

2023-24 Bethel of the Year

Information to Help You Become More Successful

Bethel of the Year combines a term planning guide in an awards program. With your participation, every Honored Queen-elect and Bethel Guardian can plan fun terms that make your Bethel stronger with greater sisterhood that keeps your members engaged.

More than 50 different activities are included in this awards program to help you with your term planning, while earning points to become the Nebraska Bethel of the Year! In addition, the last eight pages of this document list hundreds of activity ideas to augment your planning. The following nine areas offer you opportunities to plan an effective year and learn key leadership skills:

- Recruiting
- Meetings
- Leadership
- Ritual Work
- Community & Fraternal Service
- Heritage
- Spiritual Activities
- Supreme Session
- Digital Scrapbook

Tips to Get Started!

1. Grab your calendar and prepare to take notes. Mention to your Bethel Guardian that you are beginning to plan your term, and ask for her assistance, if necessary. It is advisable to involve her, and perhaps others, at some point in your planning before presenting your plan to the Bethel Guardian Council.
2. Look through the following areas and their activities, and consider what you can do to maximize the points you'll earn, and **refer to the list titled Additional Activity Ideas at the end of this document for hundreds of activity ideas to use during your term.**
3. Some activities have no restriction of maximum allowable points, while others have a limit on points you can earn. The New Members area gives 100 points for each initiate. Focus your work in the Membership area to quickly earn a lot of points.
4. Using your calendar, decide when each activity will be held. Can you do more than one activity a day? For instance, ask a member to write a one-page summary of a world religion to read before or after an activity to fulfill the requirement for a Spiritual Activity, or a patriotic report for a Patriotism Activity.
5. Review your activities to see how many points you should earn at the end of your term and decide if you are satisfied. If not, add more activities.
6. Once all activities are scheduled, begin planning what you'll do at each activity. Estimate how much everything will cost (expenditures). Ask your Bethel Guardian for the amount of income to expect during your term and current funds (income). List your expenditures and income on one sheet. This is your budget to also present to the Bethel Guardian

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Council. Compare the two totals to see if you'll have enough money to do everything you have planned. If expenditures are higher than income, consider fundraisers to make up for the difference. Or, consider other means to pay for your costs.

7. Take your schedule and budget to your Bethel Guardian Council for their review prior to installation (points are allowed only if this step is completed before you are installed).
8. Appoint committees to help implement your activities. This also allows members to feel ownership of activities, and better ensures their participation. Be sure to thank them often for their contributions to make your term and Bethel of the Year entry successful!
9. Once your schedule is finalized, print it to hand-out at installation so members and parents know what is planned for the next six months. This will enable them to put activities on the family calendar now, which will assure higher attendance at activities.
10. Remember that points are rewarded for attendance and activities at the Grand Session and Supreme Session occurring in **2023**. So, gear up now to attend, participate and win!

Rules

1. All deadlines must be observed. Missing a deadline could lead to disqualification.
2. The Digital Scrapbook (e.g., PowerPoint) category requires that all points you claim in the Bethel of the Year program be verified with a photo, programs, decorations, tickets and other materials from each activity. Be sure to subtitle each picture with the area and activity the photo represents. Place your photos in the exact order of the activities in this document so judging can occur in a timely manner. Show your creativity and dress it up! Starting with the first activity after your installation, collect items and take photos to include in your digital scrapbook. You can reduce your stress as the deadline approaches if you periodically take photos of the materials you've collected for each activity, so you don't have a lot of photos to take just before the deadline.
3. Points claimed will be reviewed by judges based on the information and materials showing how you met the requirements for each activity. Judges may not allow points if information in your Digital Scrapbook doesn't adequately exhibit what you did at each activity.
4. An activity can be claimed only once, and cannot be claimed for two different activities.
5. Unless otherwise noted, points may be claimed only for the period between spring installation and June 8, 2024.
6. Your Digital Scrapbook must be postmarked or sent electronically **no later than Saturday, June 8, 2024**. Send it to:

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Bethel of the Year Activities & Points

* Indicates activities that are also in the Exemplary Leadership Award or Bethel Award of Distinction.

**Points
Earned**

I. Recruiting Members

*Prospective Members Gatherings (Also in ELA)

50 points/gathering with two or more prospects. Plan one each quarter of the year (200 pts. max.)

Date & Event: _____

Date & Event: _____

Date & Event: _____

Date & Event: _____

Use of the Membership Campaign (see “Membership Campaign” on the JD website)

25 points for using the Membership Campaign before each prospective membership gathering (100 pts. max.)

Use of a Job’s Daughters Video or Pictures

15 points when you use a video

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VVVVlpS0OSA>) or

photos at a Prospective Members Gathering. Get signed Media Release of everyone in photos before showing them

(https://www.nejd.org/_files/ugd/9eb39d_440051c1fa5f4feba4f7c2ddeeeaf58b.pdf).

(60 pts. max.)

Dates Used: _____

*New Members (Also in ELA)

100 points for each member initiated or affiliated with your Bethel.

Members Recruiting New Members

30 points for each member bringing in three or more new members

*Inactive Members (Also in ELA)

25 points each special meeting/activity with two or more inactives attending.

Dates: _____

*Inactive Members Attending Meetings (Also in ELA)

25 points each inactive member at four or more meetings in one term.

Number of Inactives at 4 Meetings: _____

Percent of Increase in Membership

Percentage of membership increase since last annual report.

0.01% to 9.9% = 20 points

10% to 14.9% = 40 points

15% to 24.9% = 60 points

25% or higher = 100 points

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Increase or Decrease in Membership

Points for change in number of members since last annual report. _____

30 points if your Bethel’s membership increased.

15 points if your Bethel’s membership stayed the same.

-30 points if your Bethel’s membership decreased.

TOTAL POINTS – Recruiting Members

II. Meetings

***Regular meetings: ALL installed officers and choir attending (excluding Installation of Officers). (Also in ELA)**

20 points per meeting _____

Meeting Dates: _____

***Regular meetings: ALL installed officers attending unless excused by Executive BGC (excluding Installation of Officers). (Also in ELA)**

10 points per meeting _____

Meeting Dates: _____

***Regular meetings conducted by the Honored Queen with absent members.**

Can’t be counted in addition to above meetings. (Also in ELA)

5 points per meeting _____

Meeting Dates: _____

***Special Activities Before or After Meetings (not refreshments). (Also in ELA)**

Hold a special activity (not just refreshments) before or after a regular meeting. Describe each activity and the date held.

15 points per meeting (120 pts. max.) _____

Meeting Dates: _____

***Refreshments before or after meetings. (Also in ELA)**

10 points per meeting _____

Meeting Dates: _____

***Guest Meetings. (Also in ELA)**

Invite other Bethels, Past Honored Queens, Parents, Grandparents, Majority Members, Masons, Eastern Star, etc. Three guests – not BGC – must attend.

Minimum of one per term.

75 points per meeting (150 pts. max.) _____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

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Attend Other Bethels' Meetings & Your Officers Perform Parts

30 points per meeting

Date:_____ Bethel:_____ # of Girls:_____

Date:_____ Bethel:_____ # of Girls:_____

Date:_____ Bethel:_____ # of Girls:_____

Date:_____ Bethel:_____ # of Girls:_____

Attend Other Bethels' Meetings or Functions.

15 points for each visit or function

Date:_____ Bethel:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Bethel:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Bethel:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Bethel:_____ Activity:_____

Help to Reorganize a Bethel.

200 points for helping another Bethel reorganize. (200 pts. max.)

Describe your activities:

Help to Start a New Bethel.

200 points for helps during the start-up of a new Bethel. (200 pts. max.)

Describe your activities:

TOTAL POINTS – Meetings

III. Leadership

Term Planning.

Before installation, the Honored Queen-elect, with help of Bethel Guardian or others, plans the term she will be in office, and presents it to Bethel Guardian Council for review. (Read "Tips to Get Started" above on pages 1 and 2.)

70 points if plans are reviewed by BGC before installation. (140 pts. max.) _____

***Fun Activities. (Also in ELA)**

20 points/each fun activity held. See ideas at end of doc. (160 pts. max.) _____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Go to the Nebraska JD website for promotional ideas, examples and documents, including fill-in-the-blank news releases, and other promotional items you can use to help with your term and earn points.

***Summer Activities. (Also in ELA)**

25 points/each summer activity held in June, July, August. See ideas at end of doc. (75 pts. max.)

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Fundraising Activities.

25 points for each fundraising activity.

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

***Public Events. (Also in ELA)**

Participate in a public event (e.g., community parade, festival, etc.) and have a sign or banner identifying your Bethel AND Job's Daughters promotional materials.

75 points per event

Date:_____ Event:_____

Date:_____ Event:_____

Date:_____ Event:_____

Date:_____ Event:_____

***Promotional Efforts. (Also in ELA)**

50 points for each article or photo in a newspaper, story on radio or TV, or Masonic newsletter (other than regular meetings). (500 pts. max.)

NOTE: Include photo/copy of each article/photo. See sample news releases on Nebraska JD website.

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

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Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

Date:_____ Description:_____

200 points for other promotional efforts. (200 pts. max.)

Date:_____ Description:_____

300 points for Bethel newsletter (at least four issues printed or electronic).

(300 pts. max.)

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***Attendance at State Functions. (Also in ELA)**

50 points for attendance by at least one Bethel Line Officer and two Bethel members (who may also be line officers). _____

Function Attended: _____

Fall Term Bethel Line Officer: _____

Bethel Member: _____

Bethel Member: _____

Function Attended: _____

Spring Term Bethel Line Officer: _____

Bethel Member: _____

Bethel Member: _____

TOTAL POINTS – Leadership _____

IV. Ritual Work

***Ritual Work Performance at Regular Meeting (Also in ELA)**

Overall impression of your Bethel's Ritual work at a regular meeting (may include the Ceremony of Initiation) as scored by your Grand Deputy or an observer appointed by the Grand Guardian.

Date/Name Observer: _____

10-100 points for Floor Work _____

10-100 points for Memorization _____

10-100 points for Music _____

***Proficiency Tests (Also in ELA)**

10 points for each member completing the Proficiency Test. _____

***Obligation Ceremony (Also in ELA)**

50 points for performing the Obligation Ceremony at a regular or special Bethel meeting. _____

***Majority Member Degree (Also in ELA)**

50 points for performing the Majority Member Ceremony at a regular or special Bethel meeting. _____

Attendance at Grand Session

100 points for having 5 or more members from your Bethel in attendance. _____

200 additional points if more than 50% of your total membership attends. _____

100 additional points if more than 75% of your total membership attends. _____

25 points for each Jobie-to-Bee attending (100 max.) _____

***Grand Session Competitions (Also in ELA)**

10 points for each Ritual Competition entry (60 pts. max.). _____

10 points for each music entry (10 pts. max.). _____

10 points for centerpiece entry (10 pts. max.). _____

10 points for each fine arts entry (30 pts. max.). _____

10 points for Grand Librarian's Contest (30 pts. max.). _____

30 points for Miss Nebraska Job' Daughter entry (30 pts. max.). _____

20 points for Spirit Ambassador entry (20 pts. max.). _____

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- 8 points for each first place in above competitions _____
- 5 points for each second place in above competitions _____
- 3 points for each third place in above competitions _____
- 2 points for each fourth place in above competitions _____
- 1 point for each fifth place in above competitions _____

TOTAL POINTS – Ritual Work _____

V. Community & Fraternal Service

***Community Service Projects (Also in ELA)**

30 points for doing a “good deed” for an individual or a group (not a donation of money). See sample news releases on Nebraska JD website. _____
 Date and Description: _____

 Date and Description: _____

30 points if you donate money or assist a community charitable group to raise money for their needs. Describe how you raised money. _____
 Date and Description: _____

 Date and Description: _____

***HIKE Fundraisers (Also in ELA)**

1 point for each \$1 raised by YOUR Bethel if you participate in a Fundraising activity for HIKE. See sample news release on Nebraska JD website. (100 pts. max.) _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Amount Raised: \$ _____ X 1 = _____ (100 pts. max.)

Date donation to HIKE, Inc., sent to Grand Secretary _____

Masonic Family Service Project

15 points for donating or assisting with a service project sponsored by another Masonic body (Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Daughters of the Nile, etc.). (30 pts. max.) _____

Honored Queen’s Service Project

50 points for donating or assisting with your Honored Queen’s service project. (100 pts. max.) _____

***Grand Bethel Honored Queen’s Project (Also in ELA)**

30 points for participating in the Grand Bethel Honored Queen’s project. (30 pts. max.) _____

Date and Description: _____

***Miss Nebraska Job’s Daughters Project (Also in ELA)**

30 points for participating in Miss Nebraska Job’s Daughter’s project. (30 pts. max.) _____

Date and Description: _____

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***Miss Nebraska Congeniality's Project (Also in ELA)**

30 points for participating in Miss Congeniality's project. (30 pts. max.) _____

Date and Description: _____

***Grand Guardian's Project (Also in ELA)**

30 points for participating in the Grand Guardian's project. (30 pts. max.) _____

Date and Description: _____

***Vice Grand Guardian's Project (Also in ELA)**

30 points for participating in the Vice Grand Guardian's project. (30 pts. max.) _____

Date and Description: _____

***Educational Loan Fund & Promotional Fund (Also in ELA)**

1 point for every dollar sent to the Grand Secretary. Within 30 days following installation, the Honored Queen is required to plan a financial affair to benefit the Educational Loan and/or Promotional Funds of the Nebraska Grand Guardian Council. The GGC offers low-interest loans to past and present Job's Daughters attending post-secondary schools. One-third of the money raised is retained by the Bethel. One-third to Educational Loan Fund and one-third to the Promotional Fund. Mail funds to the Grand Secretary.

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Amount sent to Grand Secretary: \$ _____

Mick Memorial Scholarship Fund

15 points for donating to the Mick Memorial Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Mick's commitment to education for young women is a basic tenet of Job's Daughters. A memorial scholarship fund was created in Nebraska to provide scholarships to Job's Daughters who wish to continue their post-secondary education.

TOTAL POINTS – Community & Fraternal Service Activities _____

VI. Heritage

Job's Daughters Founder's Week

30 points for each day your Bethel holds an activity during Job's Daughters Founder's Week. Plan special activities this week, such as placing an article in your local newspaper (**see sample**) about the history Job's Daughters and your Bethel, make special buttons or purple clothing to wear to school, ask your Mayor to sign a proclamation about Job's Daughters (**see sample**). Make signs to place in your yard, or other activities that heighten awareness in your community. See proclamation and news releases on Nebraska JD website. (210 pts. max.) _____

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***Mother Mick Observance (Also in ELA)**

25 points for performing a suitable ceremony in March honoring Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick, the founder of Job’s Daughters. (25 pts. max.)

Date:_____ Activity:_____

***Bethel Birthday (Also in ELA)**

25 points for honoring your Bethel during the month it was instituted. See sample news release on Nebraska JD website. (25 pts. max.)

Date:_____ Activity:_____

Family Activities

20 points for activities that involve the families of your members. (40 pts. max.)

Date:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Activity:_____

Patriotism

20 points for each activity that is patriotic in spirit.

Date:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Activity:_____

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Date:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Activity:_____

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Date:_____ Activity:_____

***Fraternal Relations (Also in ELA)**

15 points for holding or participating in an activity with organizations in the Masonic fraternity (Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Daughters of the Nile, Amaranth, etc.). (60 pts. max.)

Date:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Activity:_____

***Bethel Installation Visits (Also in ELA)**

50 points for attending the Installation of Officers of other Bethels. At least one Bethel line officer and one Bethel member (can be a line officer) who are not participating in the Installation must be in attendance.

Date:_____ Bethel:_____ Activity:_____

Date:_____ Bethel:_____ Activity:_____

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Date: _____ Bethel: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Bethel: _____ Activity: _____

***Perform Closing Formation (Also in ELA)**

50 points for performing the Closing Formation for a Masonic body or at an Official Worship Service. _____

Date: _____ Presented to: _____

Date: _____ Presented to: _____

Date: _____ Presented to: _____

Date: _____ Presented to: _____

***Exemplification Meeting for Masonic Family Organizations (Also in ELA)**

25 points for holding an exemplification meeting for a Masonic fraternity (Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Daughters of the Nile, Amaranth, etc.). _____

Date: _____ Presented to: _____

Ceremony: _____

Date: _____ Presented to: _____

Ceremony: _____

TOTAL POINTS – Heritage _____

VII. Spiritual

***Worship Service (Also in ELA)**

20 points for Bethel attendance at a worship service. (40 pts max.) _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

***Activity after Worship Service (Also in ELA)**

15 points for holding a special activity (not just refreshments) before or after attending the worship service. (30 pts. max.) _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

***Spiritual Activities (Also in ELA)**

20 points for each spiritual activity. _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

Date: _____ Activity: _____

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TOTAL POINTS – Spiritual _____

VIII. Supreme Session

Attendance at Supreme Session

5 points for each member attending or participating in last year’s Supreme Session. It’s not necessary to travel to Supreme to participate as members can attend Supreme Session via Zoom. (50 pts. max.) _____

Supreme Session Involvement (all competitions)

5 points for each entry in last year’s Supreme Session competitions. It’s not necessary to travel to Supreme to participate as members can participate in some competitions via Zoom. (50 pts. max.) _____

TOTAL POINTS – Supreme Session _____

IX. Digital Scrapbook

Digital Scrapbook Competition

Your Bethel’s activities in the areas above will be judged according to the information in this document and the supporting materials included in a digital scrapbook (e.g., PowerPoint). Supporting materials for all the points you claim should be contained in your digital scrapbook. Be sure to subtitle each picture with the area and activity the photo represents. Place each photo in the exact order of the activities listed in this document so it is easier to judge. Make every effort to create an attractive digital scrapbook that accurately portrays your Bethel’s efforts and the points you claim for each activity. You may use newspaper clippings, mementos, photographs, printed materials, programs, decorations, tickets and other artwork to explain and enhance your activities. Your digital scrapbook will be judged, too, so show your creativity and dress it up!

- The judges will award points based on the following criteria (400 pts. max.):

- Overall attractiveness (100 pts. max.) _____
- Quality of supporting materials (100 pts. max.) _____
- Imaginative use of supporting materials (100 pts. max.) _____
- Accuracy of supporting materials (100 pts. max.) _____

TOTAL POINTS – Scrapbook _____

As Bethel Guardian, I attest to the efforts made by our Honored Queens and the Bethel members as noted in this document. Signature: _____

Date: _____ Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

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Additional Activity Ideas for Planning Your Term

The following is a list of possible activities to consider using when planning your term. You may find great ideas so your Bethel's terms are each different and effective in their individuality. While the following activities are listed under the titles of the various areas of the Bethel of the Year program, activities in one area also may work in another area, so review each list of activities to find what may work for you. Each year, we will add activities to these lists that worked for our Bethels.

I. Recruiting Members: Prospective Members Gatherings

(Also see III. Leadership: Fun Activities)

Sleepovers.

Board games night.

Painting or drawing time with a theme.

Water-balloon fight.

Crafts – Look on Pinterest for basic activities for kids.

Dance party.

Color Walk – Use colored powder for activities.

Disney princesses party.

Mix and match clothing party.

Luau party.

Plan interactive games and activities so prospective members get to know the members of your Bethel. (Also see Fun Activities below.)

You GLOW Girl – This is a glow in the dark party. Put black lights around the room. Have games using glow necklaces, such as ring toss. Give everyone lots of glow sticks and necklaces and dance in the dark. Make posters and other signs with neon poster boards.

Jobie Round-Up – Use a Western theme for a party and invite everyone to wear old west clothing. Activities would also have a Western theme.

Unicorn Party – Everything used is magical and unicorns.

Silly supper - Waitresses take each person's order. Use code words on a menu so they don't know for sure what they're ordering. Then serve them their dinner for fun when they learn what they really ordered, followed by everyone enjoying a full dinner. (For example, include individual items on the menu like ketchup, mustard, bun, hamburger, etc.)

Fandom party – Everyone dresses as their favorite movie/cartoon character.

Candyland – Board game and other games where the prizes are candy.

Plan an activity outdoors (camping, cottage core, woods, beach, tropical forest, etc.).

Mad hatter party – Everyone wears a hat decorated with objects.

Pumpkin decorating party.

Go to an arcade and pool all the tickets, sharing them equally with the prospects so they can select a big prize.

Garden Party – Paint or decorate flower pots and then plant seeds. Everyone will have a plant to take home. You could have them bring them back to the Bethel for a party to show how much they've grown.

Rush Party – At the party, have displays about Job's Daughters, activities, honors the Bethel and members have earned. Ask members to bring items relating to what they enjoy most about the Bethel. (They can each talk about it.) Provide food and consider having a skit about Job's Daughters.

Use ice breakers that allows everyone to learn more about each other.

- Unique Characteristics: Divide the group into pairs and give participants a few minutes to interview each other. Then, each participant should introduce their partners by name and to share at least two unique characteristics about them.

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- Your Favorite Things: Divide the group into pairs and ask participants to tell each other their favorite food or name the animal they feel best describes them and why. This information is shared with the group when participants introduce their partners.
- Ball Toss: Form a circle and toss a soft ball around the circle. Participants state their names as they catch the ball. After a few minutes, when they catch the ball, they call out the name of the person who tossed it to them.
- Fact or Fiction: - Each person writes down four facts about themselves, one of which is not true. Each person takes turns reading their list aloud and the rest of the group writes down the one they think is not true. When all are done reading the lists aloud, the first person reads their list again and identifies the fact, which is not true. The group should compare their written responses with the correct answers.
- Find the Missing Piece: Prepare pieces of paper, enough for everybody in the group. The papers include words that are split into two, for example:

COCOA BUTTER
MILE STONE
ICE CREAM

Each person picks one piece of paper and then begins to look for the person who has the matching word. When the participant has found her match, she should get to know the other person. Then, they will be asked to introduce one another to the rest of the group. An alternative is to use words that are opposites, like:

BLACK WHITE
UP DOWN
LEFT RIGHT
HOT COLD

- Three Questions: Participants write down three questions and find someone in the room they do not know well. Each participant then asks questions of the other. The participants then introduce their partners to the group by sharing both the questions and the answers.
- Nonsense Name Game: - Introduce yourself to the group with a sentence based upon the first letter of your name. Examples:
 "I'm kooky Katherine. I like kissing kittens."
 "I'm darling Dorothy. I like dancing daily."
 You can play "Name Chain" as a follow-up to the "Nonsense Name Game." Introduce yourself and the person to your right. "I'm kooky Katherine. This is darling Dorothy." The person to your right repeats previous introductions and introduces the person to their right. "She's kooky Katherine. I'm darling Dorothy. He's generous George." Continue with the next person to the right, until all names have been repeated. Challenge participants to rhyme off all names quickly!
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- The Last Word: The participants should stand in a circle. One participant moves and stands randomly in front of another. He/she makes a statement (e.g., “It is such a lovely day”). The person spoken to will move to another person and make a statement starting with the last word in the statement he/she received (e.g., “Day light savings time started this week.”). Each participant takes turns to ensure that everybody gets a chance to participate.
- Tell Us About Yourself: Pass around a bag of candy. Tell the participants to take as many as they want. Once all the participants have candy, tell them that for each candy they took they have to say one thing about themselves. For instance, if a participant took 10 candies, they would have to say 10 things about themselves. Note: You can also pass around a roll of toilet tissue. Ask the participants to take as many individual sheets or squares as they think they might need (do not tell them the purpose of the sheets).
- What Do We Have in Common?: Split the participants into pairs. Each pair will have 30 seconds to think of five things they have in common. At the end of the 30 seconds, put two pairs together and give the group a minute to find something all four participants have in common. Finally, each group can present the list of things they have in common.
- Ball of Yarn: For this exercise you will need a ball of yarn. The leader should say her name and an interesting fact about herself. Then, holding the end of the yarn, toss the ball to a participant. The participant will say her name and an interesting fact, then, holding on to part of the yarn, toss the ball to another participant. By the time everyone has spoken, there will be a large web of yarn.
- The Telephone: Participants should sit or stand in a circle. The leader quickly whispers a message to one participant. This participant passes the message in a whisper to the next person and so on. The last person shouts out the message. Chances are the final message will be different from the original.
- What Do You Have?: Divide the participants into teams of 4-6 people. Each team should make a list of 6-8 items that they would probably have with them. Make one or two items less common things. The team gets points for each person who has these items. Only one of each item per person can be counted and the team with the most points wins. The list could include: a photograph, a calculator, a pencil, a photograph of a family member, an unusual key chain, something red, etc.
- Boom!: All participants sit in a circle. They are instructed to count out loud around the circle. Each person whose number is a multiple of 3 (3-6-9-12, etc.) or a number that ends with 3 (13-23- 33, etc.) must say BOOM! instead of the number. The next person continues the normal sequence of numbers. Example: The first person starts with 1, the next one says 2, and the person who should say 3 says BOOM! instead, and the next person says 4. Anyone who fails to say BOOM! or who makes a mistake with the number that follows BOOM! is disqualified. The numbers must be said rapidly (5 seconds maximum); if a participant takes too long to say her/his number, s/he is disqualified. The last two participants left are the winners. Note: You can have the participants “clap” once instead of saying Boom.

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II. Meetings: Special Activities Before or After Meetings

Display of members' hobbies

Celebrate birthdays of members and Council members

Celebrate the anniversary of when members joined

Jobie Trivia contests

Baby photo night – The girls and adults take a baby photo (preferably two years of age or younger) in an envelope to a meeting BEFORE Baby Photo Night. Display the photos and put a number next to them. Have forms printed with the numbers and blank line next to them. On the right side of the form, list the names of those who brought a photo. Everyone fills the form out trying to identify who the person is in each photo.

III. Leadership: Fun Activities

(Also see I. Recruiting Members: Prospective Members Gatherings)

Award recognition dinner after Grand Session

Attend a sporting event together

Bowling

Ice skating.

Wacky hair party.

Hold a fancy tea party.

Fix up a haunted house for the members.

Videos and pizza night at someone's home.

Jobie Olympics with silly games

T-shirt decorating party

Clown party

Fondue party

Organic potato head party – decorate potatoes

American Idol party – Members perform for the group

Make-your-own pizza party

Karaoke party

Circus party – Members come as an act in a circus

Holiday or seasonal themed parties with games and activities (New Year's Day, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter [if appropriate for all members], spring, summer, Back-to-School, fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, winter, December holidays, and see Heritage: Patriotism below for patriotic dates)

Progressive dinner (travel from one Council member's home to another's for each course....appetizers, salad, side dish, main course, dessert)

Themed parties (Western, Disney princesses, gamers, etc.)

Visit a local place of interest (zoo, historical site, museum, tour newspaper office or TV or radio station, visit a local business to learn more about it, etc.)

Slumber party. Decorate pillow cases and ask everyone to sign them. Have a theme (e.g., 50s with hula hoop contest, bubble gum blowing contest and costume contest)

Ice cream sundae party where attendees can create their own sundae with lots of choices for toppings.

Project Runway party – Strut Your Stuff with wacky clothes.

Style show with a theme such as the 1950s, etc.

Secret Pals – Jobies have a secret pal in the Bethel and leave notes for them with small gifts or candy during the term. Their Secret Pal is revealed at a party.

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Pet party – Everyone takes their pet for a party outside.

Celebrate High School Seniors – Hold a party for seniors about to graduate. Roast them, display pictures of their years in Job’s Daughters, etc.

“Adopt” a grandparent at a nursing home. Send them notes with treats and visit them for one term.

Hayrack ride with hot dogs and s’mores for treats.

Mystery trip – Inform parents ahead of time, especially if taking members out of town. Only tell the girls what to wear or take with them and the time you will be gone.

Beach Party – decorate flip flops by tying fabric scraps or balloons on the straps or glue on flowers or jewels.

Hold an Outstallation on the last meeting of the term. Honor the Honored Queen and in incoming Honored Queen-elect. Thank all the Bethel members and officers for their work.

Member of Honor – Honor girls at each meeting using a feather boa or paper crown or other amusing silly object. Should be given to girls or Council member who did something not usually recognized. She then presents it to someone of her choice at the next meeting.

Birthday/Anniversary Pig – Use a piggy bank at the first meeting of every month for everyone with a piggy bank or anniversary to deposit one cent for each year to feed the pig. Sing happy birthday (or anniversary). When the term or year is done, decide how the money will be used.

Kidnap Breakfast – Go to the homes of your members early on a Saturday, wake them up and take them to the Bethel for breakfast. (Inform their parents of what will happen and ask them not to tell their daughter.)

Support Your Sister – Go to a function where a member of your Bethel is participating (music performance, play or game).

Swappie Party – Make swappies for Grand or Supreme Session.

Go to a mall together. (e.g., Mall of America in Minneapolis and schedule a tour of the Shriner’s Hospital, or malls in a nearby community or your community).

Frisbee golf. (Find a course near you: https://www.pdga.com/course-directory/advanced/search?field_course_location_administrative_area=NE&location_title=Nebraska&page=1)

Crazy night – Everyone dresses up in a crazy outfit. Have a competition for various awards.

Banana split night with choice of toppings.

Pound Auction – Everyone brings a brown paper bag (so no one knows what’s in it) with something that weighs a pound. Auction them off (start low, like 10 cents).

Ask a dance instructor to provide a one-hour class on how to do a popular dance for the Bethel members.

III. Leadership: Summer Activities

Outdoor picnic

Swimming party

Have a picnic and sports activities with another Bethel

Hold a Christmas in July Party

Water-balloon fight.

Boating party at a lake.

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III. Leadership: Fundraising Activities

Box Social – Each member decorates a box with a meal inside that can't be seen. Invite the Masons and auction them off. The winners eat the meal inside the box with the Jobie who prepared it.

III. Leadership: Promotional Efforts

Take part in parades or help to decorate a float.

Have a booth at your county fair or other community activity to promote Job's Daughters and your Bethel.

V. Community & Fraternal Service: Community Service Projects

Adopt a needy family during the holidays and gather food and/or presents for them.

Volunteer to deliver food or toys during the holidays.

Mount a drive to collect coats for kids. Arrange to have them cleaned.

Hold a food-for-the-hungry campaign to help your local food bank.

Volunteer at a local food bank.

Volunteer to serve food at a local food kitchen.

Adopt a library, playground, park, memorial, or public facility to keep it clean.

Partner with a non-profit agency in town to help solve a community problem.

Identify objects that need a coat of paint (park benches, swing sets, fences, etc.)

Volunteer to ring bells to help the Salvation Army raise funds during the holidays.

Sing holiday songs for senior citizens at a retirement home and shut-ins.

Make items for veterans, hospital patients or nursing home residents, such as: Valentines, dye Easter eggs, May baskets etc.

Collect items for a women's shelter.

Sell poppies for the VFW.

Sell daffodils for the American Cancer Society.

Help to place flags at the graves of veterans at a cemetery for Memorial Day weekend.

Offer babysitting services for women's shelters and at community events. Or, babysit during the holidays so parents can go shopping, and advertise your service in stores. Plan fun activities for the kids.

VI. Heritage: Job's Daughters Founder's Week

Past Honored Queens' Night or a special tea party to honor them.

Place an article in your local newspaper about Job's Daughters and your Bethel.

Visit the grave site of Mother Mick (Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Omaha – Section 19, Lot 39, Grave 4).

Wear Job's Daughters jewelry, buttons, t-shirts, etc. to school for one day.

Tour the International Headquarters and Mick Memorial Room in Papillion.

Place posters around your community about Job's Daughters and your Bethel.

Place signs in the yards of members saying "A Job's Daughter lives here."

Wear purple to school or a Job's Daughter t-shirt.

Talk to your Mayor or City Council about proclaiming Job's Daughters Founders Week in your community. Take a photo of your Mayor signing it and have Council and Bethel officers in the picture.

Ask a local business if you can prepare a window or lobby display about Job's Daughters. Go to the Nebraska JD website for promotional ideas, examples and documents, including fill-in-the-blank news releases, and other promotional items you can use to help with your term and earn points.

Ask your local radio station if you can have a mention on the air about Job's Daughters and your Bethel.

Hold a prospective members' party (see below).

Ask restaurants if you can place table tents on their tables for the week.

Hold a Mother Mick birthday party.

Deliver purple carnations to Bethel members at school.

VI. Heritage: Family Activities

Parents' Night – Hold special meeting to honor parents.

Family talent night

Father-daughter dinner

Chili cook-off Dinner

Picnic (inside or outside)

Mother-daughter bake-off & dessert party

George Washington Birthday Dinner

Attend a sporting event together

Mother's Day brunch and give them a small potted plant or gift (made by the members).

Masonic Movie Night (National Treasure; The Man Who Would Be King; The DaVinci Code)

Night-out for Parents – Jobies watch the children of their parents while they have a night out together.

Father-daughter softball game

Potluck dinner

Father-daughter cookout

Barbeque

Ice Cream Social

Family Day-Long Field Trip

Grandparents Night at Bethel

VI. Heritage: Patriotism

Patriotic presentation or report written by and presented by a Bethel member on or near patriotic days: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (third Monday of January); Washington's Birthday (February 22); Memorial Day (last Monday of May); Flag Day (June 14); Independence Day (July 4); Patriot Day (September 11); Constitution Day (September 17); Veterans Day (November 11); Bill of Rights Day (December 15).

To learn about local history, visit the History Nebraska historical markers in your community, your county or area. (Go to: <https://mynehistory.com/>)

Invite a guest to talk about patriotism (e.g., veterans, local American Legion, VFW, etc.)

Ask your lodge secretary for the names and addresses of Masons who are veterans. Make signs stating how proud your Bethel is of veterans, and place them in their yards for Veterans Day (November 11).

Perform a patriotic ceremony before your lodge's meeting. Look in the Nebraska Books of Ceremonies at:

https://www.nejd.org/_files/ugd/baf869_b7d2c7f4779e43acae45b7f4c957e6d7.pdf for ceremonies to consider using.

VI. Heritage: Fraternal Relations

Host an information meeting to inform Masonic-related bodies about Job's Daughters, or ask to talk at their meetings.

Hold a "Secret Mason" or "Eastern Star" activity for each of your Bethel members for one term. Each month, members leave a note for a Mason to read at their meeting and include a small gift (piece of candy, for instance). Invite the Masons to do the same for their "Secret Jobie." At the end of the term, have a dinner to unveil the Secret Jobie to each Mason.

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Picnic with Lodge, Eastern Star or other Masonic-related body
Travel to The Masonic Home in Plattsmouth or the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont
Sing songs before the meeting of a Masonic-related body (patriotic, seasonal, etc.)
Clean the lodge or perform other activities that increase awareness of your Bethel and build a positive relationship.
Sing some Bethel songs before a meeting of your local lodge or Eastern Star
Go to the Shrine Bowl game together
Invite Masonic-related bodies to a Bethel birthday party where they can learn more about Job's Daughters and your Bethel.
Present a special ceremony. There are several in the Book of Ceremonies. Invite Masonic-related bodies to attend.

VII. Spiritual: Spiritual Activities

Assign members a world religion research and write a one-page report to present at a meeting or activity.
Hold a special session to interpret the Book of Job (assign someone to research a commentary on the Bible for background).
Invite a religious figure to speak on the Book of Job.
Make a presentation to your lodge, Eastern Star or other Masonic-related body about Job as taught in our Order. Base it on the Messengers' parts and information in the initiation ceremony.

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