring riches, happiness and peace to his life.

5<sup>TH</sup> MESSENGER: Tells that the story of Job  
Hold a lesson we can all understand.  
And that we should all be like the Daughters of Job,  
The Fairest in the Land.

MARSHAL: Be always true and fair,

And be proud to keep our Flag I your care.  
Set an example by your words and deeds,  
And always be mindful of others' needs.

GUIDE:

All of our Pilgrims follow you,  
So remain ever faithful in all that you do.  
Be always a sister to guide their way,  
Close to Job's teachings help them to stay.

JUNIOR PRINCESS:

The East you now reach,  
The first step of the three, so be careful to teach  
The Pilgrims well, that they will ever keep  
Your message to them in memory so deep.  
Let your royal raiment reflect good in your heart,  
And keep you steadfast right from the start.

SENIOR PRINCESS:

You are now the Queen's right hand,  
May harmony reign as side by side you stand,  
Remember your message to Daughters new,  
Live it yourself – it will see you through  
To the day when you Finally reach the top.

HONORED QUEEN:

The moment is very near,  
When you will have a position reverent and dear.  
May you do your duty with simple grace,  
Let prayer guide and help each problem face.  
God has promised happiness to all who have faith to believe,  
If you have the courage to try it, He has promised you will achieve.  
For faith is a force that is greater than knowledge or power or skill,  
And many defeats turn to triumph if you trust in God's wisdom and will  
So let God's teaching mark a pathway for you, and for all to see,  
And may you always find Happiness in being yourself,  
the best you can be!



## KEY TO HAPPINESS

If we would seek our rich reward  
Of steadfast faith and virtue rare,  
We must, by deed, have earned the right  
To be known as Job's Daughters fair.  
We all must practice truth and faith  
And love for fellow man;  
For these are the lessons from His book,  
According to God's plan.

And from these lessons we will learn  
That love's the master key  
That opens the door to happiness;  
Seek Love, and happy be.

OUTER AND INNER GUARD:     Guarding carefully our Bethel doors  
  Against all outward sin  
  We find both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ fair  
  Knowing all who enter in.

SR AND JR CUSTODIANS:     Custodians of our urn and dove  
  These daughters hold the key,  
  Both \_\_\_\_\_ and our daughter \_\_\_\_\_  
  Will ever watchful be.

TREASURER:                    She holds the key to all our wealth  
  And guards it with her love,  
  For \_\_\_\_\_ too, has learned the He  
  Is watching from above.

RECORDER:                    On pages spotless as her robe  
  She enters our good deeds,  
  From \_\_\_\_\_ pen each name records  
  With hers to take the lead.

LIBRARIAN:                    The key to knowledge she doth hold,  
  She searches everywhere,  
  Our daughter \_\_\_\_\_ now draws nigh  
  With treasurers for us to share.

MUSICIAN: A happy song must be in key  
No discord will we hear  
As \_\_\_\_\_ plays in harmony  
Her notes both sweet and clear.

CHAPLAIN: In reverence now she bows her head  
And teaches us to pray  
For \_\_\_\_\_ guided by His word  
Will know just what to say.

FIVE MESSENGERS: Five messengers of truth come they  
To tell of Job's full life,  
As \_\_\_\_\_ tells of all Job's pleasures  
And \_\_\_\_\_ tells of his strife  
From \_\_\_\_\_ we hear of his temptations  
From \_\_\_\_\_ his final peace  
While \_\_\_\_\_ tells that trust and faith  
Will bring Job's sweet release.

GUIDE AND MARSHAL: For Pilgrims who would know our creed  
And seek the light of day  
Our Marshal \_\_\_\_\_ prepares the room  
Guide \_\_\_\_\_ will lead the way.

SR AND JR PRINCESS: The Princesses fair, who now advance  
In truth and purity,  
Unlock the door to happiness  
With their own golden key;  
For \_\_\_\_\_ will tell of honor bright  
And how to trust Home,  
While \_\_\_\_\_ teaches graciousness  
And how His love to win.

HONORED QUEEN: And bringing now the Master Key,  
The fairest of the three  
Our Honored Queen now comes in view  
In quiet dignity;  
For she has learned her lesson well  
That Love is everywhere  
And \_\_\_\_\_ will most surely be  
The Fairest of the fair

Before you now these Daughters stand  
With Keys of Happiness,  
Their footsteps will now falter  
For they have youthfulness.  
With Hope that never faileth,  
Reaching for the best  
And truth forever spoken,  
Their Faith will stand the test.

## “LOVE”

The beautiful and moving story of Job is the foundation of our Order. Job’s unbending faith in hi God serves to remind us of the importance of letting God’s love come into our lives.

The strength of this kind of love is made clear in this quote for “The Imitation of Chris” by Thomas A. Kempis.

Love is an excellent thing and a very great blessing indeed. It makes every difficulty easy. It bears a burden without being weighted, and renders sweet all that bitter. Love knows no limits, feels no burden, things nothing of troubles, attempts more than it is able, because it believes that it may and can do all things; for this reason, it is able to do all, performing much where he who does not slumber. Like a living flame, a burning torch, it tens upward and passes unharmed through every obstacle.

Whatever faults may be committed, big or small, whatever  
Clouds may pile up on the horizon, dark and threatening, LOVE  
Will overcome all.

Each of the Daughters walk toward these goals of love and service. The Daughters who are about to be installed tonight each represent a less of love.

- CHOIR:                   The blending of their voices is sweet music to our ears.  
They teach us this of harmony, in all things thru the year.
- OUTER AND INNER  
GUARD:                 Watchful attendance at the Bethel’s door fills these Daughters role.  
Teaching that we must be pure and that care will keep us whole.
- SR AND JR  
CUSTODIAN:           The custodians’ tasks, though small in deed, are lessons of service and duty.  
They keep the emblems safe and sound, teaching that humble service is beauty,
- TREASURER:           Our Bethel’s funds, carefully gathered in, are put in this Daughter’s care,  
A Trust of loyalty and truth teaching our Daughters to be fair.
- RECORDER:            Our Bethel’s business she does transcribe to keep our records clear.  
Bearing communications from afar, that our Daughters all must hear.
- LIBRIRIAN:             Her lesson of love is knowledge, to this she holds the key.  
Helping the Daughters to learn and share the things they need to be.

MUSICIAN: Sweet music her notes give forth from heaven up above.  
She teaches us to trust our Lord with melodies of faith and love.

CHAPLAIN: When on bended knees she does pray, a task of love is given,  
That she will guide our footsteps to our Father up in heaven.

1<sup>st</sup> MESSENGER: The First Messenger tells us of Job's pleasures.  
His flock and land is great measure.  
His daughters were the most fair.  
His sons ended each evening in pray.

2<sup>nd</sup> MESSENGER: The Second Messenger tells us of Job's unfaltering faith,  
When trials were the hardest  
Job remained faithful –  
He believed God was just.

3<sup>rd</sup> MESSENGER: The Third Messenger tells us of his never ceasing torture.  
The friends of his youth traveled from afar to tell Job of their sympathy.  
The eldest reminded Job that calamity destroys only the wicked  
And that the righteous will endure.

4<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: The Fourth Messenger tells us of Job's triumph when it  
seemed all was lost.  
Job's reward for his faith being worth what it cost  
This lesson unfolds a message so clear  
It brought Job much happiness, joy, peace and cheer.

5<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER; The Fifth Messenger end this beautiful story of old,  
"Forget they misery – remember it as waters  
That are passed away and thy life shall rise  
Brighter than the noonday."  
  
This is a lesson of life we all much learn  
For all roads are not smooth we soon will learn.  
We may be tried for our faith in our Great Creator above,  
But we must never forget God's continuing love.

MARSHAL: Escorting our Country's cherished flag is her most solemn duty.  
Honoring it always for what it stands, our Nation's glory and beauty.

GUIDE: For Daughters who do seek the light, her message they will see.  
As she guides them on their way in faith and humility.

JR PRINCESS:           The First Epoch is to be taught under your command,  
A lesson of patience it brings.  
The emblem is the white dove which leads you to better things.

SR PRINCESS:           The Second Epoch is your lesson to teach,  
A lesson love and care.  
The Urn of Incense, the emblem, in all ages a symbol of prayer.

HONORED QUEEN:       Now as you, Honored Queen, approach the Alter,  
Just before you've been crowned as Queen,  
Before the purple cape has been placed on your shoulders,  
And your heart has been made bright and clean –  
Just close your eyes tight for a moment  
And lift your heart in prayer.  
It will take but a moment to make it  
But will save you much worry and care.  
Just ask that your reign may be peaceful,  
That the decisions you make may be fair.  
That the Daughters who make up the Bethel  
May render each duty with care.  
That each act that you do while you reign  
Stands out as though filled with pure gold,  
That the adults who make up your Council  
May be patient as Job of old.

So as this ceremony comes to an end, let us all remember this verse:

Love is a flower that grows in any soil, works its sweet miracles,  
Undaunted by autumn frost and winter snows,  
Blooming fair and fragrant all the year, and blessing those  
Who give and those who receive.

## THE MANY WAYS GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE

“All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made the all.  
The purple headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.”

CHOIR: The unblemished faces of these singing girls  
Are as bright as the fires in natural pearls.  
They do not carry tunes untrue  
But lighten the lives of me and you.  
The chirping of jays cannot compare  
With the harmony of these voices fair.

INNER AND OUTER  
GUARD: Protect this Bethel night and day  
From Evil forces that come this way.  
Remembering the Lord loves us all,  
Keeping sacred this hallowed hall.

SR AND JR  
CUSTODIANS: Preservers of our dove and urn  
Pure and innocent so like the fern,  
Stay our fire burning bright  
Let not the evening shut out the light.  
MESSNGERS: The Lord knows how we must succeed

With only the best words, thoughts, and deeds.  
Biblical scholars every one  
In knowing Job, you are surpassed by none.  
You five messengers can never be sad,  
For you teach us to take the good with the bad.  
The wisest of owls, the fairest of fair  
Relate us Job's story with pride and good card.

MUSICIAN: Give the Daughters music with which to sing  
Songs in the style of birds on the wing.  
For song was created for the pure in heart  
That all might be righteous right from the start.

LIBRARIAN: Recite us verses full of hope  
To give us power, to help us cope.  
Open the books so all might share  
The wonderful stories related there.

CHAPLAIN: Pray to the Lord who made us all,  
Pray for the creatures great and small,  
Pray to the throne that is great above,  
That we'll reap the benefits of His Almighty love.

TREASURER: Honesty is a virtue rare  
Required of our Treasurer fair.  
As the eagle protects her tongue.  
Guard our wealth from those of evil tongue.

RECORDER: In a hand as graceful as a deer in wood,  
She writes down just what she should.  
Names of the Daughters, deeds that they do,  
How much they have done with errors so few.

MARSHAL: Truth and faithfulness are your rules,  
For in God's eyes they shine as jewels.  
Hold the banner high so all might see  
The Daughters are fairer than the spring tree.

GUIDE: You lead the pilgrims from the strife  
And to a productive, joyous life.  
Never our step shall you let falter  
On our way to the golden Altar.



JR PRINCESS: Stand before your sisters as your emblem the dove,  
Stand before men as a symbol of purity, peace, and love,  
Let none swerve you from our constant laud  
Of the Host of Angels and Almighty God.

SR PRINCESS: In the dark forest you are a light  
Radiance by day, beacon by night  
Never let the urn in ashes smolder  
But ever grow brighter as we grow older.

HONORED QUEEN: Behold the queen as she now arises,  
A pillar of virtue, she assumes no guises.  
A butterfly, emblem of beauty and elegance  
Bound to the values of faith and innocence.  
Her loveliness is beyond compare  
To be titled eternally "The Fairest of Fair."  
She is honored by great and small,  
All those who may enter this blessed hall.  
"All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.  
He gave us eyes to see them  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty  
Who has made all things well."

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## MUSIC – A GIFT OF GOD

In the beginning, God created the Haven and the Earth and All that is therein. This beautiful creation is known to us as our world – the place to live in love, peace and harmony.

Music is one of the oldest and most important of the arts that accomplishes this life for everyone and leads us to all that is just and beautiful.

The world is filled with music – for music seems to be everywhere. We hear it in the whistling of the wind, the singing of the birds, the pitter-patter rhythm of the leaves; no doubt, there is even music out in spaces.

“There’s music in the sighing of a reed  
There’s music in the gushing of the rill;  
There’s music in all things, if men had ears;  
Their earth is but an echo of the spheres.”

In the Old Testaments, we are told that there was music when the foundations of the world was laid; for “the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy.” Yes, indeed, the world is filled with Music, and all of it is a Gift of God.

**BETHEL CHOIR:** The Harmony of our Bethel Choir brings sweet music to our ears. This element of music is heard in their voices and it lends true sparkle to all our Bethel meetings. So, we train these Bethel Daughters to sing – for music was given to brighten the gay and kindle the loving.

**OUTER AND INNER GUARD:** The Outer and the Inner Guards are conscious of Sound as, together they guard the doors. They are watchful and tactful as they make certain that only those persons who are eligible enter within our Bethel. To all these guests, they extend cordiality and loving attention so that their visit will be a pleasant one.

**JR AND SR CUSTODIANS:** The Custodians are two Notes that find a place on the staff, as, with even tempo, they work to prepare for each Bethel meeting. Their care of our Bethel properties lends beauty to our meeting room and gives the viewers peace and satisfaction as their minds are filled and thoughts enlarged by the contemplation of faith, cheer and love as their rewards.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer holds the Key to our wealth and is as valuable to the Bethel as the keynote in a musical composition. She is a responsible officer and is generally required

to give security for the faithful performance to her duties. As she guards our coffers with her love, so He watches over her from above.

**RECORDER:** The Recorder aims to strike the right Note as she sets down in writing our every act and Deed. Her permanent record is done with love and thought and yields a mark of quality to each Bethel Daughter – the “Fairest in all the Land.”

**Librarian:** The Librarian comes with wisdom and knowledge to share and gives Tone to our lives. When her pearls of wisdom seem to open our veins, music comes forward to soften our hearts and it cultivates our affections by its soothing influence. As tonality gives character to a composition, so her inspiring words produce character in an individual and the tone produces a melody.

**MUSICIAN:** The Musician gives us Rhythm as she accents her notes and creates the foundation for melody. As her pedal changes the tone, so, true Job’s Daughter is she who, firmly planting her feet on the principles of right, is as immovable as a rock and can be thrust from her upright position neither by allurements of flattery nor force of arbitrary power.

**CHAPLAIN:** The Chaplain takes time to Rest and lifts her thoughts to God above. Safe resting on His might arms, she prays for guidance through our days and through her each heart shall raise its daily hymns of praise, gratitude and love to Him – our God on high.

**Messengers:** The Five Messengers are as Bar Line separating one measure from another as they relate the story of Job’s life: his character, his family, his wealth, his losses and his triumphs. As we listen sincerely, we learn that God’s guiding hand will lead the faithful. Job listened sincerely; we learn that God’s guiding hand will lead the faithful. Job listened to the song bird as the stains changed to sorrow, but he cheerfully gazed with reverence on the horizon and held great hope for tomorrow.

Their wise words of faith and temptation overcome will give us confidence that our faith, too, will increase and we, for His blessing, will sing praises to God.

**MARSHAL AND GUIDE:** The Marshal and the Guide, step by step, Scale the ladder of Job’s life leading the pilgrims to absorb the lessons of our Order and to interpret them to become a permanent part of their daily lives. Understanding becomes more vivid to those who follow the Guide and heed the principles of the Marshal. Through these noble officers, they gain assurance that they will find the beautiful and the good.;

**JR AND SR PRINCESSES:** The Junior and Senior Princesses realize the value of Time which sets the duration of the musical note as a unit of rhythm. They apply this knowledge to their Bethel by taking time to know, understand and help the Bethel Members so that they may keep the Bethel moving with rhythmic pace and satisfying tempo to create a sense of happiness in the Bethel.

HONORED QUEEN: Now, the Honored Queen approaches – her heart laden with Music. She hopes to recommend this art to the attention of all the Bethel Daughters because, “as the concord of sweet music elevates the generous sentiments of the soul, so should the concord of good feeling reign among the Bethel Daughters.”

By the union of cheerful fellowship, loving sisterly attitude and tactful contact in associations with each other, the boisterous passions may be lulled and true and rich harmony will exist throughout the Bethel – This is her task!

This Note is formed and ready to be played. These Bethel Daughters, endowed with all the elements, symbols and language which is music to their minds, will do their part to be melodious in all their endeavors.

Together, they will compose a Composition (Bethel) that will exhilarate and excite – thereby, adding “Grace Notes: (New Members) to swell the Bethel to full measure.

Each is a Singer with great demands, both in range and rhythmic requirement, that will create a thrilling musical experience as they contribute their talents: to keeping the Bethel singing all the way and making their world a happy place by employing: “God’s Gift to the – Music.”

“Though we touch life’s chord with clumsy hands,  
The melody we’ve tried to play, -- He’ll understand.”

## THE OPEN BOOK OF LIFE

The Bible is a book of books  
With lessons in each one  
They teach us how to live our lives  
As God would have it done.

Of how to keep our Faith and then  
Make sure we're understood  
Practice brotherly kindness and  
Hold fast that which is good.

Always give some comfort  
Whenever there's a need  
Be sure you practice godliness  
In thought, word, act and deed.

CHOIR:    Our Choir sings its melody  
Of prayer of joy and love.  
We know their songs, sweet harmony  
Is sent down from above.  
When pilgrims wish to join them  
They're received with outstretched arms.  
They know to add these voices  
The songs will sound as Psalms.

GUARDS:     Our Guards will keep the Bethel free  
From evil and from sin  
And see that love and kindness  
Will always stay within.

CUSTODIAND:                                    Custodians with their cheerfulness  
Humble service of duties fair  
Watch over the Urn and dove  
Helping the Marshal with greatest care.

TREASURER:                                     The Treasurer with her honesty  
Shall always keep her book  
In perfect balance of our funds  
Lest anyone should look.

RECORDER: Our Recorder teaches neatness  
On her pages clean and bright  
As an angel with her notes  
The book of life she'll always write.

LIBRAIAN: The Librarian chooses her reports  
From books she recommends  
We learn so much when we listen  
To good poems and words of great men.

MUSICIAN: Our Musician with her notes so sweet  
Makes our harmony and joyfulness meet  
With such music there is no fear  
That discord could ever enter here.

CHAPLAIN: Our Chaplain will her piety  
Will show us how to pray  
In reverence and understanding  
To guide us on our way.

MESSENGERS: The Messengers who number five  
Have many stories to tell.  
If you listen to them sincerely  
We know you'll learn them well  
They teach the pilgrims of the book of Job  
Of all his sorrows and of his woe  
And then how God's great guiding hand  
Brings peace and plenty throughout the land.

MARSHAL: Our Marshal shows devotion  
To our country and its flag  
True and faithful are here efforts  
May her loyalty never lag.

GUIDE: We have a Guide to lead the way  
To follow God's teachings night and day  
Our pilgrims come from far and near  
So she can guide them through the year.

JUNIOR PRINCESS: Our Junior Princess has a symbol  
Teaching truth and purity  
When we practice faith and patience  
Filled with love we'll always be.

SENIOR PRINCESS:      Our Senior Princess shows the way  
                                 To trusted faith and wisdom  
                                 In hopes that wall will find the road  
                                 That leads to God's great kingdom.

HONORED QUEEN:      The one who leads this lovely group  
                                 And keeps them all in line  
                                 They call her Honored Queen  
                                 Because her crown will surely shine.  
                                 She tries to think of others  
                                 The way she ought to do  
                                 The lessons of our Bible  
                                 She has learned so well with you.  
                                 And now if every member  
                                 Will give a helping hand  
                                 We all will be together  
                                 The "Fairest in the Land."

## THE PRAYING HANDS CEREMONY

The story behind the "Praying Hands" is very solemn and sincere  
And yet so truly inspiring, we must relate it here.  
It seems two artist friends, struggling and poor  
Decided that Durer would paint, while his friend would him support.

After many years, Durer success had finally won,  
He'd become the sole supporter now that his friend's turn had come.  
After waiting so long, the big day had arrived,  
And the man found he's lost his very pride.

For after so much hard toil, his hands could ne'er hold a brush,  
And sorrowfully through his heart, he felt a bitter thrust.  
One day upon seeing the work-worn hands in prayer,  
Durer saw the beauty of the nobleness show there.

"Would I have been so selfless if I'd not been the chosen one?"  
He thought, "Could I have been so gracious, knowing my chance would never come?"  
So he painted the picture of the hands of the one he held high in esteem,  
In tender gratitude of the now forsaken dream.

And so as you look upon these hands placed earnestly in prayer,  
Remember that through adversity, God is always there.

\_\_\_\_\_, as Outer Guard  
Protect us from all outward sin,  
Remind us that without constant prayer,  
It may easily enter in.

Inner Guard \_\_\_\_\_, guard carefully the doors  
Constantly bearing in mind, God's very solemn words.  
Keep a smile on your face and on your lips a prayer,  
For whenever you need God, He'll always be there.

\_\_\_\_\_, as Junior Custodian, your emblem is the Dove.  
An emblem of purity, it also represents love.  
May it be a constant reminder of the selfless love of the toiling friend  
Who not only donated his labor, but his own soul, also in the end.



Senior Custodian \_\_\_\_\_,  
You're the guardian of the Urn which symbolizes prayer,  
Through our lessons this we learn,  
Be a constant reminder that God is always there.

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_, you receive our Bethe's funds,  
Accurately accounting for them and reporting to everyone  
If troubled, take heart and think who you are,  
For God is your Father and no one can you from Him bar.

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_, you will hold the pen  
To record each meeting's business from beginning to very end.  
Remind us always that if love is not a part of all  
Then a man no matter how great, is really very small.

\_\_\_\_\_, as Librarian, you play an important part  
In our ceremonies. So select a verse we all may take to heart.  
Show us the way to spread "The Great Story."  
For truly "Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory."

\_\_\_\_\_, as Musician, all the music you will play  
As you preside at the instrument each meeting day.  
Make your music ring out true, all the notes so loud and clear,  
That everyone will know, no discord enters here.

\_\_\_\_\_, as Chaplain, as you kneel reverently before the Altar  
Remind us always that God will answer prayer.  
And as we give thanks, as we all kneel to pray –  
May we remember God will guide us and He'll go with us today.

\_\_\_\_\_, as First Messenger, you'll begin the story of Job  
As you stand very tall in your beautiful white robe,  
Remember no life's worth living unless it's built on truth  
And we lay our life's foundation in the golden days of youth.

\_\_\_\_\_, as Second Messenger, you continue the story of Job's life  
Relating how he lost everything, including children and wife.  
Surely life would be better if we learned to rely  
On our Father in heaven without asking "Why."

Third Messenger \_\_\_\_\_, Job's misery you'll relate  
And how he suffered mightily from that very date.  
Keep us remembering as we rush through the day.  
"The Lord is Our Shepherd and He'll lead the Way."

\_\_\_\_\_, as Fourth Messenger, you'll tell of his victory  
As Job emerged triumphant despite all adversity.  
Don't ever rush ahead in reckless endeavor,  
Remember "He Leadeth" and "Time is Forever,"

Fifth Messenger, \_\_\_\_\_, you'll complete the story to all  
Who seek to gain membership, no matter how great or small.  
For surely "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof"  
It speaks of His greatness; it sings of His love.

Marshal \_\_\_\_\_, you have a special honor  
Of caring for and displaying our national emblem.  
Whenever we falter, He'll hear us when we pray  
And receive us in His Kingdom to dwell with Him someday.

\_\_\_\_\_, as Guide you play an important part,  
In initiation as you lead the Pilgrims from the start.  
And there are some things that can't be bought with silver or with gold  
For thoughtfulness and kindness and love are never sold.

Junior Princess \_\_\_\_\_, the Pilgrims you'll help teach,  
And may our lessons be spread to everyone we reach.  
Teach us to be patient in everything we do  
Content to trust His wisdom and we'll follow after you.

\_\_\_\_\_ as Senior Princess, you're the Honored Queen's right hand  
As she plans all her activities for the "Fairest in the Land."  
Teach us faith and courage, to put purpose in our days.  
And teach us how to serve Him in the most effective ways.

Honored Queen \_\_\_\_\_, this Bethel you'll soon lead  
Throughout all its times of joy, but especially time of need.  
As you receive the gavel, pray that God will show you now  
How to use it wisely, always finding a way somehow.  
You've climbed every mountain, you've forded every stream  
Followed every byway till you've found the "Impossible Dream."

Yes, the “Praying Hands” are so much more than just a work of art  
They are the soul’s creation of a very thankful heart.  
The hands, so toil worn in the attitude of prayer  
Remind us, through adversity, that God’s always there.

## A RAINBOW OF VIRTUES

Narrator:      When thunder's crash and lightning's flash have ceased.  
                     Now rain kissed meadows glisten with the drops  
                     That sit on blades of grass; the storm has stopped  
                     And shafts of golden light through clouds have eased.

                     These golden rays cast by the sun do dance  
                     And spread upon the moisture-laden air,  
                     As droplets float on winds of random chance  
                     They join with shafts of light and form a wondrous pair.

                     A blaze of color, from violet to red  
                     Stretches West to East, arches overhead  
                     And flings a bow across the sky.  
                     Every color's there, every hope, every joy  
                     And every strength and virtue glows  
                     With color, riding there on high!

                     What God did promise Noah, as sweet land  
                     Softly held the Ark, that never more a storm  
                     Would wash all life from turf and sand.  
                     Or cleanse the earth of life both cold and warm.

                     This covenant was writ across the sky  
                     By hands that formed the earth and all  
                     The life that now upon it teems, does fly  
                     Or hop, or swim, or run, or crawl.

                     This holy bow of light, all hued and tined  
                     Like those beacons of the night,  
                     Whose stately patterns in the sky  
                     Have whispered, told or hinted  
                     Of the deed of Daughters good and kind,  
                     Unfurls all its hues to dazzle and delight.

                     As thoughts of good bring tears to eyes  
                     And make our throats grow tight.  
                     Today a group of Virtues light the sky all though  
                     As these our Daughters start their term anew!

CHOIR: As each young Daughter shines her own pure light,  
And lets her virtues grow with frequent use,  
So God's law and the dew drops take pure white  
Rays and turn them into many vivid hues.

OUTER AND  
INNER GUARD: As rainbows span from East to West  
And signa; hope and trust throughout the land,  
So do we guard the doors, and do our best  
To keep most safe the members of our band.

JR AND SR  
CUSTODIANS: It takes both sunshine and rain  
To create the beautiful rainbow.  
So the Custodians must work  
Together in harmony caring for our Bethel emblems.

TREASURER: At rainbow's end, a pot of gold is found,  
And may foolish Pilgrims do begin  
To search, to travel wastefully around.  
And overlook true gifts that lie within.  
Although I guard the wealth of our Bethel  
And number well the value of our Lord,  
I know and tell my sisters, "Mind Thee well ---  
True treasure is the virtue of our Lord."

RECORDER: The Bible holds the story of Ark and Dove  
And how the rainbow is a pledge of peace;  
My records hold the tales of work and love  
Each sister holds for each, and will not cease  
To show each virtue as a hue, until above  
We're called to shine and read with ease  
The history of our Group and so God's wrath appease.

LIBRARAIN: The rainbow of your virtues shines as bright  
As covers on the books that grace my shelves.  
I tend them carefully, as light  
Makes all their covers different – as yourselves.

MUSICIAN: As harmonies I Strike with note and chord,  
So harmonies of virtue light our Bethel.  
I make the music, you the song, and both sing to our Lord  
But only virtue's hues can light our paths full well.

CHAPLAIN: I pray with all of you for all of us, Job's Daughters,  
And call our rainbow covered brethren old and new  
That we may grow in grace and joy and taste the waters  
Which cause to grow the Life of Grace in you.

1<sup>st</sup> MESSENGER: Red is the hue of pleasure dealt to Job by God  
The First Messenger gladly tells the tale  
Of fertile lands, great floods, and Daughters fair  
And many sons – and no one thought It odd  
And they prayed, thanking God for sparing them from care.

2<sup>nd</sup> MESSENGER: The Second Messenger must tell now of Job's woes,  
That were a bright as orange in the eyes  
Of friends and neighbors; for trial shows  
What strength there is in us – we fall, we rise,  
We do steadfastly suffer what we know  
God's will to be, with songs of praise, not sighs.

3<sup>rd</sup> MESSENGER: The hue of gold is what a soul may be  
Which patience and forbearance has.  
The Third Messenger now tell that Job could see  
The hand of God in all that came to pass.

4<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: As green enfolds the land each year in Spring,  
And God commands the earth to come to life,  
So Job's strong faith and hope were just the thing.  
Say I, Fourth Messenger, to see him through his strife.

5<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: The happy task is mine, so be not blue,  
The Fifth Messenger tells of God's strong hand  
That rescues Job, and does his woes undo  
And in God's bosom holds that happy man.

MARSHAL: The red and white and blue – some call it indigo –  
That on our banner tells of courage, truth, and loyalty  
Are in my charge, and you my sisters know,  
I safely keep the sign of what has made us free.  
As God's high arcing rainbow lifts our eyes, we show  
The joy that Christians feel when sign of faith they see.  
As this, our flag, flies proudly, and flutters to and fro,  
We know we're free to worship God, in any way we choose,  
From sea to shining sea.

GUIDE: As Noah's rainbow guided him  
Knowing God was watching,  
So I do try to show you Daughters paths and ways  
That keep you safe, to keep the dark from catching  
You in loss of faith as trials you face.

JR PRINCESS: I am the Junior Princess – my sign the Dove  
That from the Ark did fly and find the land.  
May God's most beauteous rainbow shine above  
Your head, and may He take you by the hand.

SR PRINCESS: As fools thought gold was at the rainbow's end, not  
In their hearts, so I, the Senior Princess, must explain  
That Urn of Incense, which prayer, which ought  
To rise each day in joy to God, and, in the main,  
Be many hued and show our virtues, which were taught  
To us by sisters to help us turn our joys and pain  
Into a glory which we give to God with every thought.

HONORED QUEEN: I am you Honored Queen and share  
The honor of our company and deeds.  
At your request, and only that, I dare  
To set our goals, and toward them, to lead.  
Tonight we've made a rainbow to our Lord  
A covenant of our faith, just like the one He made  
To Noah, after rain and Lightning poured  
Upon the Earth. We Daughters seek the virtues  
OF that sign and covenant, and like the holy Job  
And all his kin, do seek that holy refuge  
Which will find in God, at our long journey's end  
Now let us to our service and our growth in fellowship,  
You my sister, all our efforts bend.

## ROSE FESTIVAL CEREMONY

NARRATOR: Scattered over the earth for all to see  
And revel in their beauty rare,  
Are roses of every shade and hue,  
Whose haunting perfume fills the air.

To those who are weary and bowed with sorrow,  
The bud of the rose brings hope of tomorrow.  
Today it is clothed in a coat of soft green  
Tomorrow its beauty and grandeur is seen.

Remember then when you're filled with woes,  
God sends a message of hope in the bud of a rose,  
The scent of the blossoms scattered far and wide,  
Is the breath of God asking that we in Him abide.

Courage we learn from the rose of bright red,  
Courage to follow the way He has led.  
Strive to steadfast as Job proved to be –  
You will be richly rewarded for fidelity.

Purity is symbolized in the rose of pure white,  
Our robes reflect its glory and its light.  
This is a virtue we are all proud of possessing,  
With it we are assured of God's richest blessing.

As these Daughters begin a new term tonight,  
The promise to be patient, faithful and dispense light.  
They approach the East with the gift of a flower,  
True members of God's own fragrant bower.

OUTER AND INNER  
GUARD: Guard every heart as you do the door,  
Remind the Daughters O'er and O'er,  
Allow peace and love to enter in,  
Be ever watchful to keep out sin.

JR AND SR  
CUSTODIAN: The Custodians have a task of love,  
Caring for the Urn of Incense and Dove,  
Their purity and truth and reverence for prayer,  
Are the things each Bethel Daughter should share.

TREASURER: As petal on petal each rose is made,



So penny by penny our expenses are paid.  
The Treasurer carefully dispenses our money on order  
Keeping her books in balance with the Recorder.

RECORDER: The Recorder approaches with her blossom of beauty,  
Asking the ability to faithfully perform her duty,  
Plainly written for all to see,  
Acts of joy, love and kindness she'll record honestly.

LIBRARIAN: A tightly closed book is like the bud of a rose,  
Until it is opened – what is inside no one know;  
Our Librarian will open and read it with care,  
And report to us what is written there.

MUSICIAN: Harmony is a gift the Musician brings –  
Softly playing while the Choir sings  
May her music echo through their life,  
To cheer them on and lessen strife.

CHAPLAIN: As at the Altar our Chaplain kneels to pray,  
May your thought be guided Heavenward each day.  
Reverently she asks on bended knee,  
That all Pilgrims steadfast will be.

1<sup>st</sup> MESSENGER: The First Messenger tells of Job's pleasures,  
His fertile land and locks of great measure.  
His daughters were known far and wide as most fair,  
His sons gathered each evening to pray with him there.

2<sup>nd</sup> MESSENGER: The Messengers of truth now appear,  
They relate the story for Pilgrims to hear.  
This Messenger tells of unfaltering trust,  
When trials seem hardest Job believed God was just.

3<sup>rd</sup> MESSENGER: "Shall only good be received from God's Hand?"  
Was Job's pious reply to the ruin of his land.  
Through suffering and misfortune, he remained faithful.  
Believing his loss of fortune and children was God's will.

4<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER:                   The triumph of Job when it seemed all was lost,  
The reward for his faith being worth what is cost.  
Is the lesson unfolded by this message sincere,  
This faith brought Job happiness, joy, peace and cheer.

5<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER:                   The end of the story from ages ago –  
Reminds us of spring roses starting to grow.  
The beautiful blossoms that will follow the rest.  
Is a reward that is better because of the test.

MARSHAL:                            Helping the Guide to show Pilgrims the way,  
Our Marshal lives uprightly day by day.  
She will also guard our National Banner,  
And display it in a reverent manner.

GUIDE:                                The new Daughters entering are the buds folded tight,  
They will be cherished, loved and taught to do right,  
Our Guide will direct their footsteps with care,  
That they may find peace and happiness here.

JR PRINCESS:                       The Junior Princess, whose emblem is the Dove,  
Teaches us to be steadfast and seek strength from above.  
Remain faithful to God in our every thought,  
Count well the blessings each day has brought.

SR PRINCESS:                       The Senior Princess now places her flower there,  
Her emblem, the Urn of Incense, symbolizes prayer.  
Her message taught to the Pilgrims here,  
Is that faith and kindness will banish fear.

HONORED QUEEN:                   Most honored of these us the Queen so fair,  
Pledging unselfish service and loving care,  
As the rose carries sprang from the sod,  
The wisdom of her reign will be the teaching of God.

The last fragrant blossom has been carefully placed,  
Forming a cherished Cross for all to see,  
As the roses look upward for freshening dew,  
They will look upward for guidance too.

These Daughters of Job Fairest in all the Land –  
Are our promises of a future He has planned.

The Faith, Kindness and Love that in them repose –  
Will spread through the land like the scent of a rose.

## SHINING STARS CEREMONY

NARRATOR: Scattered across the midnight sky for all to view  
And wonder in their silvery hue  
Are stars that proudly radiate a shining light.  
And fill our eyes with wonder at the beauty of this sight.

Although these stars are not visible at noon,  
Their grace and humility bring them out with the moon.  
And even though their brightness is hidden by the day  
We know each one is special in its very own way

Steadfastness we can learn from the unfaltering star  
And there is comfort in the knowledge it's there no matter how far.  
This star shows us strength, each point remains straight.  
And despite the clouds and darkness, it continues to radiate.

As the star, down from the sky, glides  
A wish and hope it provides  
This goes to show each loss is a gain,  
And the lessons of Job's Daughters in hearts will always remain.

So as these girls begin their new journey this night  
They keep in mind the need to practice caring and dispense light.  
We can think of each girl as a star in the air,  
Filling the world with her own beauty rare.

CHOIR: These young girls have begun their journey to the sky,  
They can reach their dreams however high.  
With kindness and beauty, they share a song  
And create friendships that will last lifelong.

INNER AND  
OUTER GUARD: Be ever watchful of all who enter here.  
It is your duty to let love in and halt fear.  
Remind us all that we must protect ourselves from temptation  
For our hearts must remain pure throughout life's duration.

JR AND SR  
CUSTODIAN: Remind all the girls that hard work brings rewards  
And cooperation emits harmonious chords.  
A helping hand is always nice, you prove this every day.  
And to really get the most from life we must give ourselves away.,

MESSENGERS: When you teach us the lessons we learn from Job's life

You help us to hold our heads high and overcome strife.  
By telling the pilgrims all that can be  
You set the example; they follow the lead.

LIBRARIAN: You encourage an interest in literature, science and art  
Because understanding is where appreciation starts.  
You know that the written work can provide insight  
And strive to keep all on the path that is right.

MUSICIAN: Form your musical instrument you sound numerous chords.  
And bring everyone into the same accord.  
Your robe like the stars, is pure white,  
And the voices of many through song you unite.

RECORDER: Your job requires you to record properly  
The plans and activities of the Bethel, for all to see.  
We come to know that everyone has their turn  
To read and respond, from our mistakes to learn

TREASURER: When keeping the books and figures at hand  
Accuracy is a quality in great demand.  
Your well-kept records help to reveal to us all,  
The importance of honesty and organizational skills.

CHAPLAIN: In this position reverence is a must  
And one thing you provide is a sense of trust.  
When we look to the Altar you are on bended knee there  
Ready and willing to share each and every prayer.

MARSHAL: You now begin your journey, your rise to the top.  
Your willingness to learn and assist never stop.  
The essentials of life we need to remember each day,  
Help to push us along to follow God's way.

GUIDE: The pilgrims must first follow your lead  
And happily, you guide them and show them how to succeed.  
Just as the stars can guide a ship towards land,  
So can you guide the pilgrims with your command.

JR PRINCESS: You now have the chance to sit in the East  
As your love of Job's Daughters continues to increase  
Throughout your time in the Order you continue to grow  
And the glimmer of hope you provide easily shows.

SR PRINCESS: Slowly and steadily you've moved through the line  
Displaying how we much all follow in God's design.  
All that you have worked for you have almost attained  
And your strength and devotion in our hearts remain.

HONORED QUEEN: Entering now is a girl that like a star glows,  
A position of honor on her has been bestowed.  
The twinkle in her eye reveals her intent,  
And the sparkle in her smile conveys her excitement.  
She now will take charge of the girls here tonight  
And help them grow and in Job's Daughters delight.  
A true and shining example of Job's Daughters is she  
An example for all to follow, this we can all see.  
Proud and unfaltering before us she stands,  
One of the truly fairest in the land.  
We have now seen the last star that makes up this constellation  
That adds to the beauty and the love of this installation.

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## “SUNLIGHT”

And God said, “Let there be light” – On the fourth day of creation the clouds are lifted, and dawn is breaking, spreading the first warm rays of the sun on earth. All living things, even the lilies of the field reflecting the sun’s brilliant light, lift their faces in joyous welcome.

From time immemorial the sun has been a symbol of life and happiness. Long before Christianity, the Pagans celebrated the birth of the Sun, very near to this time of year.

Each day we take for granted the sun will rise, trusting in the Glory of God’s work, as did his faithful servant, Job.

CHOIR:                   As gay as early morning  
The choir sings out for all to hear  
Melodies we hold so dear.  
They tell of hope and trust and love  
In the light that shines from up above.

OUTER GUARD:       See greets you with a sunny smile,  
But knowing all who enter in.

Custodian of our dove and urn, will keep them shining bright

JR CUSTODIAN:       She know the glory of humble love

SR CUSTODIAN:       She’ll guard our possessions with help from above.

TREASURER:           By counting the sunny hours we share  
She adds to our wealth a treasure rare

RECORDER:           By keeping our records on pages white  
Our Recorder seeks love and grace, in His sight

LIBRARIAN:           Truth and wisdom come from her pen  
Like the noon-day sun burning bright again

MUSICIAN:           She praises God with psalms of cheer  
And brightens the way for all who hear

CHAPLAIN: Aglow with reverence she kneels to pray  
As all join saying "give us this day"  
The Messengers of truth draw nigh

1<sup>st</sup> MESSENGER: She tells of Job's pleasures  
How he praised the day

2<sup>nd</sup> MESSEGER: Now relates Job's trails  
Yet his faith would not sway

3<sup>rd</sup> MESSENGER: Tells of his miseries  
And of his friends standing near

4<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: Asked "Who makes the sun to shine?"  
Job no longer has fear

5<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: "Thy life shall rise brighter than the noon,"  
Job it told  
And shall be more glorious than ages of old.

MARSHAL: She guards our flag with happy heart  
Then helps lead Pilgrims to do their part

Guide: On sunlit path she leads the way  
For those who seek the light of day

JR PRINCESS: The first of Job's three daughter fair  
Our Junior Princess, who walks with regal air  
Tells of the faith that dispenses light  
Her heart is pure, her way is bright.

SR PRINCESS: The fair Senior Princess, who walks with grace  
Has a message all aglow  
It tells of faith and truth in God  
A lesson all Pilgrims should know.



HONORED QUEEN: As beautiful as dawn, Out Honored Queen draws near.  
May she always walk in sunshine  
And have no doubt or fear.  
Knowing God's light will guide her  
When the crown she'll royally wear  
Is gently placed upon her head  
The fairest of the fair.

Before you stand our daughters; their beauty bean from purity – the wonder of God's divine

## THIS IS THE DAY

In the 24<sup>th</sup> verse of Psalm 118  
The following verse is writ;  
“This is the day that the Lord hath made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.”

This day God made is beautiful in all ways.  
Open your hearts, your eyes and your ears.  
Absorb the earth as it is today,  
As we gather about and enjoy the day with peers.

Love bears all things and believes all things  
People know this to be true.  
Love hopes all things and endures all things  
This love extends from us to you

We can feel God’s warmth in the rays from the sun  
Ever so brightly it shines in the sky.  
His smile is as evident as the flowers in the fields  
In their full bloom and glory, we cannot help but sigh.

This is the day the Lord hath made,  
With beauty all around.  
Nature and animals add to the glory,  
Making the earth a uniqueness profound.

The hummingbird travels over many a mile  
But never beholds a more beautiful sight  
Then the view of lovely Job’s Daughters  
Going forth on their lifelong flight.

Job taught his Daughters as all should be taught  
With lesson of truth, purity, and love.  
Job and his Daughters lived in happiness,  
With blessings from high above

Choir members \_\_\_\_\_;  
Acting as the voices of Angels  
Beautiful words they sweetly sing.  
These Daughter play an import part  
As it is the message of God that they bring.

Inner Guard \_\_\_\_\_ and Outer Guard \_\_\_\_\_;  
They must guard the Bethel from outside temptations  
And prevent them from entering the door.  
Responding to warnings and preventing interruptions  
Their duties are to protect us evermore.

Senior Custodian \_\_\_\_\_ and Junior Custodian \_\_\_\_\_;  
Setting up and taking down,  
They have jobs of responsibility.  
Displaying the emblems of the epochs,  
Aiding the Princesses takes a great ability.

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_;  
As Treasurer she must keep careful count  
Of the monies of the day.  
A Treasurer must have honesty,  
And build her character in this way.

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_;  
The Recorder must observe the meeting carefully  
To be sure that her notes are complete.  
For in her minutes are recorded the history of Job's Daughters,  
And in these nothing else can compete

Librarian \_\_\_\_\_;  
The Librarian inspires knowledge  
Reading literature of science and art.  
Our Order is based on the Open Book  
In which the Librarian does her part.

Musician \_\_\_\_\_;  
The Musician has a special talent,  
One she is eagerly ready to share.  
Harmony keeps everything running smoothly  
And displays God's gracious love and care.

Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_;  
Our Chaplain is an important person  
As she leads us in our prayer.  
Teaching piety, religion, and reverence  
She makes each day the Lord has made one to share.

First Messenger \_\_\_\_\_;

The First Messenger begins the story of the life of Job,  
And respect for those about whom we are.  
An example for our companions as well,  
She has a lesson that we all should share.

Second Messenger \_\_\_\_\_;  
Continuing the story of the life of Job,  
We become aware of life's tests.  
Keeping us from all that is not good,  
She continues our knowledge and strive for the best.

Third Messenger \_\_\_\_\_;  
Relating the temptations of Job  
Her lessons are those of trials.  
No matter how bad life may be,  
She teaches us to face it with a smile.

Fourth Messenger \_\_\_\_\_;  
The Fourth Messenger relates the triumph of Job  
And the importance of a job well done.  
For in that righteous service will come life eternal  
And the knowledge that God's favor is won.

Fifth Messenger \_\_\_\_\_;  
Our Fifth Messenger completes the story  
Of the trials, the temptations, and the life of Job.  
In our own lives, we should all strive  
For the same approval of God for which he strove.

Marshal \_\_\_\_\_;  
While our Marshal is at the bottom of the line,  
Her duties are many and vast.  
In every day that the Lord does make  
Our Marshal helps to make it last.

Guide \_\_\_\_\_;  
Guiding the pilgrims throughout their journey,  
Her role is a Guiding light.  
While escorting in distinguished visitors,  
Her goal is always in sight.

Junior Princess \_\_\_\_\_;  
The Junior Princess tells of the first epoch  
Of the times good to the bad.  
Job's life was filled with joy and prosperity,  
And he could wish for no more than he had.  
He rejoiced and was glad for each new day.  
And when life began to go askew, he was not sad.

Senior Princess \_\_\_\_\_;  
Presiding over the second epoch is the Senior Princess,  
Telling of Job's suffering and trust.  
Throughout all of his misfortunes, he continued to believe  
God would overcome all evil, he must.  
Job suffered much, but never complained  
God believed in Job; his actions were just.

Honored Queen \_\_\_\_\_;  
As Honored Queen \_\_\_\_\_ leads this Bethel  
And encourages us to perform our best,  
She teaches us to make the most of ourselves  
So that we may pass life's final test.  
Planning, presiding, and requiring orderly conduct,  
She must be impartial to all and attest  
To the triumph of the faith of Job in the third epoch  
And the happiness of all who do as God requests.

These are the Daughters of Job  
With many more in the years to come.  
God has given them to us all  
So that we may learn of him some.

Each Daughter here is special;  
An individual in her own way.  
Yet they share something in common,  
They all listen to what God has to say.

This is the day that the Lord hath made,  
Of that there is little doubt.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it,  
For that is what life is all about

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## THE TREE OF LIFE

God gives us many precious gifts  
The sun, the rain, the breeze  
The evening stars, the rainbow  
And the songbird's melodies  
But mostly, symbol of His trust in us  
The strong, majestic tree  
That stands in lofty splendor  
For all the world to see

(entrance of the Choir)

CHOIR:           And in return, with faith in Him  
                  Our youthful voices raise  
                  And like those branches spread on high  
                  Grow out in love and praise

GURADS:        Our Bethel doors are guarded  
                  By Daughters, pure and fair  
                  Who stand in stately honor  
                  Judging all who'd enter there

CUSTODIAN:    Our urn and dove in custody  
                  Of those who bear our trust  
                  And watch with blessings from above  
                  As ever fair and just

TREASURER:    As sap stored through the winter  
                  Burst forth with joy in spring  
                  Our happiness holds riches  
                  Greater than pure gold can bring

RECORDER:     As rings keep count of passing time  
                  She writes on spotless pages  
                  Our acts of love and faithful deeds  
                  To last throughout the ages

LIBRARIAN:     Between the leaves of knowledge  
                  Life the works of Faith and truth  
                  And so our Daughter answers  
                  All the questions of our youth.

MUSCIAN:       The wind sings softly through the trees

And tells us here below  
That she can teach us melodies  
That only angels know

CHAPLAIN: She teaches us to bow our heads  
As the saplings do in prayer  
And guided by His gentle hand  
She tells us love is there

MESSENGERS: Five Messengers deliver the story  
Of Job's Suffering and woe  
But teach us that our constant  
Faith in God will help us grow

MARSHAL AND GUIDE: Pilgrims seeking, find the truth  
For always at their side  
Are the messages and leadership  
Of our Marshal and our Guide

JR PRINCESS: Appearing now before us  
The Junior Princess we hail  
With love and beauty as her robe  
And purity her veil

SR PRINCESS: The Senior Princess tells of truth and comfort  
And in her glowing face  
Shines the light of help and patience  
And the joy of her grace

Honored She walks in beauty and in love  
Among us all today  
For she has learned His lessons well  
And in her royal way  
She showers loveliness and grace  
And those around her share  
The joy that God created  
With the fairest of the fair

Before you now these Daughters stand  
Their tree at last full grown  
And in their love and honesty  
Their faith is truly shown  
For they can withstand any test

And with hope in their hearts  
They'll find the peace and happiness  
That God's own love imparts.



## THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

NARRATOR RECITES THE TWENT-THIRD PSALM:

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul;  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for  
Thou are with me; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in  
the house of the Lord forever ...

AFTER A SLIGHT PAUSE, NARRATOR CONTINUES:

CHOIR:                   “Come then, enter now, Job’s Daughters  
Walking as ye would walk by still waters  
Touched with the light that comes from above  
Bearing the symbols of the dear Lord’s love.  
By His rod and His staff comforted by  
In straight paths, eternally He guideth thee.”

OUTER GUARD:       \_\_\_\_\_, As Outer Guard yours tasks begin  
To close our gate against evil and in sin.

INNER GUARD:       \_\_\_\_\_, As Inner Guard, with love and grace  
Guard ever faithfully this sacred place.

JR CUSTODIAN:       \_\_\_\_\_, As Junior Custodian, seek peace, purity and love  
Ever mindful, it’s you, who guards the dove.

SR CUSTODIAN:       \_\_\_\_\_, As Senior Custodian, keep the incense burning bright  
Gilding the day, silvering the night.

TREASURER:           \_\_\_\_\_, As Treasurer,  
Not only earthly wealth but noble treasures too  
Are given for safe keeping, trustfully to you.

RECORDER: \_\_\_\_\_, As Recorder,  
Dip you pen in friendship, and in time can't resist  
And write the names of Job's Daughters, in an everlasting list.

LIBRARIAN: \_\_\_\_\_, As Librarian,  
Knowledge is the jewel in your card  
God's divine teachings, help us to share.

MUSICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_, As Musician,  
As hours go winging, drawn by the days  
Their flight is brightened when music plays.

CHAPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_, As Chaplain,  
Help us wrench free from evil's control  
Remind us 'Tis God who restoreth the soul.

(Narrator calls name of the messengers. They enter in a group.)

1<sup>st</sup> MESSENGER: \_\_\_\_\_, As First Messenger, tells the pilgrims  
How Job, restless and torn, with every breath  
Wearily, yearning, longed for death.

2<sup>nd</sup> MESSENGER: \_\_\_\_\_, As Second Messenger, tells the pilgrims  
How one said to Job,  
If pure and upright thou wouldst be  
Surely God would take heed of thee.

3<sup>rd</sup> MESSENGER: \_\_\_\_\_, As Third Messenger, tells the pilgrims  
How one said to Job,  
Behold the fear of the Lord is wise,  
And understanding is evil to despise.

4<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: \_\_\_\_\_, As Fourth Messenger, tells the pilgrims how  
The Lord spake unto Job and ended his strife ...  
Restoring faith, riches and peace into his life.

5<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: \_\_\_\_\_, As Fifth Messenger, tells the pilgrims how  
Throughout the land, none we so fair  
As Job's Daughters ....so all did declare.

MARSHAL: \_\_\_\_\_, As Marshal, you have a wonderful part  
 To guard the Bethel's flag with all your heart  
 Guard it with truth and love sublime  
 Which will keep it unsullied to the end of time.

GUIDE: \_\_\_\_\_, As Guard,  
 Lead the pilgrims to the beautiful, to the good  
 Guide them there in loving sisterhood  
 Nor slacken for a moment your heart's endeavor  
 To embrace the beautiful and the good forever.

JR PRINCESS: \_\_\_\_\_, As Junior Princess, remember that ....  
 Faith, Love, Purity and Peace are not words alone  
 But they are in the lights which have eternally shone  
 In church, in school and home, we must keep them aglow  
 To light up the paths on which others must go.

SR PRINCESS: \_\_\_\_\_, As Senior Princess, remember that....  
 Life is splendid, if well fulfilled  
 If never the word of God is stilled.  
 If each hour is lived as He has willed  
 If with His teachings, the heart is thrilled  
 Then life is splendid and well fulfilled.

HONORED QUEEN: \_\_\_\_\_, Life gathers a bouquet of special hours,  
  
 Laughter is the sunshine, tears are the showers  
 Which make them grow .... help them to be  
 A part of remembrance until eternity,  
 This hour for you \_\_\_\_\_ is such a one  
 Earned by your efforts and work well done  
 Parents and loved ones proudly share  
 This hour, when a crown you start to wear.  
 New tasks have begun ... Ideals understood  
 Ennobling young Christian girlhood.

If when years hence all this will seem  
 Like some shadowy half-remembered dream  
 Your heart still will recall your own chosen theme  
 Those Holy words, serene and calm.  
 Comforting all, The Twenty-Third Psalm.

(23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm may be sung immediately)

## YOUTH, THE HEART OF THE WORLD

Youth must grow up to be fair and strong  
If they are to rule your land;  
They need adults to help them along,  
So lend a willing hand.

Teach them the great virtue, faith  
To trust in the Lord on high;  
For like everyone else, youth must try its wings  
Before it learns to fly.

For early in youth their tasks begin  
When First they learn to talk  
They must close their minds against evil and sin  
As on through life they walk.

Give them hope that never faileth  
Teach them to reach for the best;  
With truth forever spoken  
Our youth will stand the test.

Kindness to fellow men, and faith  
Though it may be furled  
Will be forever carried on by  
“Youth, The Heart of the World.”

CHOIR:                      Entering first is our Bethel Choir  
                                    Their voices ring out loud and clear:  
                                    With youthfulness and love resounding  
                                    They assure us that God is always near.

OUT AND  
INNER GUARD:            To guard their hearts – alert to win  
                                    Lest outward sins – press ever in  
                                    To mar the peace – or cause disgrace  
                                    Within the walls – of this holy place.

JR AND SR  
CUSTODIANS:            Custodians know just what is best  
                                    In humble love each task is blessed  
                                    With prayer and incense burning bright  
                                    They cherish truth, like dove so shite.

TREASURER:              In terms of gold we count our wealth

But gold cannot compare  
With youth and beauty of one we trust  
Our Bethel Treasurer fair.

RECORDER: On spotless pages, our Recorder doth write  
Our every act and deed:  
Her records tell of faith and love  
For happiness is our creed.

LIBRARIAN: Out thirst for knowledge in the arts  
Is truly virtue rare;  
Our Librarian answers all our needs,  
Her wisdom beyond compare.

MUSICIAN: Without her music with us to share  
The days would seem too long;  
We need her happy melodies  
In harmony and song.

CHAPLAIN: Who shall teach us how to pray  
And put our trust in Him?  
Our Chaplain kneels and bows her head  
As Altar lights we dim.

1<sup>st</sup> MESSENGER: Out First Messenger tells that the story of Job  
To all of our lives should apply  
That if we have humility and faith like Job  
Our standards should always be high.

2<sup>nd</sup> MESSENGER: The Second Messenger relates the trials of Job  
How he steadfast and faithfully stood,  
And warns us that even when troubles do come,  
We should take the bad with the good.

3<sup>rd</sup> MESSENGER: The Third Messenger tells of the miseries of Job  
And the friends who come to his aid;  
She tells us that pride must be dragged in the dust  
And prayers for assistance be made.

4<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER:       The fourth Messenger tells the humility of Job  
                                  And God said he passed every test  
                                  She teaches that we should be humble like Job  
                                  And our live would be happy and blessed.

5<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER:       The Fifth Messenger says that the story of Job  
                                  Holds a lesson we can all understand;  
                                  And that we should be like the daughters of Job  
                                  Who were the fairest in all of the land.

MARSHAL:               As pilgrims seek to know the truth  
                                  And meaning of our creed  
                                  Our Marshal fair is there to aid  
                                  She's there to take the lead.

GUIDE:                 Our Guide will surely point the way  
                                  To pilgrims seeking the light of day  
                                  With wisdom rare and noble deed  
                                  To peace and happiness she'll lead.

JR and SR  
PRINCESS:             As in the book of Job we read  
                                  There were three Daughters fair,  
                                  Come now, two Princesses in view  
                                  Their beauty to compare  
                                  We know when God created man  
                                  He planned a beauteous face  
                                  For here we see His work of art  
                                  In loveliness and grace.

HONORED QUEEN:     And now the fairest of the three  
                                  On yonder threshold stands  
                                  She's learned the lessons of His love  
                                  Heeds well all his commands.  
                                  For she is truly fair of face  
                                  And walks with regal air  
                                  We know that God created her  
                                  The fairest of the Fair.

(after all are standing by chairs)

Before you now, these Daughters stand  
In youthfulness and grace,  
They ae the fairest in the land  
And none can take their place.

To you, my daughters, have such faith  
That when your work is through  
You'll know that you have learned to live  
As He would want you to.

Always turn to Him for help  
Don't ever turn away;  
For He alone can give you strength.  
As you go on your way

## THE ANGEL IN ALL OF US

There comes a time in every life  
When we realize that we're alone.  
But then as if by magic,  
A lighted path is shown.

But who has brought the light to us?  
Who has always shown the way?  
I Believe God sent angels to our side  
To watch us day by day.

Inner Guard who watches o're the door,  
You protect us from those untrue.  
\_\_\_\_\_, brave in every way  
I see an angel of STRENGTH in you.

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger who completes the tale,  
You relate the epoch's end.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of PATIENCE  
She knows serenity's strength will mend.

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger who tells of misfortune great,  
You make way for what's to come.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of GRACE  
In every task she's done.

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger relates the faith of Job  
And the trials he had endured.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of FORGIVENESS  
As we all have been forgiven by our Lord.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger tells us of Job's joy.  
He was Happy and faithful too.  
\_\_\_\_\_; our newest young angel  
You are an angel of LOVE in all you do.

Treasurer, in charge of the brothel's funds  
We give to you each dime.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of TURST  
A gift earned only through time.



Librarian teaches us of great books,  
Imparting knowledge we wish to know,  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of LOYALTY  
From our sides she shall not go.

Recorder who writes the books of time,  
Your records will forever last.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of REMEMBRANCE  
For no one will forget the past.

Chaplain, it is you who attends the altar  
An example of devotion for all,  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of FAITH  
From God's sight she'll never fall.

Marshal is in charge of our properties,  
Most Important is our flag so fair.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of FRIENDSHIP  
For a true friend will always care.

Guide who leads us on our way  
We bravely follow you.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of COMPASSION  
For we know her hearts is true.

Junior Princess, now ascend into the eats.  
Your journey has just begun  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of HAPPINESS  
She knows the value of fun

Senior Princess, one step from Honored Queen  
You are now at her right hand.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is an angel of WISDOM  
And represents the fairest in the land.

Here now she comes, with hope and light  
To guide the girls today.  
A heart of gold and truest tomes  
And ready, come what may.

A lovely Queen  
A leader and sister too  
Prepared to love and sacrifice  
And let her light shine through.

\_\_\_\_\_, you are an angel of DREAMS  
For in your heart you hold  
The wishes, hopes for every girl  
All cast in purest gold.

Never forget the dreams you've planned  
Though you struggle on the way  
You may falter, you may fail  
But tomorrow's another day

Dreams be your strength,  
Hope be your guide  
Your Bethel sisters will stay true  
Forever strong by your side

When you are crowned a Queen today  
Remember who you are  
Forget not the past, nor present  
Let your future be you star

To all the girls now gather here  
With Angel's shining souls  
Go out into a hurting world  
And patch its weary holes

And Angels be for humankind  
And for each other too  
Be an Angel everyday  
In everything you say and do

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## AN ANGEL TEARDROP FROM HEAVEN

Raindrops from Heaven, tears of an Angel you see,  
To drench your soul, flood your heart, her love pouring free.  
Little sprinkles of her hearts light,  
Refreshing and new,  
To glisten on your soul like fresh morning dew.  
Let her love wash over you from the Heaven's above,  
To soak into your heart and fill you with love.  
A love that is soothing as warm summer showers,  
A love filled with strong emotions and healing powers.  
Please cherish this love, given straight from her heart,  
It comes from her inner being,  
Her soul's deepest part.  
Raindrops sent from Heavens above,  
Are tears of an Angel longing for her true love.  
Puddles are pools of tears that she's cried.  
She dreams of being you,  
Being close to your side.  
When Heavenly skies open,  
And the rain pouring free,  
An Angel is near you  
In your heart she longs to be.

Inner and Outer Guards:

As Angels protect us from danger,  
In a world of sin and temptation  
Be ever watchful, and guard our  
Entrance door.

Jr and Sr Custodians:

Daughter Custodians with their cheerfulness  
Humble service of duties fair,  
Watch over the Urn and Dove  
As an Angel would watch from above.

Treasurer:

Our Treasurer brings a message of care and  
Truth, A wealth of happiness in noble deeds,  
She stores up treasures in heaven,  
And thru her, God's good work succeeds.

Recorder: A Recording Angel stands on high,  
And reaches down a loving hand;  
On her pages so clean and bright  
As an Angel with her notes,  
The book of life she'll always write.

Chaplain: When on bended knees she does pray,  
A task of love is given,  
That she will guide our footsteps to  
Our Father up in Heaven.

Messengers: Our Messengers, so fair of face,  
Bring tales of joy and woe.  
They teach us to have faith in friends  
And trust in those we know.  
They practice honesty and truth  
And try to set the pace,  
So all of us who follow them,  
Will cherish the Holy Place.

Marshal: Our Marshal shows devotion  
To our Country and its flag.  
True and faithful are her efforts  
May her loyalty never lag.

Guide: To each Pilgrim of life she gives a hand,  
As she guides them on with tender love;  
Holding forth a ray from the cross  
A faithful promise of hope from above.

Junior Princess: Stand before your sisters  
As your emblem the dove,  
Stand before men as a symbol  
Of purity, peace and love.  
Let non swerve you from your constant laud  
Of the Host of Angels and Almighty God.

Senior Princess: The Senior Princess tells  
Of Truth and comfort;  
And in her glowing face  
Shines the light of help and patience  
And the joy of her grace.

Honored Queen:

She walks in beauty and in love  
Among us all today.  
For she has learned His lessons well.  
And in her royal way  
She showers loveliness and grace.  
And those around her share  
The joy that God created  
With the fairest of the fair.

## THE “BE TRUE TO YOURSELF” CEREMONY

These words were written in the year 1601 by William Shakespeare:

“This above all: to thine own self be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man,”

Job’s Daughters teaches us how to be the best versions of ourselves. In our beautiful Order, we learn lifelong lessons that are not only for the improvement of ourselves, but for the world in which we live.

(To be read slowly, pausing after each line.)

Outer and Inner Guards:	Save us from ourselves And Guard against temptations From within and out
Senior Custodian:	Assisting us all Yours tasks cheerfully performed Whit promptness, and card
Junior Custodian:	Learn the importance Of doing tasks carefully That you may advance
Messengers:	Impart to pilgrims The basis for our Order The Story of Job
1 <sup>st</sup> Messenger:	The important task Imparting the beginning Is given to you
2 <sup>nd</sup> Messenger:	The sad, sad story Job’s terrible misfortunes You tell the pilgrims
3 <sup>rd</sup> Messenger:	Be ever gentle As you relate to pilgrims Temptations of Job

4 <sup>th</sup> Messenger:	To tell Job's triumph Over the Adversary Is your given task
5 <sup>th</sup> Messenger:	Complete the story Remind us of the reason That Job is admired
Librarian:	Share knowledge with us And proper literature To enlighten all
Musician:	Beautify meetings With your harmonious notes For in life we strive
Recorder:	Keep well the records As the recording angel Would have in her book
Treasurer:	Have ideal judgement As the recording angel Would have in her book
Chaplain:	Teach us to live with Piety and religion The sacred revered
Marshal:	Your several duties Teach us of noble actions Kind words, good order
Guide:	You lead the pilgrims Just as our God guided Job May He guide us too
Princesses:	You lead the pilgrims Just as our God guided Job May He guide us too
Jr Princess:	Through the First Epoch Kind acts to our companions Of the need you alert

Sr Princess:

Through the Second Epoch  
To overcome misfortune  
Teach us to trust God

Honored Queen:

Elected to serve  
By the love of your Bethel  
Be ever humble

Through the Third Epoch  
Impart the triumph of faith  
In God in our lives

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## FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

Let us Pray:

Lord, give us Faith  
To do what is right  
From the dawn of morning  
To darkness of night.

Give us the Hope  
To wish for the best  
To meet life's problems  
To solve them with zest.

But mostly dear Lord  
We ask for you Love  
And to always watch over us  
From your place up above. Amen

Enter now our Daughters fair  
This Bethel is now put in their card  
May they work together with Faith, Hope and Love from the start  
Then all work will seem lighter because they will have a happy heart.

Inner and Outer Guard:

You must show all love and grace  
As you both faithfully guard this place

Junior and Senior Custodian:

Your emblems are the urn and dove  
Symbols of prayer, peace and love

Treasurer:

You keep the records of the wealth we share  
May it always be used with love and care.

Recorder:

Your record all of the things which we do  
May they always be upright, worthy and true.

Librarian:

Share your knowledge so we can raise our sight  
Ad David the Shepherd played for God above.

Musician:

You play the music of faith and love  
As David the Shepherd played for God above.

Chaplain:

You lead us in prayer on bended knee  
May all of our actions be pleasing dear God to Theess.

Messengers:

You tell of Job's pleasures, temptation and strife  
May we also be steadfast throughout our own life

Guide:

You escort the Pilgrims  
They will follow your lead.  
To our beautiful teachings  
We hope they will need.

Jr. Princess:

To the Pilgrims the first epoch you will impart.  
The story of Job's trials from the start  
To God we must always faithful be  
No matter how hard life seems to be  
Of this you remind us with your symbol the dove  
We must always be steadfast and full of Love.

Sr. Princess:

The second epoch you will tell  
We hope the Pilgrims will listen well.  
For though temptations Job did receive  
He did not yield, in God he believed.  
Job showed us that righteousness will prevail  
That Faith in God will never fail.

Honored Queen:

You conclude the story of Job's Faith and trust in God  
You are to remind us that in Jesus' footsteps we should trod.  
That we must have Hope, in all that is done  
That for this Bethel to grow we must all act as one.

Your other watch word of Love is the best.  
For if we have love, we can do all the rest.  
Honored Queen, continue to show us your beautiful smile  
As you give Job's Daughters your best all the while.

## THE CEREMONY OF FLOWERS

### Suggestions:

This ceremony depicts the symbolic meaning of the flowers, Each Officer carries a 7-inch Horn of Plenty, painted gold and filled with flowers chosen by the Honored Queen. In the East is placed a large Horn of Plenty containing wire mesh to hold flowers. Along with her favor, each Officer carries in a single flower or a fern as per ceremony and, as their names are read, the Daughters march to the East and place it in the large Horn of Plenty.

Narrator:       There are many flowers, and rare, in God's garden.  
                      Nourished with tender care, in God's garden.  
                      Faith is there in radiant hue;  
                      Hope and kindness bloom there, too.  
                      Rowers of friendship ever true, in God's Garden.  
                      Sown in human hearts, the seeds.  
                      Drenched with love and duty bloom, in God's garden.

Choir:            (enter 2 at a time)  
                      Come then, enter now Job's Daughters.  
                      Walking as you would walk in God's garden.  
                      Touched with the light that comes from above.  
                      Bearing a symbol of the dear Lord's love,  
                      The Horn of Plenty which for abundance does stand.  
                      Abundance of life's riches, given by his hand.

(Choir goes two at time to place the ferns in the large Horn of Plenty at the front.)

                      You are young as the morning of one of God's days.  
                      Yet a gift of sweet music, melodic and bright,  
                      Of grace and sincerity, shared here tonight.  
                      Time rushes on and so very soon,  
                      You'll be living the hours of God's afternoon.  
                      You'll walk many paths, from some friends you will part,  
                      But memory of this hour will stay in your heart.

Inner and        (Carry the Hyacinth, the symbol of faith)  
Outer Guard:   Inner Guard, with love and grace,  
                      Guard ever faithfully this sacred place.

                      Outer Guard, your tasks begin,  
                      To close our gate against evil and sin.

Jr and Sr (Carry purple Lilacs, the symbol of thoughtfulness)  
Custodians: Junior Custodian, seek peace and thoughtfulness and love,  
Ever mindful it is you who guard the Dove.  
Senior Custodian, keep the incense burning bright,  
Guiding the day, silvering the night.

Messengers: (Carry gladioli, the symbol of generosity and abundance.)  
1<sup>st</sup> messenger, tell the Pilgrims how Job,  
Restless and torn with every breath.  
Wearily, yearning, longed for death.

2<sup>nd</sup> messenger, tell the Pilgrims how one said to Job,  
"If pure and upright thou wouldst be,  
Surely God would take heed of thee."

3<sup>rd</sup> messenger, tell the Pilgrims how one said unto Job,  
'Behold the fear of the Lord is wise,  
And understanding is evil to despise."

4<sup>th</sup> messenger, tell the Pilgrims how the Lord  
Spoke to Job and ended his strife,  
Restoring faith, riches and peace into his life.

5<sup>th</sup> messenger, tell the Pilgrims how throughout  
The land, none were so fair  
As Job's Daughters, who did all declare.

Treasurer and Recorder: (Carry peonies, symbol of love.)  
Treasurer, not only earthly wealth, but noble treasures too,  
Are given for safe keeping trustfully to you.

Recorder, dip your pen in friendship, write of every act and deed.  
Let your records tell of faith and love, according to our creed.

Musician, Librarian and Chaplain: (Carry lilies symbolizing purity.)  
Musician, just as flowers which are blooming, brightens our days,  
Our Bethel is brightened when sweet music plays.

Librarian, knowledge is the flower in your care  
God's divine teachings help us to share.

Chaplain help us wrench free from corruption's control.  
Remind us "Tis God who restores the soul."

Guide and Marshal: (Carry the yellow rose, the symbol of friendship.)

Marshal, you have a wonderful part.  
To guard our Flag with all your heart  
Guard it with truth and love sublime,  
And keep it unsullied to the end of time.

Guide, lead the Pilgrims to the beautiful, the good,  
Guide them there in loving sisterhood.  
Nor slacken for a moment your heart's endeavor,  
But extend t them friendship and love forever.

Jr and Sr Princesses: (Carry orchids, the symbol of nobility, love and beauty.)

As Junior Princess, remember that nobility,  
Love and beauty are not words alone.  
They are the flower from the seeds we have sown.  
In church, in school and home we must help them grow.  
And brighten the paths on which others must go.

As Senior Princess, remember that  
Life is splendid if well fulfilled,  
If never the word of God is stilled,  
If each flower blooms as He has willed,  
If with his teaching, the heart is thrilled,  
Then life is splendid and well fulfilled.

Honored Queen: (Carry the Lily of the Valley, the symbol of purity.)

Life gathers a bouquet of special flowers,  
Laughter is the sunshine,  
Tear are the showers which make them grow.  
Help them to be part of remembrance until eternity.

This hour for you, a precious one,  
Earned by your efforts and work well done,  
Parents and loved ones proudly share,  
This our when a crown you start to wear.  
New tasks have begun, ideals understood,  
Ennobling you're your Christian girlhood.

If when years hence all this will seem  
Life some shadowy half remembered dream.  
Your heart will recall your own chosen theme,  
"The Ceremony of Flowers."

## THE GIFT OF LOVE

The gift of love is like a flower  
Growing every day  
Its petals open slowly  
But its stalk shall never sway.

The gift of love is present here  
Blossoming tonight  
Ever growing faithfully  
In Jesus' holy light.

The gifts of God flow from above,  
The greatest one is the of love.

For love is patient, love is kind  
A way to seek one's peace of mind

Love rejoices with the truth  
And brings us the Joy of youth

In our Daughters young and fair  
Has risen up a love most rare

The gift of love is here to stay,  
To bless us on this special day

Inner and:	Guard carefully the Bethel doors
Outer Guard:	Greet all who enter through Protect yourselves from outward sin In everything you do

Sr and Jr Custodians:	Caring for the urn and dove With ever loving eyes Turning teardrops into rain, Love falling from the skies
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Treasurer:	She keeps the bill both new and old With honesty most rare Records kept in order true Mistakes are not found there
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Musician:	With loving strains of melody
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Her songs of love ring true  
Keep pour girls in harmony  
In everything you do

Recorder: She captures each work spoken  
Every meeting night  
Take care and loving patience  
That each phrase is just right

Librarian: You teach us many lessons  
On subjects far and wide  
Open up the gate of knowledge  
When love is on your side

1<sup>st</sup> messenger: You tell us of Job's joy  
His love of God sincere  
He remained so Holy  
When evil entered near

2<sup>nd</sup> messenger: Your story is of Job's rough path  
The trials he did endure  
And how he stood by faithfully  
Through every pain and sore

3<sup>rd</sup> messenger: Never doubting our God's plan  
Job stayed firm and true  
Tell us of this epic tale  
Is now what you must do

4<sup>th</sup> messenger: No greater pain did our Job know  
You tell us of this tale  
But he stood firm til victory  
God's greater love prevailed

5<sup>th</sup> messenger: You tell us of our mission  
As we are all Daughters fair  
Of Job's life reverence  
Of God's unending care



Chaplain: She brings to us God's Holy Word  
 In Bible and in Prayer  
 Teaches us most faithfully  
 God's lessons written there

Marshal: With love for country she posts the flag  
 The emblem that we prize  
 Reminds us of the land we share  
 And of hope's starry skies

Guide: The path you make we follow  
 So take care that it's true  
 Make your actions more like Job  
 Loving God in what you do

Jr Princess: You now ascend into the east  
 Like a graceful radiant dove  
 Keep Job's patience in your heart  
 And spread God's endless love

Sr Princess: You tell of temptation Job received  
 But in God's love he still believed  
 Trust God like Job in all you do  
 And God will crown your efforts, too

For the woman who trusts in our Lord first  
 Is wisest of them all  
 Let wisdom crown your actions then  
 In loving one and all

Honored Queen: The gifts of love, a radiant sight  
 Shining from her face tonight  
 A long and winding road she trod  
 To meet us here today  
 But in God's love she put her trust  
 And from Him never swayed

Her horn of plenty overflows  
 With God's gifts of love  
 She leads us now with hope and light  
 And wisdom from above

May God bless your actions, then  
Crown your efforts with success  
We all pray for your happiness  
And wish you all the best

See now our Bethel  
God showers them with love  
All the blessings he can give  
Rain down from up above

Daughters fair and daughters true  
A lovely inspiration  
May God bless us tonight  
At this installation.

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## THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S LOVE

Love is the Universe's most powerful force.  
It can cause history to alter its course.  
With love we see beauty that others often miss.  
When everyone is loving we have heavenly bliss.  
When we are loving everyone's burdens we share.  
We want all of our friends to know that we care.  
We can't hate our brother and still love God above.  
For it we hate anyone we do not really show love.  
Shirley chose the Good Shepherd as her symbol of love.  
The lamb stands for purity just like the dove.  
The Good Shepherd watches lovingly over all of his sheep.  
He runs not like the hired man the sheep are safe in his keep.  
The Good Shepherd cares, the sheep respond to his call.  
They all truly love him and he love them all.  
Jesus speaks of the Good Shepherd in another story he told.  
Of 99 safe sheep but one left out in the cold.  
The shepherd was not happy till the lost one was found.  
Then only did he celebrate when all hundred were safe and sound.  
So this theme of love you will hear repeated this night.  
As the officers and choir come into sight.

Inner and Outer Guard:	You must show all love and grace As you both faithfully guard this place.
Jr and Sr Custodians:	Your emblems are the urn and dove Symbols of prayer, peace and love.
Treasurer:	You keep the records of the wealth we share May it always be used with love and care.
Recorder:	You record the records of the wealth we share May they always be upright, worth and true.
Librarian:	Share your knowledge so we can raise our sight That we turn from darkness to walk in light.
Musician:	You play the music of faith and love As David the Shepard played for God above.

Chaplain: You lead us in prayer on bended knee  
 May all of our actions be pleasing Dear God to Thee.

Messengers: You tell of Job's pleasures, temptation and strife.  
 May we also be steadfast throughout our own life.

Marshal: As Marshal proudly our flag you display  
 May our love for our country grow every day.

Guide: You escort the Pilgrims; they will follow your lead.  
 To our beautiful teachings we hope they will heed.

Jr Princess: To the Pilgrims the first epoch you will impart.  
 The story of Job's trials from the start  
 To God we must always faithful be  
 No matter how hard life seems to be  
 Of this you remind us with your symbol the dove  
 We must always be steadfast and full of love.

Sr. Princess: The second epoch you will tell  
 We hope the Pilgrims will listen well.  
 For though temptations Job did receive  
 He did not yield, in God he believed.  
 Job showed us that righteousness will prevail  
 That faith in God will never fail.

Honored Queen: You conclude the story of Job's faith and trust in God.  
 You are to remind us that in Jesus' footsteps we should tread.  
 Honored Queen like the Shepherd you will lead the sheep.  
 You are to make certain that God's blessing we do seek  
 Be fair in all your dealings patient in all you do.  
 Be humble and always faithful pray that God will walk with you.  
 For both the sheep and the shepherd responds to each other's call.  
 The tender loving shepherd shares love with one and all.

The following poem by Helen Steiner Rice is very appropriate and offers good advice:

“With the Lord as ‘Yours Shepherd’ you have all that your need.  
For, if you ‘Follow in His Footsteps’ wherever He may lead,  
He will guard and guide and keep you in His loving, watchful care.  
And, when traveling in ‘dark valleys.’ “Your shepherd’ will be there...  
His Goodness is unfailing  
His kindness knows no end,  
For the Lord is a “Good Shepard”  
On whom you can depend...”

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## THE "I AM'S OF JESUS"

Narrator:

In the days of the patriarchs, God summoned Moses to His presence on the mountain. There He commanded Moses to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt by telling them, "The God of our fathers hath sent me unto you." (Exodus 4:13) When Moses asked what he should say when the Israelites ask God's name, God said, "I AM hath sent me unto you." (Exodus 4:14) Centuries later, God sent his only son, Jesus Christ, to liberate us all from the weight of our sins.

Jesus cured a man's blindness, and when the Pharisees asked who was, Jesus answered, "I am the door." (John 10:9)

The Pharisees accused a woman of sin and Jesus warned them, "Let he who is without sin cast he first stone"; and Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)

Jesus fed the masses through the miracle of the fishes and loaves, and said, "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35)

And when the Apostle John saw the revelation of the new heaven and earth, Jesus told him, "I am Alpha and Omega." (Revelation 21:6)

At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. He commanded them to love one another as He loved them, and He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. I am the vie." (John 10:11)

All of us are offered the opportunity to be new in Christ (@ Corinthians 5:17). And to do that we must try to fulfill His expectations of us by lifting up to Christ's teachings. The final answer to the question posed by Mises is that we, as believers in God, and agent for God, are to take action on His teachings.

So, too are the member charged with responsibilities in the Bethel that teach the lessons of the Bible. Let the members begin their journey learning God's Lessons in life; just as he taught Moses, and just as He sent Jesus to instruct us.

Choir:

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my beings:  
(Psalm 104:33)

Providing melodies for us to hear,  
Our choir reminds us we have nothing to fear.  
With songs lifted high, praising His name,  
We learn that God will not look for blame.  
The harmony of their voices reminds us all  
That we can find peace if on God we will call.  
And when life is too difficult to proceed,  
Christ is always there, taking the lead.

Inner and Outer Guards:

"I am the door; by me if anyone enters in, ye shall be saved, and shall go  
In and out and find pasture." (John 10:9)

Our eyes are focused on the West where two daughters stand,  
As they guard out bethel doors at the Honored Queen's command  
Protecting our Bethel with watchful eyes, they warn our members of sin.  
Just as when we trust in Christ, He'll ward off evil that wants in.  
Opening the doors to our pilgrims' fair,  
Our Guards will defend the Bethel there,  
Ever watchful, they let in only the pure.  
Keeping our Daughters' lives secure.

Jr and Sr Custodians:

"... O am the light of the world; ye that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have  
the light of life." (John 8:12)

We give these Daughters our emblems to safely keep,  
And from them there are many lessons for us to reap.

The dove represents truth and purity,  
And our urn stands for prayer which gives us security.  
They carry for the cornucopia which stands for reward,  
Which we receive when faithful to our lord.  
As we impress upon the Custodians the duties of their stations,  
May they shed their light upon our trail to salvation.

Messenger:

I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto them that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." (Revelation 21:6)

The story of Job is our organization's base,  
It teaches us hope in whatever toil we face.  
The Messengers share the story of Job's trial,  
And how people shunned him, lonely and in exile.  
They portray Job's story from beginning to end,  
And teach that no matter your station, God is your friend.  
Just as Job triumphed and found peace,  
So we can too, if evil we will release.

Librarian and Musician:

"...I am the bread of life; ye that cometh to me shall never hunger; and ye that believeth in me shall not thirst.: (John 6:35)

The Librarian and Musician hold the key to Music, Science and Art,  
Those pursuits which appeal to the mind and heart.  
They are the bread of life because they make us whole,  
And their gifts to our members feed the soul.  
Hunger for knowledge is met by these officers,  
As their presentations provide many answers,  
And the one truth they will know,  
Is that the love of Christ will forever show.

Treasurer and Recorder:

"...I am the truth; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

The one great truth for which we all should strive,  
Is that honesty is our lives must always thrive.  
The Recorder and Treasurer speak to that virtue,  
For it is that value which drives what they do.  
All actions of the Bethel, the Recorder must prepare,  
In the way that God watches over us, ensuring our welfare.  
The Treasurer shows that through honesty we build character,  
And if we walk the straight path we will be the victor.



Chaplain:

“...I am the life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

The Chaplain is a beacon whenever our days are dark.  
She asks for Got to protect us no matter where we embark.  
As out spiritual leader, she takes us from strife,  
And shows us there’s a better way for our life.  
Where Jesus stands ready to carry our weight,  
And His love for us He will always demonstrate.  
Our Chaplain lifts up our earthly prayer,  
Reminding us of His shelter that is always there.

Junior and Senior Princesses:

“I am the vine, ye are the branches; ye that abideth in me, and I in them; the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

The Junior and Senior Princesses represent honor and virtue;  
Qualities that nourish the soul and direct us to grow true.  
The vine, unchanneled, twists that way and this,  
Searching constantly for a life that is faultless.  
Each Princess carries the burden with every pace,  
Of showing our member the virtues we embrace.  
Those virtues become ours if in Jesus we abide.  
We will be always in His footsteps if we walk a forthright stride.

Honored Queen:

“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

And now comes among us, the fairest of the fair;  
Like the good shepherd, she leads with great care.  
Ever bearing in mind it’s the members she does serve,  
It is their best interest she is charged to observe.

As the Bethel leader she rules with wisdom and dignity,  
Exercising her authority with understanding and humility.  
And during her reign, to God she is true,  
Relying on His teaching to make our lives anew.

Before us are the Bethel's new officers and choir, each providing an important contribution to make the Bethel successful. As they assume the responsibilities and privileges of leadership in this Bethel, may the words Jesus spoke when describing Himself through each of His "I AM'S" serve as a guide for all the members. During the coming term they will enjoy many happy times, as well as many challenges. The story of Job teaches us to treasure our joys and maintain our faith no matter what adversities we may face.

And now, as these Daughters wait to be instructed in another chapter in God's great love for mankind, let us remember that the description of Jesus that we heard in this ceremony is in the present tense. Nine times Jesus described Himself beginning with the word, "I AM." Jesus has always been, is now and will be forever.

As Jesus told the Jews, "Before Abraham was I am." Means He is here among us right now and will continue to be in the future. He will be with us through all the ups and downs of the coming term and more importantly every minute in our lives.

As these Daughters continue their journey seeking a greater understanding of God's word and His will for each of them, may they:

- Be as an open door to those who long to understand His word;
- Be as a light to those who cannot find their way;
- Be the bread of life to those who need nourishment for their souls;
- Be alpha and omega in their relationships with others;
- Be truth to those who don't know of it;
- Give newness to life when it seems so useless;
- Provide a way to those who are lost
- Be a bountiful vine with abundant fruit;
- And be like the shepherd, carefully watching for the welfare of others.

And may the "I AM'S" of Jesus become the "WE ARE'S" for us all.

## PRAYING HANDS

There is a story which happened long ago  
Told about Albrecht Durer and a friend we do not know  
Both men hoped to succeed in art  
But with no money, only one could start.

So Durer, was chosen to learn the paint  
For his friend was unselfish, she was a saint  
And Durer did paint, and he did well  
He gained success and his works he did sell

His friend was doing any job he could find.  
Even if it hurt his hands, he didn't mind.  
All the while he did his part,  
For soon would come his turn to start.

Then came time for his friend to try,  
Durer became sad, he wanted to cry.  
Because not one of his friends' painting could ever be sold.

Durer knew that he could never repay  
The sacrifices his friend had made each day  
He knew deep down if the roles had been reversed  
Success he might not have won, if his friend had gone first.

Then one night Durer happened to see  
His friend while praying on bended knee  
His hands were joined together for prayer  
This wonderful friend who had choses to share.

He saw beauty in those work-worn hands  
He'd painted them and show them in every land  
Then the world would know all that his friend had done  
For only through his sacrifices had Durer's success been won.

Now that you have heard this story  
A story which has ended in glory  
Listen to the duties as the officers come into view  
Share with them now as their stations are explained to you.  
Daughters of the Bethel Choir:  
May your voices clearly ring,  
As the music of this Bethel  
Together, we all shall sing

Inner Guard and Outer Guard:  
As daughters and friends come to our meetings,  
You'll be the first to extend our greetings.  
Spread to them words of cheer  
That they will always feel welcome here.

Junior Custodian:  
The emblem that is in your care  
Is the lovely snow-white dove  
May its message you always share  
Of God's peace and undying love.

Senior Custodian:  
You are keeper of the urn  
The emblem left to you care  
Its message we should surely learn  
To always remember God in prayer.

Recorder:  
You must listen intently each night  
Since the minutes of each meeting you must write.  
You will remind us of the things we should know  
Of happenings, events or places to go.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger:  
You tell of Job, his devotion to God  
How in His footsteps he did seek to tread.  
Of his family and their health  
How they lived in ease and wealth.

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger

You tell of trials he did endure  
Of death, a body full of sores  
But Job was faithful every day  
From God's love he would not stray

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger:

He asked to die he suffered so  
Why all these problems he did not know.  
But still he worshiped God above  
And never doubted His wondrous love.

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger:

God had let the devil have his say  
But now He restored all He had taken away.  
God doubled Job's wealth as an extra reward  
For Job never doubted, he trusted our Lord.

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger:

This story and its lesson we must never forget  
As Daughters of Job, high ideals we must set.  
May we always be steadfast, never unjust  
And like Job always in God place our trust.

Librarian:

At the meetings the reports you give  
Should inspire us clean lives to live  
You are to help open every heart  
With the knowledge that you impart.

Treasurer:

Honesty is a virtue all must possess  
But you even more so than all of the rest.  
Your records both current and accurate must be  
As your books are open for all to see.

Musician:

Your station teaches us, so very much  
As music is sounded by your touch  
So the lesson we should learn must be  
As a Bethel, to work in harmony.

Chaplain:

God has told us what is right  
What to do both day and night  
So you must lead us all in prayer  
For God's Holy Word is in your care.

Marshal:

The flag of our country is given to you  
With its stars and stripes of red, white and blue  
Display it proudly for it has been left in your care  
As it is an emblem of our Country's prides that we share.

Guide:

You escort the pilgrims; they will follow your lead  
To our beautiful teachings, we hope they will heed,  
May they listen, learn and always retain  
And like Job, faithful to God always remain.

Junior Princess:

To the Pilgrims the first epoch you will help impart  
The story of Job's trials from the start.  
To God we must always faithful be  
No matter how hard life seems to be.  
Of this you remind us with your symbol the white dove.

Senior Princess:

The Second epoch you will tell  
We hope the Pilgrims will listen well  
For thought temptations Job did receive  
He did not yield, in God he believed.  
Job showed us that righteousness will prevail  
That faith if God will never fail.

Honored Queen:

You have worked hard and are now Honored Queen.  
It must be wonderful and seem like a dream  
But like every station you reach in life  
There is responsibility, some doubt and some strife.  
So begin each day and night in prayer  
Treat everyone with equal care  
Give your best that's all we ask  
Pray before you begin each task  
Remember the "Paying Hands" that treasured work of art

And how Albrecht Durer got his start.  
Remember the sacrifices his friend did make  
Remember how the friend's hands did ache.  
Think always of friendship, and devotion to duty  
Of those "Praying Hands" and of God's beauty.  
May your hands give support, comfort, and love  
And may all of your actions be pleasing to God above.  
We all are happy and very proud to share  
The joy of this occasion and we offer this prayer.

May God grant you all the joys you dream of  
And always give you strength, wisdom and His love.

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## THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS 1<sup>ST</sup> VERSION

### Suggestions:

Christmas lights may be placed in a star formation and turned on by each officer.

### Narrator:

The story of Christmas is very old,  
And it's told anew each year.  
It kindles again the flame of hope,  
That each one holds so dear.  
The hope that the spirit of Christmas,  
Will dwell in every heart,  
And that our own acts of kindness,  
May help to do their part.  
Tell us once more the story  
Of the birth of Christ, our King  
As new Officers of the Bethel  
Their love and gifts do bring.

“and she brought forth her first born Son,  
Wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
And laid Him in a manger,”  
“And there were in the same country  
Shepherds abiding in the field,  
Keeping watch over their flocks by night,”  
And in the sky thee was a great Star,  
Shining for all to see.  
Proclaiming the birth of the Christ child,  
Who was born our Savior to be.

### Honored Queen:

Slowly approaches the Honored Queen bearing forth her light,  
Like that star up in the heavens, she reigns on high tonight.  
At the top of the star her light she places,  
Symbolic of the high office she graces.

### Junior and Senior Princess:

And now the two Princesses approach, like the beams of that bright Star.  
They add their grace and beauty to call Pilgrims from afar.  
They place their light on either side of the light of the Honored Queen,  
To show to all, their positions, their love, and their esteem.

### Guide and Marshal:



As the Guide and Marshal now bring forth their light, they recall,  
How the star did journey through the night, and rest o'er that manger stall.  
The last two points of the star now receive their lights.  
Our star is gaining brilliance, as it did that wondrous night.  
And now the story continues.

Chaplain:

The Chaplain now comes forward, like the Angel who appeared,  
Asking for God's blessings, to rest on all those here.

"And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of heavenly hosts,  
Praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth,  
Peace, good will to men,'"

Musician:

The Musician places there her light, her duty one of pleasure.  
She praises God with music, and to the Bethel adds her treasure.

"And it came to pass, even as the Angels were gone away from them to  
Heaven, the shepherds said one to another," let us go even now to  
Bethlehem to see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has  
Made know to us."

Messengers:

Five Messengers approach the East, like the Shepherds they do journey.  
To learn of God's own goodness, His love, and of His mercy.

Each one has a story, for the Pilgrims to unfold.  
To tell to all God's story, as they themselves were told.

"And when the Three Wise Men came into the house, they saw the young  
Child with Mary, His Mother, and fell down and worshipped Him, and  
Presented unto Him their treasures: gold and frankincense and myrrh."

Librarian, Recorder and Treasurer:

Just as the Wise Men brought their gifts, these too bring treasures rare.  
The Bethel record they do keep, for all to read and share.

The Librarian gives us literature, the Recorder, the minutes keep.  
The Treasurer balances our books; our debt to them is deep.

Junior and Senior Custodians:

The Junior and Senior Custodians come as heralds for the King.  
Love of endless service is the gift they bring.

Inner and Outer Guards:

And now the Inner and Outer Guards, each night their watch does keep.  
To protect the Bethel from Harm as God's Angels protect his sheep.

"And when they had seen Him, they made know abroad the saying  
Which was told them concerning this Child, and all those that heard it,  
Wondered at these things which were told them by the shepherds."

See now our star shines brightly,  
May its light help point the way  
To a world of peace and goodness;  
This is our earnest prayer today.

## THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS 2ND VERSION

Narrator:

The story of Christmas is very old,  
And it's told anew each year.  
It kindles again the flame of hope,  
That each one holds so dear.  
The hope that the spirit of Christmas,  
Will dwell in every heart,  
And that our own acts of kindness,  
May help to do their part.  
Tell us once more the story  
Of the birth of Christ, our King  
As new Officers of the Bethel  
Their love and gifts do bring.  
"and she brought forth her first born Son,  
Wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
And laid Him in a manger,"  
"And there were in the same country  
Shepherds abiding in the field,  
Keeping watch over their flocks by night,"  
And in the sky thee was a great Star,  
Shining for all to see.  
Proclaiming the birth of the Christ child,  
Who was born our Savior to be.

Honored Queen:

Slowly approached the Honored Queen  
Bearing forth her light,  
Like that star up in the heavens,  
She reigns on high tonight.  
At the top of the star her light she places,  
Symbolic of the high office she graces.

Junior and Senior Princesses:

And now the two Princesses approach  
Like the beams of that bright Star.  
They add their grace and beauty to  
Call Pilgrims from afar.  
They place their light on either side  
Of the light of the Honored Queen,  
To Show to all, their positions,  
Their love and their esteem.

Guide and Marshal:

As the Guide and Marshal now bring forth  
Their light, they recall,  
How the star did journey through the night,  
And rest o'er that manger stall.

The last two points of the star  
Now receive their lights.  
Our star is gaining brilliance,  
As it did that wondrous night.

An Angel of the Lord appears saying, "Fear not,  
For I bring you good tidings of great joy,  
For unto you is born this day, in the city of David,  
A Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Chaplain:

The Chaplain is our guiding light,  
Like the star that first appeared,  
To let us know of a wondrous sight,  
As love falls on all those here.

And suddenly there was with the Angel  
A multitude of heavenly hosts, praising God  
And saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth,  
PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN."

Musician:

The Musician plays ever so light,  
Her duty one of pleasure.  
She praises God with music,  
And to the Bethel adds her treasure.

And it came to pass even as the Angels were gone  
Away from them into heave, the shepherds said  
One to another, let us go even now into Bethlehem  
To see this ting which has come to pass, which the  
Lord has made know to us.

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Our Messengers approach the East,  
Like the Shepherds they do journey.  
To learn of God's own goodness,  
His love, and of his mercy.

Each one has a story,  
For Pilgrims to unfold.  
To tell to all, God's story,  
As they themselves were told.

Librarian, Recorder and Treasurer:

And when the Three Wise Men came into the house,  
They saw the young child with Mary, His Mother, and  
Fell down and worshipped Him, and presented unto Him  
Their treasures: gold and frankincense and myrrh"

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These too bring treasures rare.  
The Bethel records they do keep,  
For all to read and share.

The librarian gives us literature,  
The Recorder, the minutes keep,  
For all to read and share.

The Librarian gives us literature,  
The Recorder, the minutes keep.  
The Treasurer balances our books,  
Our debt to them is deep.

Senior and Junior Custodian:

The Senior and Junior Custodian come  
As heralds for the King.  
Love of endless service  
Is the gift they bring.

Inner and Outer Guards:

And now the Inner and Outer Guards,  
Each night their watch does keep.  
To protect our Bethel from harm  
As God's Angels protect His sheep.

And when they had seen Him, they made know abroad,  
They saying which was told them concerning this Child.  
And all those that heard it, wondered at these things  
Which were them by shepherds.

See now our star shines brightly.  
May its light help point the way,  
To a world of peace and goodness;  
This is our earnest prayer today.

Soft background music should be played while the Narrator's reading. If at any time the officers are slower than the Narrator, then the Narrator should wait and the background music continues.

## THE SUNFLOWER CEREMONY

The Lord Said:

I need flowers for all the seasons  
Perhaps one that blooms in the Fall.  
I need a flower of grace and beauty  
It must grow especially tall.

A flower to stand straight  
A flower to look toward the sun  
Until I find the flower I seek  
My work will not be done.

The Sunflower shares its seed with the bird  
So that the songs they sing can be heard.  
It lifts its head toward the sun  
And still gives pleasure when its life is done.

So may we look to our Father and His Son,  
The Heavenly creator, the three-in-one.  
May we glorify Him in all we do  
As we grow in Job's Daughters, faithful and true.

Bethel Choir \_\_\_\_\_  
Daughters of the Bethel Choir  
May your voices clearly ring  
As the music of the Bethel  
Together we all shall sing.

Inner Guard \_\_\_\_\_ and Outer Guard \_\_\_\_\_  
As persons come to our meeting  
You'll be the first to extend a greeting.  
Spread to them a word of cheer  
So they will always feel welcome here.

Junior Custodian \_\_\_\_\_

As the sunflower feeds birds that fill our skies  
Your emblem is a bird, the lovely white dove.  
May it always remind both you and I  
Of God's peace<sup>3</sup> and undying love.

Senior Custodian \_\_\_\_\_

You are keeper of the urn.  
The emblem left to your care.  
Its message we should surely learn  
To always remember God in prayer.

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Honesty is a virtue all must possess,  
But you even more so than all of the rest.  
Your records both current and accurate must be  
As your books are open for all to see.

Musician \_\_\_\_\_

Your station teaches us, so very much  
As music is sounded by your touch.  
So the lesson we should learn must be  
As a Bethel, to work in harmony.

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

You must listen intently each night  
Since the minutes of each meeting you must write.  
You will remind us of the things we should know  
Of happenings, events or places to go.

Librarian \_\_\_\_\_

At the meetings the reports you give  
Should inspire us clean lives to live.  
You are to help open every heart  
With the knowledge that you impart.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger \_\_\_\_\_

You tell of Job, his devotion to God  
How in His footsteps he did seek to trod.  
Of his fine family and their health  
How they lived a life of ease and wealth.



2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger \_\_\_\_\_

You tell of trials he did endure  
Of death, a body full or sore.  
But Job was faithful every day  
From God's love he would not sway.

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger \_\_\_\_\_

He asked to die he suffered so  
Why all these problems he did not know.  
But still he worshiped God above  
And never doubted His wondrous love.

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger \_\_\_\_\_

God had let the devil have his say  
But now He restored all He had taken away.  
God doubled Job's wealth as an extra reward  
For Job never doubted, he trusted our lord.

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger \_\_\_\_\_

This story and its lesson we must never forget  
As daughters of Job, high ideals we must set.  
May we always be steadfast, never unjust  
And like Job, always in God placed our trust.

Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_

God had told us what is right  
What to do both day and night.  
So you must lead us all in prayer  
For God's Holy Word is in your care.

Marshal \_\_\_\_\_

An honor given no other is given to you.  
Our flag with its stripes of red, white and blue.  
Display it proudly for it has been left in your care.  
As it is an emblem of our country's pride that we share.

Guide \_\_\_\_\_

You escort the Pilgrims; they will follow your lead.  
To our beautiful teachings, we hope they will heed.  
May they listen and learn and always retain  
And like Job, faithful to God, always remains.

Junior Princess \_\_\_\_\_

To the Pilgrims the first epoch you will help impart  
The story of Job's trial from the start  
To God we must always faithful be  
No matter how hard life seems to be  
Of this you remind us with your symbol the white dove  
We must always be steadfast and full of love.

Senior Princess \_\_\_\_\_

The second epoch you will tell  
We hope the Pilgrims will listen well  
For thought temptations Job did receive  
He did not yield, in God he believed.  
Job showed us that righteousness will prevail  
That faith in God will never fail.

Honored Queen \_\_\_\_\_

The Honored Queen now enters with her robe so white  
Like a lighted candle, you shine so bright.  
\_\_\_\_\_, you are the leader who must try to do right  
TO always be fair and impartial, this is your plight.  
You must be a leader with wisdom and grace.  
You must strive to keep a smile on your face.

Pray to God often and give Him his due  
And trust Him forever in all that you do  
When this term is over, look back with much pride  
You've done your best, with God at your side.

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## SPECIAL CEREMONIES HONORING OUR FOUNDER

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## ETHEL T. WEAD MICK TRIBUTE

HONOERED QUEEN: We pay tribute to our Founder, Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick who named our Order, Job's Daughters, in memory of her mother.  
(pause)  
Inner Guard, inform the Outer Guard to take her place for our ceremony.

The Inner Guard gives the raps, the Outer Guard enters, and the Musician plays "Job's Daughters Fair and True." The Officers form a triangle

OUTER GUARD: J - Job's Daughter true was her aim  
Masonic heritage is our fame.

4<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: O - Obligation at the Alter  
Reverence to God, Love of country,  
Respect for elders,  
In these promises never falter.

5<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: B - Bethel – The Bible says a place of prayer  
Attend this Holy Place with reverent care.

2<sup>nd</sup> MESSENGER S - Sincerity is a virtue we must learn  
To this be true and friend we will earn.

INNER GUARD: D - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.  
Practice this golden rule and build character strong and true.

1<sup>st</sup> MESSENGER: A - Admiration for our Founder we do hold,  
Our gift to her more precious than gold.

RECORDER: U - Upward and onward is our quest.  
Doing good will at our best.

TREASUER: G - God gave our Founder wisdom rare,  
To build an Order for the fairest of the fair.

JR. CUSTODIAN: H - Honor our Parents and Guardians we vowed to do  
Mater Masons and our elder too.

MUSICIAN: T - Truth will triumph all the way  
Trust in Him each day.

SR. CUSTODIAN: E - Equality with our doors  
Makes us sister forevermore.

LIBRARIAN: R - Robes, hose, and shoes of white,  
A reminder of purity – a shining light.

3<sup>rd</sup> MESSENGER: Our Founder emphasized the thought that “to be fair is to do good.”  
This thought we exercise in our live as Job’s Daughters should.

GUIDE: “Virtue is a Quality which Highly Adorns Women” is the motto of  
our Order. So goodness and mercy follows the path of a true Job’s Daughter.

JR. PRINCESS: Patience of Job  
Faith in God and hope of reward.  
These truths our Founder experienced and on us bestowed

SR. PRINCESS: Our ritual was written by our Founder,  
To do her honor we give our lectures in an impressive manner.

HONORED QUEEN: And in all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of  
Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

All sing “Behold, We Are the Daughters of Job”

HONORD QUEEN: All rise. Chaplain, you will attend at the Alter.

The Musician plays “Holy Holy Holy.”

CHAPLAIN: O God, our Father, we thank Thee for our Order of Job’s Daughters.  
Help us to keep our Founder’s purpose and aim high. Grant that we  
May be true Daughter of Job till we are called to our Eternal home.  
We ask in thy name. Amen.

The Musician plays “Holy Holy Holy.”

The Musician play “Job’s Daughter Fair and True: for officers to return to their stations.

The Honored Queen raps the gavel.

## JOB'S DAUGHTER EMBLEM CEREMONY TO HONOR OUR FOUNDER, MRS. ETHEL T. WEAD MICK

- HONORED QUEEN:** This time has been set aside so that we may pay tribute to our founder, Mrs. Ether T. Wead Mick. Mrs. Mick was born on March 9, 1881, and entered the Great Bethel on High in February 1957. She founded the Order of Job's Daughters in Omaha, Nebraska in 1920 and served as Supreme Guardian in 1921-22.
- The purpose of the Job's Daughters International is to bank Together young girls with Masonic Relationship for the purpose of building Character and spiritual and moral development by teaching a greater reverence for God and the Holy Scriptures; loyalty to the flag and the country for which it stands; and respect for parents and guardian.
- SENIOR PRINCESS:** Mrs. Mick realized the importance of the things she had learned from the teachings of her Christian mother. She especially loved the teaching of the Book of Job. She decided to give of her time and talents to make it possible for all young women of Masonic relationship to share in these beautiful teachings. Mrs. Mick founder the Job's Daughters International in honor of the memory of her mother, Elizabeth D Wead.
- JUNIOR PRINCESS:** The Book of Job is of great significance to mankind. It is not only the poetic description s that are important, but it is an instructive lesson in life itself. The person that Job was is dominated by innocents, piety, modesty, straightforwardness and honeys.
- HONORED QUEEN:** Many people have seen our emblem, but how many of us really know what each symbol represents: Our officers will now explain the Job's Daughter Emblem.
- RECORDER:** (Bottom of triangle) I'm sure that many of you have wondered what this phrase on the bottom of our triangle is? IYOB is Greek meaning Job, and FILIAE is Latin for Daughters. These are representative of the Latin and Greek ages.
- TREASURER:** (Honored Queen doll) The Honored Queen. She is our leader and friend. She presides at all meeting of the Bethel. She also represents Job's Third daughter, Karen Happuch.
- 1<sup>st</sup> MESSENGER:** (Senior Princess doll) The Senior Princess is the Honored Queen's right hand. She represents Job's second daughter, Kezia.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> MESSENGER: (Junior Princess Doll) The Junior Princess also play an important role. She represent Job's first daughter, Jemima.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> MESSENGER: (Dove) The three emblems represent each epoch of Job's life. The White Dove symbolizes PURITY and TRUTH.
- 4<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: (Urn) The urn represents PRAYER. Even when he thought all was lost, Job prayed to God for help.
- 5<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: (Cornucopia) The cornucopia or Horn of Plenty symbolizes the triumph of Job and the reward for this faith.
- INNER GUARD: (One side of the triangle) The triangle has three sides which represent the three daughters of Job and his three friends from the East.
- OUTER GUARD: (Other side of the triangle) The triangle also represents the three epochs of Job's life as related to the pilgrims in the Ceremony of Initiation.
- MARSHAL: Bethels are banned together under these teachings in the United States, Canada, Australia, the Philippines, and Brazil as the Job's Daughters International.
- GUIDE: Special emphasis is given to the thought that "to be fair is to do good" and "virtue is a quality which highly adorns women."
- HONORED QUUEN: "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job's and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren."

All Sing: BEHOLD, WE ARE THE DAUGHTERS OF JOB

Note: In this ceremony, the Daughter built a three-dimensional Job's Daughter emblem. Actual dolls and wooden triangle were originally used, but painted cardboard cutouts can be just as nice.

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## A TRIBUTE TO OUR FOUNDER MRS. ETHEL T. WEAD MICK

HONORED QUEEN:

We have set aside this night to pay special tribute to our late founder, Mrs. Ethel T Wead Mick.

In a garden of richest soil, long ago, were planted some seeds, which in later years were to blossoms forth into some delicate flowers.

The garden was our Order dear, and the person who planted them was our founder, Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick. The plants were the Bethels dotted here and there around the world.

Her garden grew and grew, and at last, she had her wish come true. She had founded a beautiful Order to which any girl would be proud to belong.

Now Mother Mick has entered the ETERNAL GARDEN noon high, and we know that God is looking After her.

SENOIOR PRINCESS:     A good many years have passed,  
                              Since God your hand did take  
                              And lead you to His home on High  
                              Where peace will always be.  
                              Sadly missed you will ever be.  
                              By your Daughters fair and true  
                              Your memory they will Cherish  
                              For they loved you so.

JUNIOR PRINCESS:     Our work is always done  
                              In memory of our Founder,  
                              Adorned, loved, cherished and respected  
                              By those who can truly say  
                              We are surely the "Fairest in the Land."

HONORED QUEEN:

Our Chaplain will attend at the Altar. (Three raps of the gavel.)

CHAPLAIN:             Teach us, dear GOD, to be fair and do good.  
                              Thank you for our Founder, and those who have followed after  
                              Working to continue our wonderful Order  
                              And making Mother Mick's dream come true. Amen.

HONORED QUEEN:

(One rap of the gavel) This concludes our special ceremony.



## WE HONOR OUR FOUNDER

Honored Queen: “March has been set aside as the month in which we re to honor our founders, Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick, for she was born on the ninth day of March 1881 in Iowa. When she was still a small child, she moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where she was raised by her widowed mother. Mrs. Wead Mick, being a religious woman, turned to prayer in her hours of need. Every evening she read to her four children from the Bible; her favorite was the Book of Job. The lessons learned from the Book were instilled in the children as part of their daily lives. Ethel Theresa Wead Mick dedicated Job’s Daughter to the memory of her mother who provide the theme for Job’s Daughters.”

Sr. Princess: “Many years ago you had a dream – Job’s Daughters fair and true – who would honor their parents and guardians and revere the red, white and blue. They were to be of Masonic heritage – theses Daughter, oh so rate. From the Book of Job, loved by you, came the name of “Job’s Daughters Fair.” Our meeting place you called the Bethel, which means a Holy Place. The scriptures from the Book of Job – on these our teachings are based.”

Jr. Princess: “You chose the names of his Daughter three – For our emblems denoting Faith, Reward and Purity. “Virtue, a Quality which highly adorns Women”, a motto to strive for – to us was given. The lily of the valley, one of your favorite flowers, bespoke humility – and became our flower too. Then came the colors. Now just what should they be: Purple for royalty and white for purity.”

Honored Queen: ‘And now we can appreciate, as the story has unfurled, the many hours you devoted to build our Job’s Daughter world. For young women to learn patience and a sincere faith in God – that would be beneficial as upward and onward we trod.

“To you our Founder, we sing your praise, forever grateful we will be. We shall try to live as you dreamed, we would – in peach and harmony.

“Job’s Daughter, you will rise.”

All sing “Behold, We are the Daughter of Job”.

## MOTHER MICK TRIBUTE

This time has been set aside so that we may pay tribute to our founder, Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick. Mother Mick was born on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1881, and entered the Great Bethel on High in February 1957. She founded the Order of Job's Daughters in Omaha, Nebraska in 1920; and served as Supreme Guardian 1921 – 1922.

The purpose of the Job's Daughters International is to band together young girls with Masonic Relationship for the purpose of building character and spiritual and moral development by teaching a greater reverence for God and the Holy Scriptures; loyalty to the flag and the country for which it stands; and respect for parents and guardians.

Mrs. Mick realized the importance of the things she had learned from the teaching of her Christian mother. She especially loved the teachings of the Book of Job. She decided to give of her time and talents to make it possible for all young women of Masonic relationship to share in these beautiful teachings. Mrs. Mick founded the Job's Daughters International in memory of her mother, Elizabeth D. Wead.

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May the Book of Job and the work we do be reminders of Mother Mick's dream.

## TRIBUTE TO OUR FOUNDER MRS. ETHEL T. WEAD MICK

We have set aside this night to pay special tribute to our late founder, Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick.

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The garden was our Order dear, and the person who planted them was our founder, Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick. The plants were the Bethels dotted here and there around the World.

Her garden grew and grew, and at last, she had her wish come true. She had founded a beautiful Order to which any girl would be proud to belong. Now Mother Mick has entered the Eternal Garden on high, and we know that God is looking after her.

Our work is always done in memory of our Founder, adored, loved, cherished and respected by those who can truly say we are the "Fairest in the Land".

## OTHER SPECIAL CEREMONIES

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## THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S WORLD

- HONORED QUEEN: Officers, you will rise for our special ceremony. (Pause) Sincerity And awareness are like the fragrance of crushed violets on a Mountainside.
- TREASURER: May the silvery mist of Honesty light your pathway.
- 1<sup>st</sup> MESSENGER: May that same beauty radiate to our Bethel Daughters.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> MESSENGER: Job heard God's voice in the waters of the river, the song of the Night birds, and in all nature.
- 5<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: He truly learned to practice love and dispense light.
- 4<sup>th</sup> MESSENGER: May your light shine so true as Job's
- 3rd MESSENGER: God know your every thought and watches over you in hours of Pleasure and in times of misfortune.
- CHAPLAIN: Let light of the Cross make your pathway bright.
- MUSICIAN: As the harmony of the universe blends together beauty and love
- LIBRARIAN: May the knowledge you gain shine as brightly as the Star in the East.
- RECORDER: May my records show the beauty of our service to others.
- SENIOR CUSTODIAN: In our East sits our Senior Princess shoes purple jewel leads u to The twilight of the mountains.
- JUNIOR CUSTODIAN: And the white jewel of the Junior Princess symbolizes the purity of The Lily of the Valley.
- INNER GUARD: May we ever advance with Harmony, Knowledge and Purity
- OUTER GUARD: Stars like these will ever shine on all who enter here.
- MARSHAL: Beauty is God's handwriting.
- GUIDE: Violets are God's beautiful thoughts.

JUNIOR PRINCESS: The stars are God's brilliant thoughts.

SENIOR PRINCESS: The mountains are God's majestic thoughts.

HONORED QUEEN: Definitions of beauty are many and varied. For example, beauty has been defined as "harmony in diversity," "truth," and "the expression Of an ideal." While definitions do not agree, beauty in some form is

almost

Continuously present. Be aware and experience the delights of beauty:

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Expressions, a face, a bit of cloud or sky, the sunset or the landscape. While men differ widely in their capacity for appreciation of beauty, some enjoyment of beauty is possible for all.

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## THE BETHEL ROBE

Honored Queen:	One of the most beautiful sights in a Bethel meeting is that of the lovely Daughters forming the Cross at the closing. The spotless white robe Symbolizing purity emphasizes the high ideals of the Order.
Chaplain:	The Yoke – The continuous yoke at the top symbolizes Life Everlasting. Job’s Daughters’ Life is everlasting.
Librarian:	The Gathers – These symbolize the friends made in Job’s Daughters.
1 <sup>st</sup> Messenger:	The Cord – The cord is a collection of minute parts symbolizing all the Friend’ s made in Job’s Daughters, in Church, School and wherever life May take you.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Messenger:	The cord is twisted and symbolizes praying hands. Now in your youth Remember God.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Messenger:	The cord, depending on how it is tied, will make you stand erect or Stand in a crouched position. Such re the friends you make. With them, you may walk erect or slip through life avoiding those held in highest regard.
4 <sup>th</sup> Messenger:	The cord is tied at the waist in a square know. Job’s Daughters teaches “Face life squarely for future success.”
5 <sup>th</sup> Messenger:	The cord, when held in place, forms a triangle, the ideal family – Mother, father and child.
Inner Guard:	The Tassel – In days past the Monks used to be able to visit towns only Once in a while. They tied bells to their roves, and as they walked, these Bells would tingle and call attention to themselves. The people would Then come out to see the Monks. The tassel on our cord is shaped like a Bell.
Marshal:	The Sleeve – The sleeve forms a square, teaching us to walk in straight paths and turn square corners.

- Guide: The Hem – The hem should be three inches from the floor. The number three is the perfect number. It symbolizes the triangle, pray, Job’s three Daughters, the three friends, the three Epochs, the three officers in the East and the Third Degree by which some man became a Mason, and gave you his heritage that you became a Job’s Daughter.
- Junior Princess: Not all members may become Honored Queens, but all can become Majority Members and some can become officers and choir members. When wearing your robe, or when pressing it, don’t let it become a Burden. It is a reflection on Job’s Daughters. Give your robe a lot of thought and care.
- Senior Princess: Our Bethel is Holy, just as a Church. We are working for others. We Are telling others that we are Job’s Daughters. Let us give them the real Meaning of a Job’s Daughter. Let us tell them that we are proud to be The “Fairest in the Land.”
- Song: “Behold, We Are the Daughters of Job:
- Directions: A cardboard model of a robe could be used in this ceremony. The Junior and Senior Custodians could place the various parts of the regalia On the cardboard model.



## HONORING EASTERN STAR

SUGGESTION: Ask a Worthy Matron or Pat Worthy Matron to be the narrator and the Daughters to form a STAR. A member of the Eastern Star may be the narrator.

The Musicians play soft march music and the lights are dimmed as the Daughters form the STAR. The narrator reads when the Daughters start marching in.

NARRATOR:

Women are no part of the Masonic Order. But women's heart does beat responsively to the same inspiration that prompts man to noble deeds, and out of this desire to serve in a like manner and the human desire for fraternal fellowship came the banding together of women of Masonic relationship known as THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

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

Oh, great and glorious Eastern Star  
Whose light has shed both near and far  
To bless and comfort your and old  
Yea, light their path to a sheltered fold,  
We honor thee. (Lights bright here.)

Your ray of BLUE has taught us too  
That God loves us as fathers do.

Fidelity in each kindred soul  
Is the valued lesson by the blue ray told.

The GOLDEN light of the second ray  
Has changed the outlook of many a day  
Here we recall, that labor brings love  
The reward of labor sent from above.

Constancy of purpose be it humble or great  
Is blessed with companionship, a joy to relate.

Loyalty shines from the pure ray of WHITE  
And loyalty pierces the darkness of night.

It demands allegiance to family and friend.  
To Nation, to God, to the World, without end.

Loyalty is the lesson our hearts we must write  
If God is to guide us in pathways of right.

Green pastures mean growth and new life on the earth  
For good Eastern Stars, green symbolizes rebirth.

The GREEN of the fourth ray is the hope of all men  
For it tells by its story, "We shall live again."

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

Yes, Glorious Order of the Eastern Star  
We pay you just tribute, for nothing can bar  
The light of your good deeds, your teaching of faith  
The gifts of time women to country and state,  
THIS STAR OF YOUR DAUGHTERS is our tribute to you.  
Our respect and honor too, in all that we do.

A solo may be sung: "The Lord Is My Light."

Soft march music for the Daughters to retire.

## HONORING MASONS

Suggestions:

To be used on Masonic night as an after-meeting ceremony. Ask a Worshipful Master or Past Worshipful Master to be the narrator. A Master Mason or the Associate Bethel Guardian could also be the narrator. Daughters will form the Square and Compass.

Soft march music should be played as the formation is being made. The narrator reads when the Daughters start marching in. The lights are dimmed.

NARRATOR:

The history of Masonry dates back to the time before the Christian Era. In the middle of the seventeenth century, a group of skilled architects banded themselves together for the protection of their craft and the prosperity of their skills. They were the first "Master Masons, "creators of the magnificent edifices of the Medieval Period of cathedral building in Europe. They worked under their own government, traveling from place to place as work requires.

Some years later, in 1702, a London, England, lodge decided to open the doors of Masonry to men unskilled in architecture. As the demand for operative skill decreased, the lofty moral principles, noble ideals and manly virtues of those who were already members, attracted to this society men of prominence in church and state, whose higher character and fine attainments had made them distinguished. This is the origin of Freemasonry as we know it today.

Persecuted by church and state because of its successful effort to promote free thinking and lofty ideals, its history pages are smeared with the blood of martyrs who give their lives that this Order survive. Its history also has many gilded pages covered with the records of deeds well done, of bonded men set free, and of mercy and good will to all mankind.

A writer of authority on the subject of Masonry tells us that the great secret of this Order is that it makes men aware of the divinity within them. A Mason's whole life takes its beauty and meaning from this divine spark and inspires him to follow and obey it. This same writer says, "A man is a Mason when he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage which is the root of every Virtue."

This quotation from "The Veil of Isis: by Winwood Reade, is revelation of the high ideals of the great Masonic Order that we revere and honor.

(Full light here.)

“the doctrines of Masonry are the most beautiful that it is possible to imagine. They breathe the simplicity of the earliest ages, animated by the love of a martyred God. That word which Puritan translated CHARITY, but which is really LOVE, is the keystone which supports the entire edifice of the mystic science. LOVE ONE ANOTHER, TEACH ONE ANOTHER, HELP ONE ANOTHER. This is all our doctrine, all our science, all our law. WE have no narrow-minded prejudices; we do not debar from our society this sect or that sect; it is sufficient for us that man worships GOD no matter under what name or in what manner. It is impossible to be a good Mason without being a good man.”

Here we have formed the SQUARE AND COMPASS, symbolic emblems of this exalted Order, to which the youth assembled this evening owe their heritage. We exalt it and honor it. We are proud of its victories over bitter persecution. We are grateful for its triumph over the snares of time.

A solo may be sung: “How Firm a Foundation.”

Soft march music for the Daughters to retire.

## A SPECIAL CEREMONY TO HONOR THE MASONS AND EASTERN STAR

**Honored Queen:** Tonight we honor the Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star. History traces Masonry back to the great Gothic Cathedral builders. This idea for the Order of the Eastern Star was conceived by Dr. Rob Morris in the 1800's. Both the Masons and the Eastern Star worked to develop our Job's Daughters organization.

Each of our organizations use special symbols. Some of our symbols are very similar. These "shared" symbols are another bond between our Masonic family organizations. Tonight we will present a few of these shared symbols. (the Honored Queen is seated.)

**Senior Princess:** (The SP stands, hold up the triangle while saying her part.) Let us begin with the triangle. Job's Daughters uses the triangle in the emblem of our organization. This triangle surrounds the figures of the Honored Queen and two Princesses, who represent Job's three daughters. For the Masons, the triangle is a symbol of God. For Christian Masons, the three sides represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. The Eastern Star uses the triangle, as a part of their jewels of office for the women occupying the "star point." The triangle surrounds the symbol for the point the jewel represents. (The SP is seated.)

**Junior Princess:** (The JP stands, holds up the star while saying her part.) The Eastern Star uses the symbol of the five-pointed star. Usually it is shown with one point down. IT is a symbol of the star which guided the Wise Men to Bethlehem. The downward point represents the light of the star coming to earth and also the birth of Jesus. Masons use the five-pointed star as a symbol too. For the Masons, the star is a symbol of Man, with the five points representing the head, the hands and the feet. (The JP is seated.)

**Guide:** (The Guide stand, holds up a sheaf of wheat while saying her part.) Another symbol both the Masons and the Eastern Star use is a sheaf of wheat or corn. For the Easter Star, it teaches that many small acts of kindness performed, or man small duties well carried out, add up to important totals – that it is just as important to do small tasks and acts of kindness as to do large ones. For the Masons, it symbolizes plenty, and the goodness of God in providing for mankind. (the Guide is seated.)

**Marshal:** (The Marshal stands and points towards the American Flag while saying) In America, every Masonic body requires a flag to be present in the room. This tells us each Order things that patriotism is important.

(The Senior and Junior Custodians stand and hold the urn and the dove)  
For Masons and for Job's Daughters, the Urn of Incense represents prayer.  
Job's Daughters use the Dove to symbolize purity. For the Masons, the  
apron symbolizes purity of life as a goal for which we should all strive.  
(the Marshal and the Custodians all sit together.)

Honored Queen: (The Honored Queen Stands.) The symbols tell us that each Order  
teaches the need for a personal faith. Each Order regards honor and  
integrity as important. Each teaches that purity in individual life is  
significant; and teaches the importance of being of service to others and  
treating other with respect.

Source: "There Is No Sin in Symbols" from the Masonic Information Center.

## WHAT IS A MASON

The AGB enters on the north marching line, standing in the east handing gavel to BG upon entrance.

Associate Bethel Guardian: ***"And in all the land were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job; and their Father gave them inheritance among their brethren."***

Associate Bethel Guardian: **Bethel Guardian**

Bethel Guardian enters from Ante room, up south marching line. When even with southeast corner of altar turns on diagonal to east and ascends to east pedestal. Takes gavel from ABG

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Bethel Guardian: **A Mason is a man from whom all Job's Daughters receive their heritage. Every member of Job's Daughter is given a legacy through her relationship to a Mason, and it is this legacy that is the cornerstone upon which Job's Daughters is founded.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **Honored Queen**

Honored Queen enters from Anteroom, up south marching line. When even with the southeast corner of altar turns on diagonal to east and stands mid-way between the East and altar, facing the altar.

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Honored Queen: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **For centuries the Beacon Light of Masonry has drawn men from all walks of life and represents every race, creed and religion. The rays from this beacon shine through out all Masonic organizations and their foundations are based on Masonic traditions and principles. A Mason is a Man who bases his life on three basic beliefs - Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **Senior Princess**

Senior Princess enters room from Preparation Room and stands at designated point in diagonal line from the HQ on HQ's right.

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Senior Princess: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man that knows his satisfaction comes only from selfless giving (Pause) and from service to others without expecting anything in return. To find good in all and to extend brotherly love.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **Junior Princess:**

Junior Princess enters room from Ante Room and stands at designated point in diagonal line from the HQ on HQ's left and directly across from Sr. Princess. This now forms the triangle to build formation.

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Junior Princess: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who honors and values his promises (Pause) and knows that his life is a reflection of his character, morals and values and strives to be an example to others.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **Guide**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Guide: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who is a patriot and will lay down his life for his country and his flag to defend freedom, liberty and the right to assembly for all, (Pause) even (PAUSE) when their philosophy of life differs from his.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **Marshal**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Marshal: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who hears the cries of distress and sorrow and will give all that he has to ease the pain and suffering.**

\*Associate Bethel Guardian: **Inner Guard**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Inner Guard: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who knows that his station in life is no higher than any other mans.**

\*Associate Bethel Guardian: **Outer Guard**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Outer Guard: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who values education for himself and others. He is not imposing or controlling (Pause) but accepting in order that individuals may learn and decide for themselves.**

\*Associate Bethel Guardian: **Treasurer**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Treasurer: *(TURN CANDLE ON)* **A Mason is a man who would never promote himself or the members of the Masonic organization when providing compassion, service and assistance just to garner awards and accolades. Steadfast and upright he will receive his final reward.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **Chaplain**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**



Chaplain: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who shares many of the same values associated with a religious faith, but Masonry is *not* a religion. It is a brotherhood of men who want to make the world a better place.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **Recorder**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Recorder: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who others know to be truthful in his actions and thinking, dependable and honorable, and upon whom they can rely upon to be a true and loyal friend.**

\*Associate Bethel Guardian: **Librarian**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Librarian: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who knows we are all equal in God's eyes and that prejudice is a creation of man. A Mason strives never to be judgmental.**

\*Associate Bethel Guardian: **Junior Custodian**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Junior Custodian: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who knows that Masonic charity comes first from the heart, then from the pocket-book.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **Senior Custodian**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

Senior Custodian: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a Man who wants and strives to make a positive difference in his community, schools and government.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **1<sup>st</sup> Messenger**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who feels the pain any honest man should feel at the thought of violating his word.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who regards the entire human race as one family.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who knows that without the feelings of love, life is lonesome, unhappy and unfulfilled. Fellowship with mankind provides that love.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **4<sup>th</sup> Messenger**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man who takes for granted that no matter how industrious or saving a person is, there are sudden misfortunes or conditions over which they have no control and will need a temporary helping hand.**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **5<sup>th</sup> Messenger**

Associate Bethel Guardian: **What is a Mason?**

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger: *(TURN ON CANDLE)* **A Mason is a man whose obligation is to always exemplify the Masonic values, morals and character in his personal life, as an example to young womanhood of the qualities they should respect and seek out in their own lives.**

3 raps will be given by Bethel Guardian. As everyone stands, girls will kneel, setting the lighted candle down in front of them, assume the attitude of prayer and recite the Mother's Fathers and Guardians prayer. **Emphasis should be given to the line:**

**Bless and protect we pray thee, the Master Masons who give us heritage.**

Girls will pick up their candles and **turn them off.**

HQ then will say: **Brotherly Love** and **turn candle on.**

Sr. Princess then will say: **Relief** and **turn her candle on**

Jr. Princess then will say: **Truth** and **turn her candle on.**

THEN in unison all three will say: **These are the beacon lights of life**

The girls will get 4 chords or raps to kneel and do the Mizpah.

They will get 4 chords or raps to stand up.

They will then turn to the center and nod off to the honored queen and end up lined up on the West line

The **BG** will rap and nod to the girls to conclude the ceremony.

## THE MASONIC TRIBUTE

*Flowers are suggested to be used as the colors – to be placed on the Altar as the part is said concerning them. You will need a total of: 5-Blue; 4-White; 3-Purple (Violet); 5-Red (Scarlet); 3-Yellow (Gold); 3-Green; 1-Orange; 1-Indigo*

In the beginning, there was the Bible. IT is the center of life and we will represent this center of life by placing a light on our Bible, which is the center of our organizations.

Each part of the Masonic Family plays an important part. We will represent each organization tonight by placing their colors on our altar.

### FIRST

Blue and white to represent the Master Masons. It is fitting that they should be the first to be represented, for they are the beginning. None of the other organizations could have begun without them. They have built and maintained a Temple for us all to meet in. We call them our DADS. For it is the Master Mason that we, of Job's Daughters, and the other youth organizations, owe their heritage.

### ADD

The colors of the Royal Arch Masons, blue, purple, scarlet, and white. This organization gives us their loyal support, in return, we give them our love.

### LET US NEXT ADD

The five colors representing the Order of the Eastern Star. Blue, yellow, white, green and red are the rays of the star, and a star gives a guiding light and it may be said that the Eastern Star gives Job's Daughters a guiding hand. It is through your help that we maintain our goals. You are our mothers in whose footsteps we are to follow.

### THE AMARANTH

Has given us a guiding hand and through their help we maintain our goals. Add now the colors of red and green. The red represents a crown and the green for the wreath.

### WE NOW ADD

Our own colors, purple and white. While Job's Daughters is no part of the Masons or Eastern Star, there is still a job for us to do. We must strive to learn, and as we learn, to teach others the ways of God. We are your daughters, whom you have faithfully guided through the years. We look for a worthy inheritance that we may truly say: "We hope to be known as the Fairest in the Land".

### OUR SISTERS,

The Rainbow Girls are represented by the seven colors of the rainbow. Red symbolizes Love; Orange representing Religion; Nature symbolized by Yellow; Immortality represented by Green; Blue Symbolizing Fidelity; Indigo representing Patriotism; and Service symbolized by Violet.

### THE MASONIC FAMILY

Is complete with a son, and we add the colors of the DeMolay – blue, red and gold. They too, play an important part in our family. They are the future Masons on which the strength of our Masonic Family will depend in future years.

AND NOW AS YOU BEHOLD THE ALTAR,

You will notice that a circle has been formed around the open Holy Bible. A circle is defined as an unbroken line. It is also made up of Arcs. If one arc is separated from the circle, the remaining part is no longer a circle for it has gap in it. It was once said of a nation, "Divided we fall, United we Stand." So may we compare this nations with our circle. A circle means many things, friendship, love, unity and infinity. Whichever word you choose to represent your circle, it must have a center – and this center is God.

We hope that in some small way we have shown you how important our Masonic family is to us. It is our hope that we will have your support in the years to come.

## TRIBUTE TO OUR MASONIC BROTHERS & SISTERS

“In nearly every village on Main Street everywhere,  
You’ll find a building bearing the Compass and the Square;

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Most always, it’s two stories, with a stairway up one side  
And a light of varied candle-power, your feet to safely guide.  
You’ll find the best folks go there – ‘tis where the Masons meet.

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‘Tis the finest advertisement you can have on any street,  
Of course, the women can’t belong; their difference  
constitutes a bar  
So, they’ve organized the Chapter, and it’s called the Eastern Star.

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It’s composed of Master Masons, their daughters and their wives,  
Their mothers and their sister – and the widows who survive.

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And it has grown and prospered, and you’ll find upon the wall  
The Charter of the Chapter in most every Masonic Hall.

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Woman’s heart beats most responsive to any noble deed;  
She hears the widow and the orphan in their piteous cry of need,  
And through the Eastern Star she seeks to help where she can  
To do her share promoting the brotherhood of man

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Hand in hand these Orders travel along life’s toilsome road  
Both lending aid to wary ones who falter beneath their load  
Both giving help to pilgrims weak when traveling from afar  
The one by compasses lead straight, the other follow the Star

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The Masons and Eastern Star, as does all of our Masonic family organizations use symbols to represent a deeper meaning. It is only by embracing the organization to which you belong whether it through the Ritual, as a faithful side-liner, or through service projects – do the symbols of our respective Orders bring further meaning to the purposes and goals of the organization. We all strive to make the world a better place for ourselves and others – thank you for joining us this evening and making our Bethel feel welcomed and honored in our Masonic family.

This poem was written by Mrs. Helen J. Lowe, Past Grand Matron of West Virginia during her term in 1963-1964. She is the grandmother of Mom Kathy Morgan-Hartz.

## I WOULD BE TRUE

SONG: By Officers and Choir –

I would be true for there are those who trust me,  
I would be pure for there are those who care.  
I would be strong for there is much to suffer,  
I would be brave for there is much to dare.

I would be friend to all the foe, the friendless,  
I would be giving and forget the gift.  
I would be humble for I know my weakness,  
I would look up and laugh and love and lift.

I would be prayerful through each busy moment,  
I would be constantly in touch with God,  
I would be tuned to hear the slightest whisper,  
I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: I would be true to those I love  
Through each busy day.  
They trust me and rely on me  
To help them and beside them stay.

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: I would be pure and keep myself from wrong  
For there are those who care for me.  
I'd turn away from temptations' door;  
To happiness, this is the key.

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger I would be strong and stand against  
The devil and temptation's lure;  
For there is much to suffer when  
You turn away from Heaven's door.

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: I would be brave and face in life  
All that God has planned for me.  
For there is much to suffer when  
And patient and forgiving be.

5<sup>th</sup> messenger: I would be friend to all the friendless  
I would lend a helping hand  
To all those lonely and forgotten  
And help them toward the promised land.

Treasurer: I would tell that honesty  
In a strong link in life's chain,  
What profits a sorrowing conscience?  
What joy can dishonesty gain?

Chaplain: I would give charity  
For every human need  
For there are many hungry hearts  
That want a kindly deed.

Musician: I would give harmony  
And hope that each might hear  
The music of life's sweetest dreams  
Playing softly near.

Librarian: I would give beauty  
In deed and word and thought  
Beauty lifts the eyes to see  
The wonders God has wrought.

Recorder: I would be loyal  
And hold it a sacred trust  
That we judge not one another,  
But are merciful and just.

Junior Custodian: I would be kind  
And use each shining day  
To help some tired wanderer  
Along life's weary way.

Senior Custodian: I would be thoughtful;  
Stretch forth a helping hand  
That I through prayer and willingness  
Add strength to the Christian band.



Inner Guard: I would be helpful  
And open wide the door  
That love might enter every heart  
And stay forevermore.

Outer Guard: I would be watchful,  
Protecting our Bethel door  
Attentive to my duties  
To see peace and harmony enter here.

Marshal: I would give all that I own  
And not expect to be repaid.  
For better it is to give than receive;  
From such things happiness is made.

Guide: I would be humble  
For I know that I am small  
In the eyes of our creator  
God who created all.

Junior Princess: I would be prayerful through each busy day.  
I'd take strength from the comfort of God.  
He'll help me when all others fail me.  
I'll keep the path that Jesus trod.

Senior Princess: I would be constantly in touch with God.  
I'd draw strength from His understanding ways.  
I'd confide in Him when all seems lost  
And with Him my heart stays.

Honored Queen: I would have faith to follow in Christ's footsteps  
I would try to be as much the same  
I would tell the world of God's great goodness;  
And have all following in His name.  
If everyone could be as this; Brave and Pure and True,  
What a wonderful place this would be, with peace and  
Happiness too.

## JACOB'S LADDER CEREMONY

### SPECIAL NOTES FOR PREPARATION

1. Musician plays "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder: for marching and singing.
2. Eighteen officers and at least one choir member are needed for this ceremony.
3. All officers are seated at regular stations.
4. All officer will remain standing after they have finished their speaking parts.

Honored Queen: At this time we will have a special ceremony – Jacob's Ladder

Inner Guard: (Rises) In building our Ladder of Life in our Bethel, we endeavor to have the virtues of Harmony, Love, Truth, Wisdom, Understanding, Patience, Trust, Charity, Kindness and Cooperation.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: (Rises) Two beautiful songs are favorites of Job's Daughters: "Nearer My god to Thee" and "Jacob's Ladder."

Choir Member: (Rises) Reads the first verse of "Nearer My God to Thee."

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: It is remarkable that the story in this song is so similar to the story of Jacob's dram. The author of "Nearer My God to Thee: was quite ill at the time she wrote this beloved hymn, and in the first stanza she is asking to be drawn nearer to God, that she may have salvation and joy and her shadow of sorrow be taken away.

Choir Member: Reads the second verse of "Nearer My God to Thee."

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: (Rises) In the second stanza the shadow of sorrow is still present, but it now takes on the figurative form of Jacob's experience at Bethel. Jacob is a wanderer seeking refuge from his bother Esau. He has been overtaken by darkness – his pillow is a stone; but his plight is lightened by a dream in which impending catastrophe illumined by the knowledge that God is directing him toward future success.

Choir Member: Reads the third verse of "Nearer My God to Thee."

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger: (Rises) The figure continues, but is now personalized more vividly. The poet prays that her future path may become a Jacob's Ladder that reaches heave and reveals even her crosses to be God's promise of mercy.

Choir Member: Read the fourth verse of "Nearer My God to Thee."

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: (Rises) Jacob awakens and builds his altar out of the very rough stones on which he slept. In this way the dream has become an enduring reminder of God's mercy. It is hereafter God's House which he called Bethel, where at will, he can renew contact with the divinity who pursued him without his knowledge and has a glorious destiny in sort for him.

Choir Member: Read the fifth verse of "Nearer My God to Thee."

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger: (Rises) Stanza five grows out of the suggestion of flight symbolic in angels. As in the dream they "ascended," so someday shall she ascent to the immortality that the love of God offers. That heaven, in which life shall be consummated by eternal companionship with the object of her prayer, lies far beyond the "Sun, moon, and stars" in the kingdom where dwells God "In whose will is our peace."

After the 5<sup>th</sup> Messenger has spoken, the Messengers turn out and march to the North and South sideling opposite their stations, the 5<sup>th</sup> Messenger marching to the North sideline. At the same time, The Inner Guard will reach a point on the South sideling where she will be opposite the 5<sup>th</sup> messenger. Musician plays as all walk slowly to the alter line, tur, walk to the center, turn and walk toward the Honored Queen. They form an aisle allowing space for either officers on each side, plus waling space at the Altar line. There will be for officers in front of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Messengers.

Treasurer: (Rises) Regard with joy the pitfalls of life and learn to know that by testing our faith we develop patience.

Chaplain: (Rises) The Open Book is the Light of the World. Put your hand in the hand of God and that shall be to you a better light to a safer way than any known.

After the Treasurer and Chaplain have spoken, they follow the same procedure but march through aisle to positions in front of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger

Recorder: (Rises) Where charity abounds, there's reward  
And joy pure as gold  
And sympathy of the finest kind  
That Keeps sweet, out inner soul.

Librarian: (Rises) Happy is the daughter who finds wisdom  
And she who gains understanding,  
In her right hand is long life  
IN her left are riches and honor.

After the Recorder and Librarian have spoken, they walk slowly down the North and South sidelines to the Altar line and proceed as the Treasurer and Chaplain.

Jr Custodian: (Rises) Love spreads its treasures everywhere  
And pure gifts it bestows  
It shines just like the circling sun  
O'er everyplace it goes.

Sr Custodian (Rises) Truth is the bulwark of the strong  
It elevates the weak,  
It never fails to show the right  
In all we do and speak.

The Senior and Junior Custodians follow the march of the Recorder and Librarian.

Marshal: (Rises) In God we find the greatest love  
And kindness sincere,  
Which does not change or fade away  
But stays the same each year.

Guide: (Rises) The road of life is hard to tread  
Unless one has a guide  
In Christ is chart and compass, too  
And portals open wide.

After the Guide and Marshal have spoken, they step down from the West dais to the West Line, walk slowly to the North and South sidelines and proceed to the formation taking stations behind the 5<sup>th</sup> Messenger and Inner Guard.

Jr. Princess: (Rises) He, who is sparing of words, has knowledge  
A word, rightly spoken, is like golden fruit in silver settings.

Sr Princess: (Rises) Faith is one of the immeasurable virtues of life – a guiding light to most  
of us, although its ways are not visible. It is something  
we cannot do without.

After the Senior and Junior Princess have spoken, they descend the dais and walk slowly to the North and South sideling, turn west to the Altar line, proceed to the formation, walk thru the aisle and take their stations at the top of the ladder. After the Princesses have reached their stations, The Honored Queen Descends the dais and follow the same procedure as that of the Senior Princess. As the Honored Queen passes thru the aisle, the officers join hands, thus forming the rungs of the ladder. When the Honored Queen reaches the top of the ladder, she turns and faces the West and then speaks.

Honored Queen: Just as we could not climb a ladder if the rungs were not joined, neither can our Bethel flourish if each of us does not work hand in hand. As the three Kings brought from the East gold, frankincense and myrrh, may we, as Job's Daughters, give to Jesus love and songs of praise, and endeavor to live like him.

The officers and choir sing "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder." At the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> verse, the Guide and Marshal turn in, and walk slowly thru the aisle, the officers follow, dropping off from the bottom of the ladder. The entire song is sung. Time the march so that as the Guide and Marshal reach a point at the foot of the West Dais, the other officers West of the Altar line will be opposite their station. All walk in together and face East. The Honored Queen gives one rap of the gavel.

#### Positions East of the Altar

	HQ	
SP		JP
SC		JC
L		R
C		T
3		1
4		2
5		IG
M		OG

## JOB'S DAUGHTERS

### Instructions:

The Senior and Junior Princesses lead the other officers through the semi-circle. The officer from a triangle with the messengers' semi-circle. The Honored Queen Takes her position in the triangle.

The girls, one at a time, march back to the West line, hold a letter in front of them and recite their part.

Bethel Choir sing "Behold, We Are the Daughters of Job:

Honored Queen: We are arranged in the emblem of our Order. The triangle reminds us of the three-fold influence upon our lives, name our God, our Country, and our Home. May the teaching of our Order never fail to strengthen our Love and Adoration for the Heavenly Father; never fail to strengthen our Love and Loyalty to the greatest United States of America; never fail to strengthen our Love and Respect for the family and home which is the foundation of the security in which we live.

Junior Princess: The purpose of our Order is to band together girls of Masonic relationship for character building through moral and spiritual development and our name is Job's Daughters.

(These girls, one at a time, march out of the triangle to the West line and hold a letter in their hands. Use all officers except the Outer Guard and Musician.)

J is for Job. A pious and upright man who loved and feared God, and turned away from all evil.

O is for Obedience. Obeying our parents and guardians, the lessons taught in the Holy Bible and the laws of our Country are taught in our Order.

B is for Bethel: Our meeting place is called Bethel, meaning Holy Place.

S is for Secrecy. Remaining faithful to our teaching and never divulging the ritualistic work of our Order.

D is for Daughters. Of whom Job had three, Jemima, Kezia and Keren Happuch, the fairest in the land.

A is for Altar. The structure upon which we lay the Holy Bible and ask the guidance of our Heavenly Father.

- U is for Uphold. Each member should do her part to uphold the ideals of our organization.
- G is for Guidance. God leads us to health, riches and happiness when we are faithful to him.
- H is for Harmony. As in a song, where harmony exists, may peace and love reign here.
- T is for Teachings. The teaching of our organization is based on the Book of Job, with special reference to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Chapter, 15<sup>th</sup> verse: "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren."
- E is for Equality. Equality is one of the best lessons learned in our Bethel. Regardless of one's status outside, when within the Bethel, all are equal.
- R is for Robes. The white Grecian robe was worn by the people in the days of Job and is worn by all Bethel Officers and Bethel Choir.
- S is for Supreme. The body – The Supreme Council, which wisely governs all of our activities.
- Senior Princess: We have spelled the name of Job's Daughters of which we are a part and strive sincerely to take our work to heart.
- SOLO
- Honored Queen: Our Chaplain will lead us in prayer. (The HQ gives three raps of the gavel.)
- Chaplain: Our Father, which are in Heaven, we thank Thee for our Order and for its teaching in making us better in thy sight. May we learn to be steadfast in all that we do and as we go out into the world to meet its trails and temptations, we come to Thee for strength for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

The Honored Queen give one rap of the gavel.

## JOB'S DAUGHTERS' EMBLEM

(Soft music while Daughters form a Triangle. The lights are dimmed. The Narrator is to be a member of the Order.)

Narrator

Before you are your Daughters, arranged in the emblem of the International Order of Job's Daughters. This organization is for girls between the ages of ten and twenty who are related to or sponsored by a Master Mason or a Master Mason in good standing at the time of his death.

The purpose of the Order is to band together these girls for character building through moral and spiritual development, by teaching a greater reverence for God and the Holy Scriptures, Loyalty To our Flag and the Country for which it stands, and a deeper respect for parents and adults.

Founded in 1920 by Mrs. Ethel T Wead Mick in the city of Omaha, Nebraska, its membership now embraces many States in the United States, Provinces in Canada, Australia, Brazil and the Philippines.

Its ritual is written from the Bible story of Job, with special emphasis placed upon the 15<sup>th</sup> verse of the 42<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the Book of Job: "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren."

Master Masons and Eastern Stars, to you we look for a worthy inheritance that we may truly say "THE FAIREST IN ALL THE LAND."

The Triangle reminds us of the three-fold influence upon our lives, our God, our Country, our Home. May the teaching of our Order never fail to strengthen our Love and Adoration for the Heavenly Father; never fail to strengthen our Love and Loyalty to our Country, never fail to strengthen our Love and Respect for the family and home which is the foundation of the security in which we live.

Our colors, purple and white, are constant reminders of the royalty of motherhood and purity of a womanly life.

Song "Behold, We Are the Daughters of Job" may be sung



## ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

The Order of the Amaranth has a royal ancestry, being founded upon and descended from an Order Created by Queen Christina of Sweden in 1653. This brilliant young woman who became Queen of her Warlike Nation at the age of six, devoted her life to promoting, learning and the fine arts.

Christina created an Order of the Amaranth to honor Lady Amaranth, a woman of rare beauty, Charm and virtuous and noble character. For many years the Order was immensely popular Throughout Europe, and the most distinguished ladies and gentlemen considered themselves honored By being made member of the Order. During Christina's reign, the Order was supported with royal pomp, dignity and magnificence by the ladies and knights of the royal court.

The Order of the Amaranth appeared again in France when the Lodges of Adoption were organized About 1730, each of which was under the control of a Masonic Lodge.

The Supreme Council of the Amaranth was formally organized in New York City in 1873 by Robert McCoy, a Thirty-third Degree Mason, assisted by Robert Morris and several other prominent Masons. Their original intention was to have the Amaranth as the third degree in an organization For ladies with Masonic affiliation, but in 1921 this idea was changed and the Order of the Amaranth became a distinct independent organization. The Supreme Council of the Order of the Amaranth of the world draws its membership direct from Masonic families, receiving wives, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, daughters, granddaughters, step-daughters, adopted daughters, of Master Masons in good standing.

The teachings of the Order of the Amaranth are eternal, and its stately ceremonies impress upon Us our duty to our God, to our Country, and to one another The ideals of Home, Friendship and Hospitality, the impressing lesson of Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity, and devotion to the Flag of our Country, encourage highest stands of conduct and honorable actions.

The leaves of the Amaranth plant are indicative of distinction and honor. When formed into the "Amaranthine: wreath with its never-ending circle, they symbolize the bond of fraternal friendship Which encircles the Crown and the Sward, emblems of royalty and power which untied symbolize unity and strength.

## PROSPECT CEREMONY

Bethel Guardian: Bethel No. \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, of DELMAR, of the Job's Daughters International is about to convene for a special open meeting. We invite all present to remain, so that you may become familiar with the lessons that are offered in Job's Daughters.

The Officers and Choir enter as usual.

Honored Queen: Marshal, you will retire and present the flag of our Nation west of the Altar. (Three raps of gavel.)

I present our Country's flag. It has been an inspiration to the hearts, minds and souls of all who desire to be free. May our hearts be filled with all that is signifies as we rally to its support, and may we, as citizens of this Nation, ever follow it with honor and peach. Marshal, place it in the East at the right of the Senior Princess.

All citizens of the United States of America will join in pledging allegiance to the flag. (One rap of the gavel.)

Marshal: You just witnessed just one of the primary lessons of Job's Daughters, respect for our Country, its laws and those who have made possible out great Nations. (The Marshal returns to her station.)

Honored Queen: Bethel Flag Bearer, you will retire and present the Bethel Flag west of the Altar.

Our Bethel Flag represents our Order. The purple, which is the basic color of Job's Daughters, stand for the highest ideals of life. The white symbolizes purity, and the triangle is the emblem of our Order. Bethel Flag Bearer, you will place the Betel Flag in the East at the left of the Junior Princess. (Bethel Flag Bearer returns to her station.)

Our Chaplain will lead us in prayer. (Three raps of the gavel.) (Altar music.)

Chaplain: Oh merciful and loving Father, we come to Thee in faith, knowing that Thou will hear and answer our prayer. Be very near to us in this hour and let Thy blessing rest upon us we humbly seek to do Thy will. We ask in Thy name. Amen. (Altar music to return to station.)

Honored Queen: In the name of the Lord and by virtue of the power vested in me by the Grand Guardian Council of DelMar, I now declare Bethel No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, of the Job's Daughters International, assembled for an open meeting (One rap of the gavel.)

Welcome to our open meeting. Usually our meetings are closed, which means that the only persons who can attend are members of Job's Daughters, their parents, step-parents, grandparents and guardians. Mater Masons and women at least 20 years of age who are related to a mason can also attend. Additionally, Majority Members of Job's Daughters and their husbands are eligible to attend meetings.

All of our regular meetings follow the form outlined in our ritual – this small purple book (the HQ holds up the ritual). Each member becomes familiar with its contents by reciting parts from the ritual at meetings of the Bethel. This is an excellent way to gain poise and experience speaking in front of an audience. Now that you have learned a little about our meetings, the Senior will tell you how Job's Daughters began.

Senior Princess: Job's Daughters International was founded in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1920, by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick. Mrs. Mick thought that young women needed to be with other young women who were also trying to be like the actual daughters of Job, who are described in the Book of Job, Chapter 42 Verse 15 "and in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job."; She created this organization that today reaches across the United States, into Canada, Australia, the Philippines and Brazil, and has touched the lives of your women from all walks of life. The fundamental object of Job's Daughters is to band together your women to inspire the desire for knowledge, to teach love of Country and flag, love of home, respect for parents and elders, and reverence to God, and to have fun. Now, our Junior Princess will explain the significance of our work.

Junior Princess: Nothing is more fitting during the developing year of a young woman than the lessons that can be learned from the Book of Job. We learn that throughout life, we encounter many things that will test our faith. The story of Job is told during out ceremonies, which unfolds as Job faces tragedy, but remains faithful. It is portrayed in our lessons, symbols, and songs. We are all inspired by Job's story and its message for us as we confront the challenges of daily life.

Honored Queen: It is important that we, as Job's Daughters ever strive to be the "Fairest in all the Land." And, we must also remember our Masonic Relationship. All Job's Daughters must be related to a Master Mason, or the daughter of a Majority Member of Job's Daughters. Masonry is an age-old fraternity of men who strive to make their communities, families and themselves better by living upstanding, wholesome lives. Masonic groups are all over the world, so you probably have a mason in your family, even if you don't know it.

Junior Princess: Our colors, purple and white, also represent important lessons. Purple is the symbol for royalty. True royalty is founded in nobility of character. Kindness, patience, thoughtfulness, willingness, and many other virtues are essential to noble character. White is an emblem of purity and a symbol of joy. We wish for all our members the joy of all good things and finally the greatest joy of all, that of work well done and life well spent.

Honored Queen: I, as the Honored Queen, as elected to this position by the members and I preside over all meetings of the Bethel and serve as their leader. All officers serve a term of six months. Four other officers are elected by the members: the Senior Princess, Junior Princess, Guide and Marshal. Now, these officers will explain their duties, beginning with the Senior Princess.

Senior Princess: I assist the Honored Queen with her duties and take over for her when she is not available. I am also in charge of the second portion of our initiation ceremony. My station reminds me to have faith in my God and be true to my beliefs.

Junior Princess: As the Junior Princess, I am in charge of the first portion of our initiation ceremony. My office teaches that we should be thankful for the good times we have and generous to others when we are able.

Guide: I am the Guide. My responsibilities are to lead initiates as they learn the story of Job, and how it applies to us today. I also escort distinguished guests to the Honored Queen for introduction during our regular business meetings.

Marshal: My office is Marshal. I am charged with caring for the flag of our Country. I also assist the Guide with her duties.

Honored Queen: The remainder of our officers appointed by the Honored Queen. They will now describe their responsibilities of their offices.

Librarian: I am the Librarian. It is my duty to expose the Bethel to literature, arts, and sciences. Our Order is built upon the Open Book, and we should abide by its lessons.

Senior Custodian: I hold the office of Senior Custodian. I help in caring for the properties of the Bethel. We must remember that small tasks are just as important as larger ones.

Junior Custodian: As Junior Custodian, I too take care of the properties and assist in setting up the Bethel room. The successful performance of small tasks in life will lead to larger, more important ones.

Recorder: I am the Recorder and I take notes during our meetings. This office teaches us to act as we would want it recorded in our Book of Life.

Musician: In my positions as Musician, I play the piano during the meeting. The Musician symbolizes the need for harmony in our organization.

Chaplain: As the Chaplain, I represent devotion, religion and reverence, and I lead the members in prayer. The Altar is located in the center of the Bethel room, it reminds us that the teachings of God must serve as the center of our lives.

Treasurer: I hold the office of Treasurer. I am responsible for the funds of the Bethel. From my office we learn that honesty is the basis of our character.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: I am the First Messenger. Together with the other Messengers, I explain the story of Job. I represent respect for our parents and guardians, and our responsibility to serve as examples for our friends.

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: I am the Second Messenger. I remind our members that as we gather knowledge, we must be aware of the trials that life can present.

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger: As the Third Messenger, I emphasize our responsibility to God and all mankind no matter what our station in life.

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: I am the Fourth Messenger. I represent the quality of righteous service that was displayed by Job.

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger: I am the Fifth Messenger. I stress the need to work to reach our fullest potential in life. From the five Messengers, members learn the basic ingredients that make our lives happy and fulfilling

Inner Guard: I serve as Inner Guard. As such, I respond to warnings from outside. This teaches us to be alert to temptations from the world around us.

- Outer Guard: In the position of Outer Guard, I prevent interruptions of the Bethel meetings. This reminds us that we should ever guard against sin.
- Choir: As members of the Choir, we share an equal responsibility with the Officers. Becoming accomplished in the art of music is one of the highest achievements in life. The melody of our song resounds in the hearts and lives of our Job's Daughters.
- Bethel Guardian: Although we are not officers in the Bethel, nine adults work with the girls as a formal Bethel Guardian Council. As Bethel Guardian, I oversee the work of this Council. I ensure that the interests of all the members are protected, that all Bethel events are chaperoned by responsible adults and that we follow the rules of the International Order of Job's Daughter. Most of all, the members of the Bethel Guardian Council try to ensure each girl feels welcome and that she belongs with us. We can be her safe haven in times of distress. Hopefully, we provide each girl with an additional adult to turn to and trust.
- Associate Bethel Guardian: As Associate Bethel Guardian, I am the liaison between Job's Daughters and the Masonic Fraternity, as I must be a Mason to hold this position. I assist the Bethel Guardian in leading the Bethel members and ensuring they are safe, happy and learning to be responsible, caring members of their community.
- Honored Queen: You have heard the responsibilities and lessons that Job's Daughters apply to their daily lives. As you can see, we strive for nothing but the best in every action.
- One of those actions is having a lot of fun. Outside the Bethel room, we hold many activities which give us a chance to develop long-lasting friendships. Together, we plan events such as, slumber parties, picnics, bowling, ice skating and pizza parties, just to name a few. We also work with the other Masonic Youth Groups, especially the DeMolay, which is an organization similar to ours, but for young men.
- Senior Princess: Along with having fun outside the Bethel room, we learn project management, leadership and teamwork skills by raising money to operate our Bethel. We also raise money for our International Charity, H.I.K.E., which stands for Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund. H.I.K.E., gives us a chance to help other kids receive money for hearing devices. Job's Daughters teaches us how important it is to help those who may be less fortunate.

Junior Princess: Job's Daughters also lets us help ourselves. Some of the money we raise goes to providing college scholarships and interest free student loans to our members. The quest for knowledge is an important ingredient in a successful and happy life. Many of the lessons learned in Job's Daughters contribute to this successful and happy life in college and beyond.

Honored Queen: By making these lessons and activities available to young women, our organization aims to provide a well-rounded experience for all its members. This better prepares us for handling the situations and decisions that await all of us for the rest of our lives. But most importantly, we share a special love for one another because of our bond as Job's Daughters. It's a distinctive opportunity. It's one that our members cherish forever. And, it can be yours.

Through this special ceremony, we tried to answer many of the questions that commonly are asked of us. If you have additional questions, please feel free to ask any one of us after the close of our Meeting.

Closing Ceremony. Chaplain, you will attend at the Alter. (three raps of the gavel.) (Altar music)

Chaplain: Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for the Job's Daughters International. We ask Thy blessing on these who are with us today. Instill in us the patience and faith of Job as we depart here to go our various ways. Guide us all in a life that better serve Thee. Amen. (The Chaplain closes the bible and returns to her station.) (Altar music.)

Honored Queen: All present, except those participating in the closing ceremony, will please be seated until the Officers and Bethel Choir have retired.

The Custodians remove the chairs

All the Officers and choir from the Closing Triangle from the Ritual – page 98.

Bethel Guardian: This concludes our ceremony.

## TRIBUTE TO THE JOB'S DAUGHTERS' FLAG

Soft music as the Daughter approaches the Est to give the tribute to the Jo's Daughters' Flag.

Job's Daughters' Flag  
And oh! How much it holds  
For all the Order's members  
secure within its folds.

It stands for joy and order,  
Beautiful and sincere,  
Domineering over self and  
Let evil not appear.

Upward and onward and for  
Reverence a token;  
Let hope never fail, and truth  
Always spoken

Its stripes stand for knowledge,  
Waving toward the best,  
It floats steadfast and upright,  
Life's future for success.

Teaching respect for elders,  
Love for all the world,  
Kindness to fellowmen and faith –  
Tho it be furled.

And so we bear you tribute –  
Job's Daughters' Flag – today  
For your land – and our land – and  
All the world – someday.

Song: The Bethel Flag song may be sung



## WE, THE DAUGHTERS OF JOB

- Honored Queen: We, the Daughters of Job, perform our acts of love, as we labor for the good of our Bethel.
- Junior Custodian: As Junior Custodian, I perform my task,  
Small though it may be,  
Knowing that if it's done faithfully,  
I'll live eternally.
- Senior Custodian: As Senior Custodian, I'll do my job  
With loyalty and love,  
Hoping not for earthly wealth,  
But for honor from above.
- Outer Guard: As Outer Guard, I'll always be  
Aware of outside strife,  
Striving to resist temptation,  
Leading a useful life.
- Inner Guard: As Inner Guard, I will guard against  
The ever-present sin,  
Which is passing for admissions,  
Waiting to come in.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: As First Messenger, I begin  
The story of Job's life  
And how he went from wealth and power  
To poverty and strive.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: As Second Messenger, I continue  
To tell of Job's sad fate,  
And how he remained steadfast and true,  
Though his suffering was great.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger: As Third Messenger, I will tell  
Of Job's three friends who came  
And denounced His God for what he'd done,  
But Job's faith remained the same.

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: As Fourth Messenger, I bring good news at last.  
Job is restored again,  
To health and wealth, and children, too  
The adversary worked in vain.

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger: As Fifth Messenger, I tell you that  
No matter what the strife,  
If we are patient, kind and true,  
We'll have eternal life.

Musician: I will play the music sweet,  
My duties never shirk.  
Adding to the beauty of  
Our Ritualistic work.

Librarian: I will strive to enrich our lives  
With literature new and old,  
Stories that will grow in stature,  
Each time they are retold.

Treasurer: As Treasurer, I'll keep my books  
Both accurate and neat,  
And try to show a healthy balance  
At the bottom of each sheet.

Recorder: As Recorder, my job requires carefulness,  
To keep the records straight,  
So that each girl's virtues have been recorded  
When she reaches the Golden Gate.

Chaplain: I'll lead the devotions and the prayers,  
And I will never falter,  
As I ask His blessings on our work,  
Kneeling at the Altar.

Marshal: As Marshal, I'm very proud  
To display our Country's banner,  
With patriotism strong in my heart,  
And dignity in my manner.

Guide: As Guide, I lead the pilgrims through,  
Thought pathways may be steep,  
I will not falter or retreat,  
My sacred vows, I'll keep.

Junior Princess: As Junior Princess, I'll put my rose  
In its appointed place,  
It represents a patience rare,  
That kept Job in God's grace.

Senior Princess: As Senior Princess, I now place  
This lovely rose so fair  
That represents a trustful faith\  
Of which Job had his share.

Honored Queen: "We are the fairest in the land,"  
Job's Daughters proudly sing,  
For to be "Fair" is to be good –  
And to this truth we cling.  
As Honored Queen, I tell about  
Job's well-deserved reward.  
But most of all, the spiritual blessings  
That God upon Job poured.

## A TRIBUTE HONORING MASTER MASONS AND EASTERN STAR

Since tonight is Master Mason and Eastern Star Night, I would like to read a tribute to them in appreciation of all that they do to support us.

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

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

The history of Masonry dates back to the time before the Christian era. In the middle of the seventeenth century, a group of skilled architects banded themselves together for the protection of their craft and the prosperity of their skills. They were the first "Master Masons," creators of the magnificent edifices of the Medieval Period of cathedral building in Europe. They worked under their own government, traveling from place to place as work required.

Some years later, in 1702 a London, England lodge decided to open the doors of Masonry to men unskilled in architecture. As the demand for operative skill decreased, the lofty moral principles, noble ideal and manly virtues of those who were already members, attracted to this society, men of prominence in church and state, whose higher character and fine attainments had made them distinguished. This is the origin of Freemasonry, as we know it today.

Persecuted by church and state because of its successful effort to promote free thinking and lofty ideals, its history pages are smeared with the blood of martyrs who gave their lives that this order survive. Its history also has many gilded pages covered with records of deeds well done, of bonded men set free, and mercy and goodwill to all mankind.

A writer of authority on the subject of masonry tells us that the great secret of this Order is that it makes men aware of the divinity within them. It is impossible to be a good Mason without being a good man.

Would the members of the Eastern Star and all Mater Masons please rise and introduce themselves, giving their name and either their chapter or lodge number.

Thank you for coming. I want to greet you after the meeting and I have a special presentation for each of you,

## CEREMONY OF APPRECIATION

This ceremony was given to the Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian by their two Miss Maryland Jo's Daughters and Miss Maryland Congenialities, and the Daughters who served as Honored Queens during their year.

Narrators:

Soloists:

Narrators go forward to the podium and announce, "Ceremony of Appreciation". Nod to soloist who move toward the piano.

Soloists Sing "In the Garden: (Harmonizing).

As the solo begins HQs and PHQs face east and move into position. As the last daughter turns west, escort those to be honored east of the altar.

Narrator: "We are here to honor you for the year full of wonderful memories you have given us – those who have served as 'Misses' and 'Honored Queens'. You have enriched our terms and our lives.

Narrator: "Your theme was ' \_\_\_\_\_ '. You encouraged us to plant seeds in our individual bethels. We rose to the challenges and accomplished many goals. We each will now present you with the flower of our term. May the meanings of each flower along with many memories be something you treasure forever."

Roses are traditional and beautiful. Each one has a special meaning.

Daughter(s): "The red rose represents love. The rose has long been the flower associated with romance and love. It reminds us of love for our order, our guardians and our bethel sisters."

Daughter(s): "The yellow rose represents friendship. Yellow is the color of sunshine. It symbolizes the brightness with which our friends color our lives."

Daughter(s): "The white rose is symbolic of purity. Our order teaches us to remain pure of heart and mind."

Daughter(s): "The pink rose teaches us faith. The roses' lingering fragrance reminds us to remain faithful amidst all of life's trials."

Daughter(s): "The water lily reminds us of perseverance. Beautiful blooms rise above muddy, murky waters to dazzle us with their magnificence."

Daughter(s): "The lilac symbolizes eternity. Its fragrance lasts even after its bloom has died."

Daughter(s): "heather is the flower that signifies peace. We learn from the peaceful meadow where it grows to appreciate serenity and to seek inner peace."

Daughter(s): "The daisy's botanical name comes from the Latin word "belles" which means beauty. We hope you will always remember the beautiful smiles of your Maryland Job's Daughters."

Daughter(s): "The lily represents grace. Its slender stalk elegantly supports its impressive bloom."

Daughter(s): "The carnation derives its name from the incarnation of God in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ. May we always honor our commitment to Christ and Godly principles."

Daughters(s): "The orchid represents patience. Its bloom requires much loving care and patience to await one magnificent bloom."

Daughter(s): "The tulip is one of the first flowers to bloom in the spring. The tulip represents hope. We look to its early bloom as a sign of hope of new life and life eternal."

Daughter(s): "The Sunflower represents happiness. Its bloom is large and has the unique ability to turn toward the sun. It reminds us to always look for the positive things in life. A positive attitude is contagious."

Daughters(s): "The dahlia with its large, colorful bloom symbolizes joy. Joy is reflected in bright colors and we have learned that we should spread joy whatever our circumstances."

Daughter(s): "The calla lily is the emblematic flower of the Grand Bethel. The calla lily represents services. The Grand Bethel serves to assist the Bethels of Maryland. There is no greater satisfaction than that which comes from serving."

## BIBLE CEREMONY

Nature gives to every time and season a beauty of its own,  
And produces the greatest results with simplest means;  
They are the SUN, FLOWERS, EARTH, WATER AND LOVE.

Nothing is done in vain in God's great plan.

The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers,  
But for the JOY OF ALL LIFE.

FROM THE SEA THE LOWLY SAND DOLLAR is washed upon the shore,  
Its markings reminding us of the symbols of our Lord Jesus' life;

The five wounds in His Hands, feet and side  
The flower and star of Christmastide  
Break open the shell and you will find –  
The doves of good will and peace of mind

THE BOOKS OF BOOKS tells us God returned the earth to man to seed,  
Harvest and live abundantly.

AND THE HEAVENS give us the RAINBOW,  
An inspiring symbol of hope, faith and happiness.

How my heart leaps when I see a Rainbow in the sky,  
A reminder that despite the showers and storms of live,  
Laughter, friendship and love prevail.

The past, the present and the future are really one –  
THEY ARE TODAY.

Only with God may we build for tomorrow, and God is Love.  
So look to each day with love –  
And the rainbow after the rain is God's bridge between  
Heaven and earth, a promise for all,  
As he colors our world with love.

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## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OF FAITH

### Suggestions:

Officers and Choir each carry a Cross. Sit in a circle.

### Narrator:

We read within the Holy Book  
that God created man;  
He made the sun, the moon and stars  
According to His plan.  
He gave the melody to the birds,  
The honey to the bees,  
With grass he covered o'er the earth,  
Put fruit upon the trees.  
To man He gave the virtue faith,  
To trust in Him on high;  
For he knows youth must try its wings  
Before it learns to fly.  
Symbolic of the faith, - the Cross,,  
Where Christ was crucified,  
Reminds us that to have such faith,  
Strengthens the soul inside.  
Around that Cross, a friendship ring,  
Denotes our faith in God;  
His friendship circle bound with love  
of prayer, of song and smile,  
of faith to trust in all our friends  
will make our lives worthwhile.

### Choir:

Their songs of Friendliness and faith ring out for all to hear.  
Their youthful voices, rich and true make known that He is near.



## FRIENDSHIP CEREMONY

### SUGGESTIONS:

1. To be used for a Friendship Meeting.
2. Make copies of the closing poem and distribute to the guests at this meeting.

**HONORED QUEEN: (rises) If we want to know what friendship is, we must seek it, not as if it were a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but among humans who are living a good life, richly and fully.**

**INNER GUARD: Watch carefully over your friendships for true friendship is a gift.**

**OUTER GUARD: Friendship, like love is but a name...unless for one you light the flame.**

**JUNIOR CUSTODIAN: All the joys of life depend on the art of making and keeping friends.**

**FIRST MESSENGER: The only way we can have a friend is to be one.**

**SECOND MESSENGER: A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of the world.**

**THIRD MESSENGER: Friendship can be the sunshine of life.**

**FOURTH MESSENGER: Friendship is like a chain of gold, binding friends together.**

**FIFTH MESSENGER: Friendship's hand can help to lighten the load along the way.**

**LIBRARIAN: True friendship is one of life's most precious gifts.**

**MUSICIAN: Friendship knows another's thoughts and cares about them too.**

**RECORDER: Friendship is like a rare gem which never loses its brilliance.**

**CHAPLAIN: Friendship grows better with age as feelings mellow and understanding deepens.**

**MARSHAL: Friendship, like loyalty, is lasting and real.**

**GUIDE: Friendship leads us along life's road to heights not known before.**

**JUNIOR PRINCESS: A friend can truly be God's most perfect gift.**

**SENIOR PRINCESS: Friendship endures all of life's trials and every test it is given.**

**HONORED QUEEN: Friendship can mean the difference between living and really enjoying life. It can bring the wonderful feeling of knowing that someone cares. Friendship gives you a new insight into yourself and others. These insights give a new meaning to life. Friendship shares the spirit of the sky and the splendor of a new day.**

The Officers form a heart. Outer Guard takes a position inside the Preparation Room door. The Guide descends the West Dais, turning to South Marching Line and is followed by the Inner Guard, 2nd Messenger, 1st Messenger, Treasurer, Recorder, and Junior Custodian.

The Junior Princess descends from the East Dais and takes her position in the heart followed by the Guide and other officers. The Marshal descends the West Dais at the same time as the Guide, turning to north marching line and is followed by the Outer Guard, 5th Messenger, 4th Messenger, 3rd Messenger, Chaplain, Librarian and Senior Custodian. The Senior Princess descends from the East Dais and takes her position in the heart followed by the Marshal and other Officers. The Honored Queen descends the East Dais and takes her position in the center of the heart. When in position all repeat in unison:

**A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift.**

**A friend is someone we treasure for true friendship is a gift.**

**A friend is someone we laugh with over little personal things.**

**A friend is someone we are serious with in facing whatever life may bring.**

**A friend is someone filling our lives, with beauty, joy and grace.**

**A friend makes the world we live in a better, happier place.**

Officers return to their stations by reversing their steps.

**HONORED QUEEN: This concludes our Friendship Ceremony.**

One rap of gavel (\*)

## A SPECIAL CEREMONY HONORING PARENTS "HOME"

- Honored Queen:       A HOME with children needs something more  
Than brooms for sweeping a tidy floor.  
It needs an ointment for small bruised knees.  
Tall rope swings under shady trees.
- Sr. Princess:         A HOME is Birthday cakes that are candle bright  
Kites that climb on windy days  
And funny secrets that children say  
Lullabies when a child can't sleep.
- Jr. Princess:         The Lights of HOME ... they bring us  
A sense of warmth and peace.  
They promise untold loveliness,  
Test, laughter and release.
- Guide:                 They are like hands that beckon us  
Like arms that draw us near  
The Lights of HOME  
They whisper words of comfort and of cheer.
- Marshal:               The cornerstone of every home.  
The most important part,  
Is never laid upon the earth  
But in the parent's heart.
- Chaplain:             The Kitchen ... the best room in the home.  
The place were meals are prepared  
Well seasoned with joy and bliss  
Where every day toil fins happiness.
- Recorder:             The family kitchen of honey and spice  
This is where duty sways with the sun  
And laughter is shared by everyone.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Messenger:       A HOME that is filled with love,  
Is in accord with GOD above  
Where neighborly spirit seems to abide,  
And a hearty greeting invites you inside.

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger:        God bless our home  
                                 We love its every nook  
                                 And those who enter in  
                                 May they find within our hearts  
                                 A light that glows with friendship till the end.

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger:        When gray days sometimes leave you  
                                 At a loss for what to do,  
                                 Fill your home with warmth and fragrance  
                                 Bake a pie, a cake or two.

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger:        In the HOME there is TIME.  
                                 Time to have a close friend in to drink a cup of Tea.  
                                 Time to bake some muffins for the boy who mows the lawn.  
                                 Time to cut some roses for the neighbor who lives near.

Sr. Custodian:        A HOME is like a garden  
                                 Full of Beauty rare.  
                                 It is filled with memories  
                                 That only a family can share.

Jr. Custodian:        A HOME is filled with goodness  
                                 A GOD meant it to be  
                                 There is peace of mind  
                                 When you know you have done your best at giving  
                                 In daily living to each and every one.

Honored Queen:        The family ... The heart of HOME  
                                 The HOME with children  
                                 Needs something more than brooms  
                                 For sweeping a tidy floor.

This completes are special ceremony honoring parents. (One rap of gavel)

## PARENTS CEREMONY

This is a ceremony to welcome parents, grandparents and guardians of the newly initiated Daughters to the Bethel and may be given under Presentation. White Carnations or other white flowers should be in the East prior to the meeting.

Honored Queen: **Will the parents [Grandparents] of the newly initiated Daughter(s) please stand? Guide and Marshal you will conduct our guests to the East Line.** (When the new parents [grandparents] are in position on East Line, the Honored Queen continues.)

Honored Queen: **It is a pleasure for me as Honored Queen of Bethel No \_\_\_ of (city) \_\_\_ (State) of the Job's Daughters International to welcome you to the initiation of your daughter(s) [granddaughters] into the Bethel.**

**We have taken these young women through our beautiful ceremony, traversing the trials and tribulations as well as the triumph experienced by Job as written in the Book of Job.**

**The Order of Job's Daughters teaches love, faith, patience and fidelity, qualities which our Daughters can use throughout their daily lives. As they begin their work in the Bethel, helping with its philanthropic efforts and assisting wherever they are needed, it is our desire that you, as parents(s) [grandparents or guardians] take an active part in their commitments to the Order and their oath of allegiance to its principles which they have sworn to uphold.**

**On behalf of all the Daughters of Bethel No. \_\_\_ we ask that you accept the responsibility of working with you daughter(s) in this Order. We, therefore, ask you to respond in the affirmative to this question: "Will you as parents of these Job's Daughters support them in their activities in the Bethel wherever and whenever possible and render assistance when called upon?"** (Response)

**As a gesture of our love for you and your daughter(s), we present to you this flower whose color means purity and we invite you to view the closing Cross from the East Line at the end of the meeting.**

**Guide and Marshal, you will conduct these adults to the sidelines.**

One rap of the gavel

Honored Queen continues with Order of Business

## CEREMONY FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND THEIR PARENTS

The information contained in this ceremony is intended for use in an open Bethel meeting to inform prospective members and the parents about the IOJD, its ideals, principles and teachings. By providing a ceremony that explains our Order, prospective members receive a positive introduction to Job's Daughter. This first exposure may help to alleviate concerns and create a sense of trust and understanding of what members gain from Job's Daughters. It is advisable that this ceremony be just one part of the entertainment for this event. Coupled with a fun activity, the prospective member and her parents will see the breadth of what Job's Daughters has to offer. Of course, be sure to have petition on hand to distribute at the of the event.

The Officers and Choir shall wear Official Regalia, follow established lines for floor work, and assume the Attitude of Prayer when necessary. The Bethel Room shall be prepared as for a regular Beth meeting. The Nation Emblem and Beth I Flag should be placed in the Preparations Room.

This ceremony is the first impression on the prospective members and their parents. Therefore, it is import that all Officers have their parts memorized.

Bethel Guardian, Associate Bethel Guardia, and Choir enter as per Ritual for the opening of a regular Bethel meeting.

Bethel Guardian: **Bethel Number \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_(City), \_\_\_\_\_(State) of the Job's Daughters International is about to convene for a special open meeting. We invite all those present to remain, so that you may become familiar with the lessons that are offered to young women in Job's Daughters.** Bethel Guardian bows to Musicians to begin "Open the Gates of the Bethel". Officers enter as per Ritual. When Officers are in position, the Honored Queen Continues.

Honored Queen: **Marshal, (rises) you will retire and present the flag of our nation west of the Altar.** As Marshal retires, the Honored Queen explains the raps of the gavel to prospective members. As Marshal enters the Bethel Room with the flag, HQ gives three raps of gavel (\*\*\*). Marshal uses regular lines of march. When flag is in position, Honored Queen continues.

Honored Queen: **I present our country's flag, born in freedom, cradled in independence by the pioneers of a glorious country. It has been the symbol of a nation in its vicissitudes as well as its glories. It has been an inspiration to the hearts, minds and souls of all who desire to be free. May it ever be borne aloft in the defenses of every righteous cause. May our hearts be filled with all that is signifies as we rally to its support, and may we, as citizens of this nation, ever follow it with honor and in peace.**

Honored Queen: **Marshal, place the flag in the East at the right of the Senior Princess.** Marshal uses regular lines March. When Flag is in the East, Honored Queen continues. Pledge may be omitted if it is not the custom of the government.

Honored Queen: **All citizens of the United States will join in pledging allegiance to the flag.** As Marshal turns to return to her station, Honored Queen sounds one rap of gavel (\*). After descending dais, the Marshal stops and turns toward the prospective members.

Marshal: **You have witnessed just one of the primary lessons of Job's Daughters, respect for our country, its laws, those who have made possible the wonderful freedoms we enjoy today, and respect for our flag – the symbol of our Great nation. Throughout our lives, this lesson becomes the binding thread that holds the very fabric of our values together.** Marshal returns to her station and is seated.

Honored Queen: **Marshal** (or Bethel Flag Bearer) (rises), **you will retire and present the Bethel Flag West of the Altar.** When Flag is in position, Honored Queen Continues.

Honored Queen: **Daughters, you will rise and join with me in singing the Bethel Flag Song.** Daughters rise, turn toward flag, and sing the song. **Marshal, (or Bethel Flag Bearer), place the Bethel Flag in the East.** Marshal (or Bethel Flag Bearer) follows regular lines of march to present flag in East. One rap of gavel (\*). When Marshal (or Bethel Flag Bearer) is at foot of dais, she turns toward the prospective members and says:

Marshal (or Bethel Flag Bearer): **Our Bethel Flag represent our Order. The purple, which is the basic color of Job's Daughters, stands for the highest ideals of life. The white symbolizes purity, and the triangle is the emblem of our Order.** Marshal (or Bethel Flag Bearer) return to her station and is seated.

Honored Queen: (rises): **Our Chaplain will lead us in prayer.** Three raps of the gavel (\*\*\*). Chaplain attends at the Altar as per Ritual.

Chaplain: **Oh, Merciful and loving Father, we come to You in faith, knowing that You will hear and answer our prayer. Be very near to us in this hour and let Your Blessings rest upon us as we humbly seek to do Your will. Help us to see clearly the power and influence of a beautiful and womanly life. And, as we labor for the highest ideals of life, may union and harmony prevail as we strive to become more gracious and loving, more faithful and patient day by day and thus complete the foundation of a useful and perfect life. We ask in You name, Amen.** All Daughters respond by saying "Amen". Chaplain rises, returns to her station.

Recorder assumes place at the Recorder's desk. One rap of gavel (\*). Chaplain is not seated; she turns to the prospective members and says.

Chaplain: **We learn that if we live in accordance with the teachings of our Creator, we will be enriched. We gain insights on what is expected of us by studying the Bible and talking with God through prayer. While I am at the Altar, all members of Job's Daughters assume the Attitude of Prayer which is given by bowing the head and placing the open hands palm to palm, fingers pointing upward.** Chaplain demonstrates Attitude of Prayer and is Seated.

Honored Queen: **In the name of our Lord and by virtue of the power vested in me by the Grand Guardian Council, I now declare Bethel Number \_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_(City) \_\_\_\_\_(State) of the Job's Daughters International assembled for an Open Meeting. One rap of gavel (\*).**

Honored Queen: **Recorder, (rises) you will read the Special Dispensation.** Recorder reads the Special Dispensation and is seated.

Honored Queen: **We have invited you here to witness this special ceremony that explains the ideals, principles and teachings of the Job's Daughters International which serve as guide posts for life. As the Job's Daughters Motto states, "Virtue is a quality which highly adorns woman". During this ceremony, we will provide information that will describe our Order, and give you a better understanding of Job's Daughters.**

**This is considered an Open Meeting. Usually, our meetings are closed, which means that the only persons who can attend are members of Job's Daughters, their parents, step-parents, grandparents and guardians, Master Masons in good standing, or women at least 20 years of age who are wither the wife, daughter, granddaughter, mother, sister, half-sister, or widow of a Master Mason. Additionally, a woman who is a member of an adult organization basing its membership requirements on a Masonic relationship or if marries, is eligible to membership in such an organization, Majority Members, and the husbands of Majority Members of Job's Daughters can also attend meetings. All of our regular meetings follow the form outlined in our Ritual – this small purple book. (holds up Ritual.) Each member becomes very familiar with its contents. When she holds as office, she learns certain parts that she presents at meeting of our Bethel. This is an excellent means to gain poise and experience before groups. At this point, you are probably wondering how our organization began, Our Senior Princess will explain. Honored Queen is seated. Senior Princess rises and faces the prospective members.**

Senior Princess: **The Job's Daughters International was founded in Omaha, Nebraska in 1920 by Ethel T. Wead Mick. When she was a child, her mother urged her to be like the daughters of Job, who are described in the Book of Job, Chapter 42, Verse 15, "and in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren'. Today, this Bible verse is the source of the principles of our Order. Little did Mrs. Mick know that she would create an organization that today reaches across the United States, into Canada, the Philippines, Australia and Brazil, and has touched the lives of young women from all walks of life.**

**The fundamental object of the Job's Daughters International is to brand together young women for spiritual and moral upbringing, to inspire the desire for knowledge, to teach love of Country and Flag, love of home, respect for parents and elders, and reverence for the Holy Scriptures. That tie to the Holy Bible is the foundation of our every action. Now, our Junior Princess will explain the significance of our work. Senior Princess is seated. Junio Princess rises and faces the prospective members.**

Junior Princess: **Nothing is more fitting during the developing years of a young women than the lessons that can be learned from the Book of Job. We learn that throughout life, from early childhood to old age, we encounter many trials and tribulations that will test our faith. The drama of Job, which unfolds**



as he faces calamities, is portrayed in our lessons, symbols and songs. As these are unveiled during our ceremonies, all in attendance are inspired by the story and its message for us as we confront the challenges of daily life. Our reliance on the Holy Bible as the source of strength in our lives is most evident in the story of Job and the watchwords we learn. Members of Job's Daughters are given symbolic words that are only shared with members of the Order. These are representative of the lessons in the story of Job that are taught during the Ceremony of Initiation. Junior Princess is seated. Honored Queen rises.

Honored Queen: **Therefore, it is important that we, as Job's Daughters, ever strive to be the "Fairest in All the Land". And, we also must remember our Masonic relationship, as it states in the 15<sup>th</sup> verse of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Job, "...and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren". To us, this has a special meaning. All Job's Daughters must be related to a Master Mason. This ties us closely to the Masonic Fraternity. Some of you may not be familiar with Master Masons. This five Messengers will now relate the history of Master Masons and why Job's Daughters has such a strong bond between its members and Master Masons.** Honored Queen is seated. The Five Messengers rise and present their parts, each in turn, then are seated.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: **The origin of Freemasonry is said to date back to a time before the Christian era. Masonic tradition informs us that in the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, a group of skilled builders banded themselves together for the protection of their craft and the prosperity of their skills. They worked under their own government and traveled freely from place to place as work required. They were believed to be the builders of the magnificent edifices of the medieval period of cathedral building in Europe and are said to be the first "Master Masons".**

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: **Some years later at the Goose and Gridiron Alehouse in London, England, on June 24, 1717, four Lodges publicly acknowledged the existence of the Masonic Fraternity and formed the first Grand Lodge. The lofty moral principles noble ideals are many virtues of those who were known to be members of the Society, attracted men of prominence in the Church and State whose high character and fine attainments had made them distinguished. This is the recorded history of Freemasonry as it is known today.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger: **Persecuted by the Church and the State because of its successful efforts to promote free thinking and lofty ideals, Freemasonry's pages in history became smeared with blood of martyrs who gave up their lives that the Order might survive. Its history also has many pages covered with the records of deeds well done; of bonded men set free; of mercy and goodwill to all mankind.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: A noted writer on the subject of Freemasonry tells us that the great secret of this Fraternity is that it makes men aware of the divinity and goodness within themselves. A Mason's whole life takes its meaning and direction from this divine spark of goodness. This same writer says, "A man is a Mason, when he can look over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense for his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet has faith, hope and courage which are the root of every virtue."**

**5<sup>th</sup> Messenger: The high ideals of this great Masonic Fraternity that we revere and honor are revealed in this quotation from The Veil of Isis; "The doctrines of Masonry are the most beautiful that are possible to imagine. They breathe simplicity of the ages, animated by love of a martyred God. That work which Puritans translated "Charity", but which really is "Love", is the keystone which supports the entire edifice of these mystic science. Love one another, teach one another, and help one another. This is our doctrine, all our science, all our law. We have no narrow-minded prejudices; we do not debar from our society this sect or the sect. It is sufficient for us that man worships God no matter under what name or in what manner. It is impossible to be a good Mason without being a good man."**

**Honored Queen: Among those principles which we hold most dear is the Democratic structure of our organization. The member presides over the business and other affairs of the Bethel and are responsible for implementing and taking part in all activities. From this, we learn leadership and the rights and privileges that are ours if we do our part in a democratic society. We are under the supervision of an adult advisory group, comprised of nine members and known as the Bethel Guardian Council. The top two authorities are the Bethel Guardian and Associate Bethel Guardian. Honored Queen is seated. Senior Princess rises.**

**Senior Princess: We call this group of girls and our meeting place a "Bethel" which means "holy Place". When we enter our Bethel, everyone is equal. This is an important tenet in our beliefs. Regardless of one's status outside, when within the Bethel. We practice the belief that we all are of equal importance in life. You will notice that we all wear identical white Grecian robes to express this equality. Robes such as these were worn at the time of Job. Senior Princess is seated.**

**JUNIOR PRINCESS: Our colors, purple and white, also represent important lessons. Purple is the symbol for royalty. True royalty is founded in nobility of character, made up of virtuous habits and thoughts. Kindness, patience, thoughtfulness, willingness and many other virtues are essential to noble character. White in all ages has been deemed an emblem of purity and a symbol of joy. We wish for all our members the joy of all good things and finally the greatest joy of all, that of work well done and a life well spent. Junior Princess is seated. Honored Queen rises.**

**Honored Queen: I, as the Honored Queen, am elected to this position by the members, and I preside over all meetings of the Bethel and serve as their leader. I represent Keren Happuch, the third daughter of Job, whose name stands for plenty or abundance. God rewarded Job with the richest blessings after Job maintained a steadfast faith in God, despite the worst possible trials. The emblem of the Honored Queen is the Horn of Plenty which symbolizes the triumph of Job. All Officers serve a term of six months. Four other Officers are elected by the members: The Senior Princess, Junior Princess, Guide, and**

**Marshal. They will now explain their duties, beginning with the Senior Princess:** Honored Queen is seated. Senior Princess rises.

**Senior Princess: As the Senior Princess, I conduct the ceremony of the second Epoch. I represent Kezia, the second daughter of Job, whose name stands for prayer, a constant reminder of Job's great faith in God. The emblem of this office the Urn of Incense which symbolizes prayer. The name Kezia means incense.** Senior Princess is seated. Junior Princess rises.

**Junior Princess: As the Junior Princess, I conduct the ceremony of the First Epoch. I represent Jemima, the first of Job's Three daughters. Purity and truth are my watchwords for all member, to which we should remain faithful in our every thought, word and act. The emblem of this office is the Dove, which teaches us to be steadfast and seek strength from above. It symbolizes purity and truth. The name Jemima means Dove.** Junior Princess is seated. Guide rises

**Guide: I am the Guide. My responsibilities are to lead initiates as they learn the story of Job, and how it applies to us today. I also escort distinguished guests to the East for introduction during our regular business meetings.** Guide is seated. Marshal rises.

**Marshal: My office is the Marshal. I am charged with caring for the flag of our country and displaying it. I also assist the Guide in leading initiates and escorting distinguished guests.** Marshal is seated. Honored Queen rises.

**Honored Queen: The remainder of our officers are appointed by the Honored Queen. They will now describe the responsibilities of their offices.** Each officer rises, presents her information, and is seated.

**Librarian: I am the Librarian. It is my duty to expose the Bethel to literature, arts and sciences. Our Order is built upon the Open Book, and we should abide by its lessons.**

**Senior Custodian: I hold the office of Senior Custodian. I help in caring for the properties of the Bethel. We must remember that humble service is of the same importance as greater deeds.**

**Junior Custodian: As Junior Custodian, I, too, take care of the properties and assist in setting up the Bethel Room. The performance of humble tasks in life will be rewarded with those of greater importance.**

**Recorder: I am the Recorder. I note all proceedings of the Bethel. This office exemplifies the need for all of us to act in such a manner as we would want it recorded in our Book of Life.**

**Musician: In my position as Musician, I play the piano (Organ) during the meeting. The Musician symbolizes the need for harmony in our organizations.**

**Chaplain: As the Chaplain, I represent devotion, religion, and reverence. As such, I lead members in prayer. The Altar is Located in the center of the Bethel Room, upon which rests the Holy Bible. It reminds us that the teachings of God must serve as the center of our lives.**

**Treasurer: I hold the office of Treasurer. I am responsible for the funds of the Bethel and keeping an accurate account. We learn that honesty is the basis of our character.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: I am the First Messenger. Together with the other Messengers, I explain the story of Job and his trials and tribulations. I represent respect for our parents and guardians, and our chare to serve as examples for our friends.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: I am the Second Messenger. I remind out member that as we gather knowledge, we must be aware of the trials that life can present us.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger: As the Third Messenger. I emphasize our responsibility to God and all mankind no matter what our station in life.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: I am the Fourth Messenger. I represent the quality of righteous service that was displayed by Job.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Messenger: I am the Fifth Messenger. I stress the need to work to reach our fullest potential in life. From the Five Messengers, members learn the basic ingredients that make our lives happy and fulfilling.**

**Inner Guard: In the position of Outer Guard, I prevent interruptions of the Bethel Meetings. This reminds us that we should ever be on guard against sin.**

**Outer Guard: In the position of Outer Guard, I prevent interruptions of the Bethel Meetings. This reminds us that we should ever be on guard against sin.**

**Choir: We, the member of the Choir, share an equal responsibility with the Officers. Becoming accomplished in the art of music is one of the highest achievements in life. The melody of our song resounds in the hearts and lives of our Job's Daughters.**

**Honored Queen: You have heard the responsibilities and the lessons that Job's Daughters apply to their daily lives. As you can see, we strive for nothing but the best in our every action. Job's Daughters accept these charges with humility and determination. It is the goad of each of us that our live reflect traits represented here.**

**We also have a lot of fun. Outside the Bethel, we hold many activities which give us a chance to develop long-lasting friendships. Together, we share the excitement of growing up, and we plan a number of events throughout the year that let us share many special moments. Our order aims to provide a well-rounded experience for its members in all facets of life. This better prepares us for handling the situations and decisions that await all of us for the rest of our lives. But most importantly, we share a**

special love for one another that is fostered by the close bond that Job's Daughters offers to each one of us. It's a distinctive opportunity. It's one that our members cherish forever. And, it can be yours.

Through this special ceremony, we have tried to answer many of the questions that commonly are asked of us. If you have additional questions, please feel free to ask any one of us after the close of the meeting. Each of you will be given a petition for membership which we will gladly help you fill out.

During the many years of the existence of Job's Daughters, our Order has been assisted by some very special people. We take time at each meeting to honor them. I would like to present to you the beautiful people who have helps us reach the heights we enjoy today.

Proceed with Escort and Introductions as per Ritual but eliminate Honors. Introduce the prospective members and their parents. A token gift may be presented to the prospective members. One rap of gavel (\*)

Honored Queen: **Remarks.** Honored Queen calls on Bethel Guardian, Associate Bethel Guardian, and other who may have a special message for the prospective members. One rap of gavel (\*).

Honored Queen: **Closing Ceremony. Chaplain, you will attend at the Altar.** Three raps of gavel (\*\*\*). Chaplain attends the Altar, as per Ritual.

Chaplains: **Our Father in Heaven, we that You for the Job's Daughters International. Ever keep us mindful of the valuable lessons of our Order so that we may always be 'The Fairest in the Land'. We asked for your blessing on those who are present here today. Ma the beauty of our order shine in their hearts. Instill in us the patience and faith of Job as we depart here to go our various ways. Guide us al in a life that better serves You. Amen.** All Daughters respond by saying "Amen". Chaplain reverently closes Bible as appropriate music is played. She returns to her station.

Honored Queen: **All present will please be seated until the Officers and Bethel Choir have retired.**

Custodians remove chairs as per Ritual. One of the closing formations is performed as per Ritual.

Bethel Guardian: **This concludes our Ceremony.**

March music for officers to retire as per Ritual. It is nice to have the prospective members view the closing Formation from the East Line, then the Officers can greet them similar to the way new members are greeted after Initiation.

## JOBIES – TO – BEE CEREMONY

The Jobies-to-Be should be seated along the South Marching line preferably within the vicinity of the Bethel Guardian and Associate Bethel Guardian.

Honored Queen: **Guide (rises) and Marshal (rises), you will escort the Jobies-to-be to the East Line for the Jobie-to-be Ceremony.**

As the Guide and Marshal approach the Jobies-to-Be, the Bethel Guardian or Associate Bethel Guardian should quietly instruct the Jobies-to-Be to rise and step down to the sidelines. The Guide, followed by the Marshal, shall step down from the West Dais, proceed on the West Marching Line to the South Line, make a left, and approach the Jobies-to-Be. The Guide shall instruct the Jobies-to-Be to follow her. The Guide, followed by the Jobies-to-Be and Marshal shall continue on the south Marching Line, turn left, and walk to the center of the East Line. The Guide shall position the Jobies-to-Be directly in line with the Honored Queen.

Guide: **Honored Queen, I have the distinct pleasure to introducing out Jobies-to-Be \_\_\_\_\_ who are interested in the teaching of our beautiful Order and the benefits available to its members.**

Honored Queen: **Job's Daughters International was founded in 1920 by a lovely lady named Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick. She believed that young girls needed an organization that would foster self-esteem, leadership, love for our country and respect for our elders. Through her efforts, she created such an organization, this very organization that we love so much.** The Honored Queen is seated.

Senior Princess: (rises) **You stand before us today because you too are blessed with the privilege and benefit of Masonic heritage. We are each descendants of Mater Masons, those men who believe in brotherly love, Quality, and making positive contributions to the community. It is an honor to know that we are the children of such giving individuals, and consequently, strive to accomplish many of the same goals within this organization.** The Sr. Princess is seated.

Jr. Princess: (rises) **Job's Daughters is based on the 15<sup>th</sup> verse of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Chapter in the Book of Job which states: "In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. "The daughters of Job were sincere in their thoughts, words and actions, and promoted the ideals of love and respect at all times. They represent a pure and simple life which we seek to emulate.** The Jr. princess is seated.

Honored Queen: (rises) **Our five messengers will help relate the story of Job's life and the many lessons which we learn from his journey. Guide and Marshal, you will conduct the Jobies-to-Be east of the Altar.** The Honored Queen is seated.

The Guide followed by the Jobies-to-Be and the Marshal proceed north on the East Line. At the North Line the Guide turns left and proceeds west till in line with the Altar Line, turns left and stops in front of the Altar. When the Jobies-to-Be are in position, each messenger will alternately stand in front of their seat, present their message and be seated.

1<sup>st</sup> Messenger: (rises) **Job was a righteous and respectable man who involved God in his daily life. He passed such beliefs on to his sons and daughters who also followed in His teachings. As a result, God rewarded Job and his family with life's greatest pleasures.** 1<sup>st</sup> Messenger is seated.

2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger: (rises) **In a conversation with God, the Adversary insisted that Job only followed His teachings for the many rewards that he had received. With God's permission, the Adversary tested the faith of Job by destroying his family, servants and livestock, as well as his material wealth.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Messenger is seated

3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger: (rises) **Despite the numerous tragedies Jos was required to endure, he remained dedicated to his faith in God. His friends tried to convince him that he must have acted inappropriately; otherwise God would have never punished him in such a severe manner.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger is seated.

4<sup>th</sup> Messenger: (rises) **After Job's many tribulations, God revealed Himself, rewarding Job for his continued faith and reprimanded his three friends for speaking things other than the truth. For his unwavering beliefs, Job was rewarded with all the pleasures of life that he enjoyed before his test.** 4<sup>th</sup> Messenger is seated.

5<sup>th</sup> Messenger: (rises) **From the story of Job's life we learn that we should always remain faithful to God, no matter what life may bring us. No matter what tribulations we might endure, we will be rewarded in the end. Guide and Marshal, you will conduct the Jobies-to-Be west of the Altar.** 5<sup>th</sup> Messenger is seated

The Guide instructs the Jobies-to-Be to follow her. The Guide continues on the Altar line until she reaches a point between the Altar and the Treasurer's chair, turns right and proceeds west. She turns right at the edge of the Altar and stops when the Jobies-to-Be are in a line with the station of the Honored Queen and the center of the Altar.

Honored Queen: (rises) **Daughters, you will rise. Chaplain, you will attend at the Altar.**

Altar music: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" If desired, the Jobies-to-Be man kneel at the Altar during the prayer.

Chaplain: **Our Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless the members of our Order and our new Jobies-to-Be. May they easily find guidance in the teaching of Job's Daughters as they enthusiastically journey toward new experiences. Help the officers of this Bethel in assisting these new Jobies-to-Be in our ways, so that they too may become one of "the fairest in the land." We ask in Thy name, Amen.** The Chaplain returns to her station

Honored Queen: **Guide and Marshal, you escort the Jobies-to-Be to the East.**

The Guide proceeds to a point in between the Altar and the Chaplain's chair, turns right and proceeds to the Altar Line. At the Altar Line, the Guide turns right and proceeds south till the Jobies-to-Be are centered at the Altar. The Guide and Marshal then take the arms of the Jobies-to-Be and escort them to the East Dias. The Jobies-to-Be ascend the Dais and the Guide and Marshal take their appropriate waiting station in line with the custodians' pedestals.

Honored Queen: **It is with great joy that I present you with your Joie-to-Be sash.** The Honored Queen sashes the Jobies-to-Be. **May you wear it with pride at all Jo's Daughters activities, and let it ever remind you of the values which Job's Daughters strives to instill in its members. It is a pleasure to welcome you as Jobies-to-Be, and we eagerly look forward to having you join our Bethel. Guide and Marshal, you will escort the Jobies-to-Be to the sidelines.**

The Guide and Marshal walk to a point directly in front of the station of the Honored Queen and proceed with Escorts in the usual manner as presented in the ritual.



## “SEEDS OF PROMISE” A CEREMONY FOR JOB’S DAUGHTERS-TO-BE

Suggestions:

A tiny live rosebud for each Job’s Daughter-to-Be (JDTB).

Seat the Job’s Daughter-to-Be on South in section just east of Altar line.

If you have other JDTB, they could sing “I am a Promise”

Honored Queen: (rises) **When our organization was started by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick in Nebraska in 1920, she called her Job’s Daughters “Buds of Promise”. Tonight, we welcome our Job’s Daughter(s)-to-Be, west of the Altar.** Hone Queen is seated.

Guide and Marshal proceed on South Marching Line to where JDTB are seated. Guide bows for JDTB to follow her. Marshal follows JDTB. Guide marches to Altar line, turns north, to a point between the Altar and Chaplains station, turns west, and positions JDTB behind Altar.

Guide: **Honored Queen, I would like to present our Job’s Daughter(s)-to-Be (names)\_\_\_\_\_**

Honored Queen: (rises) **Welcome, we are glad to have you become a part of our Bethel. Being a Job’s Daughter is like being a rose; both lives are divided into states.**

**The first stage is being a Job’s Daughter-to-Be. It is the start of something new and exciting, a learning experience, a time to grow, a seed for the promise for something special to come.** Honored Queen is seated.

Junior Princess: (rises) **The next stage begins when you are ten and are initiated as a Job’s Daughter, a rosebud, a Bud of Promise, excited to learn and to find knowledge in everything and everyone around you.** Junior Princess is seated

Senior Princess: (rises) **The next stage is being knowledgeable about the world and places around you. When you reach this stage, you will have to the responsibility of helping the newer girls, the seeds and buds, by becoming a friend. This will be a rewarding experience.** Senior Princess is seated.

Honored Queen: (rises): **The last stage is being a mature rose, or Daughter, experienced in everything you do. You are now participating in all the Job’s Daughter activities, by becoming a real friend, and helping the other member with their endeavors. And when this special time arrives, you will share a special warmth and love.**

**All these stages are special and full of friends and love. You will grow from a Seed of Promise to an initiate, a Bud of Promise, into a sharing and caring Job’s Daughter friend.**

**Song: "I am a Promise" may be played or sung this time.**

**The Honored Queen descends the dais with rosebuds, walks to the north side of the Altar and presents each JDTB a rosebud, steps back to the front and center of Altar.**

**Honored Queen: You represent a seed that will grow into a rosebud. As you watch these rosebuds grow into mature roses, think about how you will grow into experienced Job's Daughters.**

Honored Queen backs to a pint halfway between Altar and East, turns and ascends dais.

Honored Queen:

**Mother Mick once said,  
"There is something that makes a Bethel  
Out of fur walls, ceremony, and prayer.  
Something like sees in a garden.  
Becomes a Bud of Promise rare."**

**Guide and Marshal, will you escort our Job's Daughters-to-Be to the East.**

Guide rounds Altar on south followed by JDTB and marshal rounds Altar on north (if more than one JDTB, they follow Guide and Marshal equally), all march abreast to East Line.

Honored Queen: (presents them with their card and introduces them).

**It is with pleasure that I present (name), new Job's Daughters-to-Be.**

**Guide and Marshal, will you escort our Job's Daughter(s)-to-Be to their seats, after which you will return to your stations.**

Guide, followed by JDTB(s) and Marshal, turn to South Marching Line and escort JDTB(s) to their seats. Guide and Marshal return to their stations side by side and are seated. One rap of gavel (\*)

## ROSEBUD

A ceremony for new members

SUGGESTIONS:

1. A live rosebud for each new initiate.
2. This can be given as a Librarian's Report with the Librarian as the narrator.

**NARRATOR: This ceremony is mainly for the newest members of our Bethel, but it's for the rest of us, too. Being a Job's Daughter is like being a rose. Both lives are divided into three stages.**

**The first stage is being a new person, or rosebud, in a new place, excited to learn and find knowledge in everything and everyone around you.**

**The second stage is being knowledgeable about the world and places around you. The second stage has the responsibility of helping the newer girls, or buds. This responsibility is rewarding.**

**The third stage is being a mature rose, or Daughter, and experienced in everything you do. Ready for the responsibility of helping everyone with almost anything. When you help them, you feel a special warmth and love that you share. All the stages are special and full of friends and love.**

Appropriate music may be played at this time. Suggested song: "The Rose" with permission of copyright owner. As the last verse is played, the Narrator advances to the new members and gives each new Daughter a rosebud.

**As you watch these rosebuds grow into mature roses, think about how you will grow into experienced Job's Daughters.**

## CEREMONY OF THE SYMBOLS

This ceremony may be presented to other Orders and suitable for use with a limited number of girls.

**Honored Queen:** “On behalf of Bethel No. \_\_\_ I thank you for setting aside a night to honor Job’s Daughters. We hope you will be able to attend one of our meetings. We meet at \_\_\_\_\_(location) at \_\_\_\_\_(time) on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (days).

“Our Ritual is based on the Book of Job in the Book of Holy Scriptures, with special emphasis on the 42<sup>nd</sup> Chapter, 15<sup>th</sup> verse: “and in all the land, were no women found so fair as the Daughters of Job and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.” We are very proud of our Masonic heritage, and that we are part of the Masonic family. We show it in the way we conduct ourselves in our respect for God, our country and our elders.

“As Job’s Daughters we have certain emblems that mean a great deal to us. I am holding the cornucopia or, as we term it, the Horn of Plenty. It is a symbol of Job’s abundance or riches.”

**Senior Princess:** “I am holding the urn of incense, which gives us the light of courage. The urn reminds us to have faith in God, as Job did during his trials.”

**Junior Princess:** “I am holding the white dove, which teaches us peace, thoughtfulness, and love as reflected in the life of Job. He thought not of himself, but of giving to others a helping hand when needed.”

**Guide:** “On our Altar is a precious possession, the open Book of Holy Scriptures. It is a symbol of our faith and courage and reminds us of the patience of Job. Is a rule and guide for our journey through life. Throughout history, people have looked to God for guidance. We find that guidance in this Book of Holy Scriptures.”

**Marshal:** (Holding out the Job’s Daughters’ flag) “Our flag shows the emblem of our Order. The three corners of the triangle remind us of the three main teachings of Job’s Daughters – the love of God, love of country, and love of home. The Honored Queen, Senior Princess and Junior Princess remind us of the three Daughters of Job. Our colors are purple and white; purple for the royalty of womanhood, and white for the purity of a beautiful and womanly life.”

**Honored Queen:** “The Job’s Daughters will now form one of the emblems that are used at the close of a Bethel meeting. Our emblems and symbols hold special meaning for us. They show that we are inspired to love God, our country and all the world. We are an integral part of the Masonic family and we thank you for the support that you give to our Order of Job’s Daughters. We look to you, as adult leaders, for guidance. With your assistance, we can be “The Fairest in all the Land.”

## THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

### Suggestions:

Large Cross or Open Bible in East. Officers carry open book or Cross.

### Narrator:

“the Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Come then, enter now, Job’s Daughters,  
Walking as you would walk by still waters.  
Touched with the light that comes from above,  
Bearing the symbols of the dear Lord’s love.  
By His rod and His staff steadfast and true,  
in straight paths, eternally He will guide you.

You are young as the morning of one of God’s days,  
Yet the gift is being given you to always keep.  
A gift of remembrance, shining and bright,  
Of friendship and faith, shared here tonight

Time rushes on and very soon  
You’ll be living the hours of God’s afternoon.  
You’ll walk many paths from some friends you will part,  
But the memory of this hour will remain in your heart.