

CEREMONY FOR PARENTS OF NEW MEMBERS

(Presented under "Good of the Order – Presentations")

HONORED QUEEN: **Will the parents of the newly initiated members please stand?**
(They rise)

HONORED QUEEN: **Guide and Marshal, you will conduct these parents west of the Altar for the Parents Ceremony.**

(The Guide and Marshal march to the parents and ask them to follow. They proceed to their Waiting Stations, and march on the Altar Line past each other. The Guide turns west on the north side of the Altar, and the Marshal turns west of the south side of the Altar. The Guide turns south and the Marshal turns north and they pass each other with the Marshal between the Guide and the Altar. They stop on the west side of the Altar with the parents between them.)

HONORED QUEEN: **It is a pleasure for me, as Honored Queen of Bethel No. _____, Job's Daughters International, to welcome you following the initiation of your daughter in our Bethel. Through our symbolic and meaningful ceremony, your daughter has taken the first step into our beautiful Order. She has learned about the trials and tribulations that Job faced as well as the exultations he experienced as a result of his faith in God. Job's Daughters International teaches love, faith, patience and fidelity; qualities that Job's Daughters apply every day in their lives.**

As your daughter(s) begin their work in our Bethel by helping others, learning, and enjoying the companionship of our members, it is our desire that you — as parents — take an active part in their commitment to the Order and to their oath of allegiance to its principles, which they have agreed to uphold.

On behalf of all the Daughters of Bethel No. _____, we ask that you accept the responsibility of working with your daughter in our Bethel, to promote her welfare not only through Job's Daughters International, but to reaffirm your commitment to her for the rest of your life. We, therefore, ask you to respond in the affirmative to this question: Will you, as parents of a member of Bethel No. _____, support your daughter in her involvement in the Bethel wherever and whenever possible, and render assistance when possible?

As a gesture of our love for you and your daughter, we present you this flower; its color means purity.

(The Honored Queen gives each parent a white flower. A parent's card also may be presented at this time.)

We ask that you remain constant to the lessons of our Order and work to instill them in your daughter, which are: to live a worthwhile and rewarding life, do good for others, and grow in the spirit of God. Guide and Marshal, you will conduct these parents to the sidelines.

MERIT AWARD CEREMONY

It is my pleasure and privilege to present the Merit Awards you girls earned during _____. These awards are a symbol of accomplishment and I hope you will use them with pride.

The Supreme Guardian Council of Job's Daughters International has approved and recommended the system of Merit Awards which Bethel #_____ uses.

A member of a Bethel of Job's Daughters who has given her loyal and active support is entitled to recognition. By presenting Merit Awards, it is hoped to create greater interest and a more active participation in the Bethel.

This term/year we have _____ Daughters who have been members for less than one year but who have accumulated a significant number of Merit Points.

Will *(list names)* please rise and step to the sidelines? Guide and Marshal, you will present these girls in the East. *(They are taken to the East Line, and turn to face west.)*

In every Bethel, it takes the efforts and faithful support of the newer members to keep going and growing. We wish to recognize these girls who have been in Job's Daughters long enough to receive bronze medals who have contributed much to our organization in the time they have been members. I am pleased to present *(name)*, who has earned _____ points, and *(continue listing all members and their points)* while Ritual covers. You are our hope for the future. We look forward to seeing you earn further awards in following years. Please join me in giving these members congratulations.

Guide and Marshal, you will conduct these members to the sidelines.

The next three awards: the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, are similar in design but are made of varying grades of metals to signify three periods of membership and steps of achievement. The design of these awards embodies the emblems of Job's Daughters. The medal resembles a crest or coat of arms significant of royalty. The Open Bible in the center reminds us that the ritualistic ceremony of Job's Daughters, based on the Word of God, is the center of the Bethel's life.

The cornucopia, dove and incense burner are flanked by sprays of lily of the valley. A crown placed at the top signifies the crown of achievement and award. These awards may be worn at Bethel meetings and installation — either on a neck chain or on a charm bracelet.

In Job's Daughters we are taught lessons of Patience, Faith and Reward. These may be compared to the three awards of the merit system.

The following girls will please rise and step to the sidelines as I call their names: *(names)*. Guide and Marshal, you will present these girls in the East. *(They are taken to the East Line, and turn to face west.)*

There is one form of hope which is never unwise and which certainly does not diminish with the increase of knowledge. In that form it changes its name and we call it patience. Patience does not mean indifference, for we must work, trust and wait.

Life has such hard conditions that every dear and precious gift, every rare virtue, love, hope and joy must sometimes be put aside to await patience.

As a symbol of the patience you, and some of our newer members, are developing and practicing in your faithful activities for the Bethel, I present the bronze award.

These girls have been members of Bethel # _____ for a year or more. *(Name)* has accumulated _____ points, *(continue naming girls and their points earned)*. Please join me in congratulating these girls.

Guide and Marshal, you will conduct them to the sidelines.

The following members will please rise and step to the sidelines as I call their names: *(names)*. Guide and Marshal, you will present these girls in the East. *(They are taken to the East Line, and turn to face west.)*

The silver award represents faith, which is built on patience. It is the root of all good works. Just as our belief in a glorious future in the world of tomorrow is built on faith and the word of God, so must the activities of our everyday life be built on faith — faith in others, faith in the world we live and especially faith in ourselves.

As a symbol of the faith you members of Job's Daughters have had in yourselves and your Bethel, which has given you the satisfaction that comes from work well done and time well spent, I present you with the silver award.

These girls have been members of our Bethel for at least two years and have earned an additional 100 points since receiving the Bronze award last year. *(Name)* has accumulated *(points)* total points. *(Continue all members and their points)*. Please join me in congratulating them.

Guide and Marshal, you will conduct them to the sidelines.

(Names) will please rise and step to the sidelines. Guide and Marshal, you will present these girls in the East. *(They are taken to the East Line, and turn to face west.)*

Every duty brings its particular delight, every denial its appropriate compensation, every thought its recompense, every cross its crown; pay goes with performance as effect with cause. No one who continued to add something to the material, intellectual, and moral well being of the place in which they live is left long without proper reward.

You have served your Bethel for more than three years and have earned your reward — not just in the metal symbol presented to you today, but in the joy and happiness that comes from service to others, in the fond affection and respect the members have for you and in the responsible station you fill in our Order. These come from the recognition of your patience and faith.

In recognition of the material reward all meritorious performance deserves and desires, I present you with the gold award.

(Name) has earned *(points)*, *and* *(continue listing all members and their points)* during their three years of membership. Let's give them hearty congratulations.

Guide and Marshal, you will conduct them to the sidelines.

Our Bethel is fortunate to have a number of members who have continued an active interest after receiving the gold medal.

(Names) will please rise and step to the sidelines. Guide and Marshal, you will present these girls in the East. *(They are taken to the East Line, and turn to face west.)*

You have reached the jewel above the crown of reward and have enriched your Bethel and your lives by your many, many services. The stations you hold in our Bethel, and those you have held, represent your many active services, which shall never be forgotten. And in recognition of your continued interest and faithfulness, you now receive a four-year award.

The Job's Daughters demitasse spoon bears the emblem of our Order. It is presented in appreciation of your faithfulness and friendship in Bethel No. _____.

(Name) has earned *(points)*, **and** *(continue listing all members and their points)*. **Join me in showing them our appreciation for their love and friendship.**

Guide and Marshal, you will conduct them to the sidelines.

(Names) will please rise and step to the sidelines. **Guide and Marshal, you will present these girls in the East.** *(They are taken to the East Line, and turn to face west.)*

(Names) have also continued to enrich our Bethel after attaining the gold award. **Our gift of a portfolio bears the colors of the Order. Let the purple and white remind you of the time you have spent in Job's Daughters. I'm sure the friendship and support you have received will be a foundation for you as you continue to grow and mature.**

(Names) have been members of our Bethel for five years and have earned *(points)* points. *(Continue listing all members and their points)*. **Let's congratulate them.**

Guide and Marshal, you will conduct them to the sidelines.

(Names) will please rise and step to the sidelines. **Guide and Marshal, you will present these girls in the East.** *(They are taken to the East Line, and turn to face west.)*

We are most proud of the girls who continue to support the Bethel for many years. It gives others a goal for which to strive with your example as a guide.

Your Gold Job's Daughters International commemorative coin bares the emblem of our Order. May you always hold high its ideals. And, may the triangle always remain a symbol of the three-fold influence of your lives, namely our God, our country, and our home. May the teachings of our Order never fail to strengthen our love and adoration for the Heavenly Father; never fail to strengthen our love and loyalty to this great country; and never fail to strengthen our love and respect for the family and home which is the foundation of the security in which we live. Accept his gift with the best wishes of your Bethel.

Let us give them our congratulations and appreciation.

Guide and Marshal, you will conduct them to the sidelines.

(Names) will please rise and step to the sidelines. **Guide and Marshal, you will present these girls in the East.** *(They are taken to the East Line, and turn to face west.)*

Life is busy and complicated and many times our loyalties suffer. But we are most pleased to honor and recognize those members who have not forgotten their Bethel and, whenever possible, have been in attendance and participated in its activities.

Hours of pleasure, hours of peace,

Faith to build and goals to reach.

Days gone by but memories to treasure

May our influence for good go on forever.

We hope your membership in Job's Daughters has enriched your life as much as the example of your service and loyalty has enriched our Bethel and given each of us an example to follow. We also hope that as you near and attain Majority Membership; you will continue to support Job's Daughters wherever you may be. Let this china mug, with the Job's Daughters emblem, be a memento of the love you have experienced through our Bethel.

(Name) has been a member of Bethel No. _____ for eight years and has accumulated _____ points. *(Continue listing all members and their points)*. **Let's give them our love and congratulations.**

Guide and Marshal, you will conduct them to the sidelines.

Attendance at Bethel meetings is an important part of support for the Bethel. In (year), (number) members had no more than two excused absences. These girls are: (names).

Of those (number) maintained perfect attendance for one year. Let's congratulate them. Guide and Marshal, you will escort them to the East. (They are taken to the East Line, and turn to face west.)

We want to reward and recognize you for perfect attendance for the year (year) for without your attendance, we cannot hold our meetings. Your efforts to be present, even when other activities are inviting or you do not feel so well, deserve a reward. Please accept this white Job's Daughters Bible with our love and appreciation. It has been inscribed with your name and recognition of your attendance record.

(Perfect attendance for more than one year should be recognized also. Perhaps with a savings bond or gift certificate.)

Please join me in giving your love and congratulations.

In closing our Ceremony, we all should once again pledge ourselves to practice in our daily lives the patience and faith of Job and know that we, too, will receive our reward. By striving forward, upward and onward, we will face life squarely for future success.

Guide and Marshal, you may return to your stations.

THE MERIT AWARD CEREMONY WITH POINTS

It is a pleasure for me to present the Merit Awards. I know you have been looking forward to them, and I hope you wear your awards with much pride and joy.

By presenting Merit Awards, we hope to create a greater interest and a more active participation in our Bethel over a greater period of time.

We have nine levels of awards to our system to designate the steps of achievement. These awards cover the period from ____.

(Bracelet – 100 points) The following members will please come forward as I call their names: *(names)*. Girls, you have earned this bracelet, which will link together the awards of coming years, but will also unite them in one unique band of fellowship based on loving service to others. You have all accumulated the required 100 points.

Let's give them hearty congratulations.

The next three awards are bronze, silver and gold medallions. The emblems of Job's Daughters appear on these medallions. These three medallions may be worn as a badge at Bethel meetings and installations, on a neck chain or on the charm bracelet.

In our Order we are taught the three lessons of Patience, Faith and Reward. I would like to compare these three awards of our Merit System being presented to the three lessons we learn from the life of Job.

(Bronze – 200 points) The following members will please rise and come forward as I call your names: *(names)*.

In the story of Job, we found that he had his life torn apart. His wealth was swept away, his family was destroyed and his body was torn with pains of disease. Yet, in his hour of trial, when all the world seemed to forsake him, he remained God's faithful servant. Job showed Patience.

As a symbol of Patience, you are developing and practicing your Patience by your faithful attendance and participation in activities for the Bethel, with your eye on the future. You are hereby presented with the Bronze Award. You have accumulated the required 200 or more points.

Let's show these girls how proud we are of them by giving them hearty congratulations.

(Silver – 300 points) The following members will please come forward as I call your names: *(names)*.

Faith is built on patience. During all the Job's trials, he remained faithful to God. The activities of our everyday life must be built on faith – faith in our fellow men, faith in the world we live in, and even faith in ourselves.

Girls, you have shown faith in yourselves and in your Bethel by the satisfaction that comes from work well done and time well spent. You are now presented with your Silver Award. You have accumulated the required 300 points.

Let's give them hearty congratulations.

(Gold – 500 points). The following girls will please come forward as I call your names: *(names)*.

Job triumphed over the temptations of the evil one and was rewarded for his piety and faith. The sacred Book informs us that Job was rewarded with twice as much of the world's goods as he had before, and that other sons and daughters were given to him.

You, as Job's Daughters, have served the Bethel well, and have earned your reward. Not just the metal symbol presented here, but the joy and happiness that comes from service to others, and the fond affection and respect the members have for you.

In recognition of the material award, you are presented with the Gold Award. You have also accumulated the required 500 points.

Let's give them hearty congratulations.

(Charm – 750 points) **The following girls will please come forward as I call your names: (names).**

Your gift bears the emblem of our Order. May you always hold high its ideal. And may the triangle always remain a symbol of the three-fold influence on our lives – namely our God, our Country and our Home.

In recognition of your continuing support, you are presented with your charm. You have accumulated the required 750 points. Let's show how proud we are of these girls by giving them hearty congratulations.

(Bible – 1,000 points) **The following girls will please come forward as I call your names: (names).**

The open Bible, which is in the center, reminds us that the ritualistic ceremony of Job's Daughters, based on the word of God, is the center of our Bethel life.

It gives us great pleasure to present you your Bible. May the teachings of our Order never fail to strengthen our love and adoration for the Heavenly Father. To earn your Bible, you have accumulated the required 1,000 points.

Will you join with me in giving them hearty congratulations?

(Doll – 2,000 points) **The following members will please come forward as I call your names: (names).**

We read the Book of Job that, "In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job." This is the passage on which Job's Daughters is founded.

In presenting you this doll, may it ever be a reminder that we are daughters of Job, and we are also daughters of one God.

We are really proud of these girls, as they have reached 2,000 points.

Let's give these girls most hearty congratulations.

(Key Chain – 3,500 points) **The following members will please come forward as I call your names: (names).**

Girls, let this key chain hold the key of happiness. Love is the master key that opens the door to it. Seek love, and happiness will follow.

We are really proud of these girls, as they have reached 3,5000 points.

Let us all give them hearty congratulations.

(Bond – 4,500 points) **The following members will please come forward as I call your names: (names).**

The final step in our merit system is 4,500 or more points. This gives the rest of the girls a goal for which to strive with your example as a guide. You have enriched our Bethel and our lives by your service, which is greatly appreciated.

In presenting you this bond, may it be helpful in your future endeavors, and we hope your years in Job's Daughters will always be an influence in your lives.

Accept this gift with the best wishes of the Bethel and our hearty congratulations.

Regular attendance at our meetings is important in our Bethel. Regular attendance makes your experience in Job's more meaningful. Like Job, you have practiced Patience by your faithful attendance. You have shown faith in yourselves and in your Bethel by work well done and time well spent, and by serving the Bethel well, you have earned your reward for perfect attendance.

(Six-month Perfect Attendance) **The following members will please come forward as I call your names: (names).**

In recognition of six months of perfect attendance, we present you with a _____ and our hearty congratulations.

(One-Year Perfect Attendance) **The following members will please come forward as I call your names: (names).**

In further recognition of your support of our Order by earning one-year perfect attendance, it gives us great pleasure to present you with your gifts. Let's show these girls how proud we are of them by giving them hearty congratulations.

In closing our Ceremony, we all should repledge ourselves to practice in our daily lives the patience and faith of Job and know we, too, will receive our reward. By striving forward, upward, and onward, we will face life squarely for future success.

MEMBER OF HONOR CEREMONY

General Instructions:

1. *This ceremony is to be given at an open or closed Bethel Meeting, to those who have been approved by a vote of the Bethel to become a Member of Honor.
If given at a closed meeting, omit the opening and closing ceremonies.
If given at an open meeting, determine which Prayer Option will be used and communicate to all Officers in advance.*
2. *All speaking parts shall be memorized.*
3. *If there is only one recipient the speaking parts may be adjusted to reflect a single person.*
4. *When musical selections are specified, if alternate selections are identified in the Ritual or Music Ritual, any of the specified options may be used.*
5. *Guide shall be given the names of the recipients prior to the ceremony.*
6. *Guide (and Marshal when appropriate) will ask the honorees to follow them before each movement.*
7. *Guide and Marshal stand one step behind line of recipients when recipients are being addressed by other Officers.*
8. *Bethel flag and other paraphilia will be in place prior to the start of the ceremony.*
9. *Honored Queen may be seated when not speaking.*

Officers Involved in Ceremony:

- 1) Honored Queen
- 2) Senior Princess
- 3) Junior Princess
- 4) Guide
- 5) Marshal (*non-speaking*)
- 6) Chaplain
- 7) Recorder
- 8) Treasurer
- 9) Librarian
- 10) Musician
- 11) 1st Messenger
- 12) 2nd Messenger
- 13) 3rd Messenger
- 14) 4th Messenger
- 15) 5th Messenger
- 16) Senior Custodian
- 17) Junior Custodian

Adults Involved in Ceremony

- 1) Bethel Guardian
 - 2) Associate Bethel Guardian
(*non-speaking*)
- Pianist
(*if Daughter Musician will not be attending to the instrument*)

Optional Opening Ceremony

*Bethel Guardian and Associate Bethel Guardian and Bethel Choir enter as per Ritual.
Bethel Guardian sounds one rap of gavel. **

BETHEL GUARDIAN: Bethel Number _ of (City), Nebraska of Job's Daughters International, is about to convene. All are invited to remain.

Some of you may not be familiar with the use of the gavel. During our ceremony:

- **Three raps of the gavel instructs everyone to rise. *****
- **Two raps of the gavel instructs only the Bethel Officers to rise. ****
- **One rap of the gavel seats everyone, or signifies the end of a topic on our agenda. ***

Bethel Guardian nods to Pianist/Musician to begin.

*Daughters sing first verse of "Open the Gates of the Bethel." Pianist/Musician accompanies.
Officers enter, as per Ritual.*

Honored Queen ascends the dais and assumes their station, as per Ritual.

BETHEL GUARDIAN: I have the pleasure of introducing the Honored Queen [name].

Bethel Guardian presents the gavel to the Honored Queen.

Honored Queen does NOT sound the gavel.

HONORED QUEEN: The Officers will take their stations.

Pianist/Musician plays a chord for Officers to face east.

*Daughters sing second verse of "Open the Gates of the Bethel." Pianist/Musician accompanies.
Officers complete the opening march and assume their stations, as per Ritual.*

HONORED QUEEN: Marshal, (rises) you will retire and present the flag of our nation west of the Altar.

Marshal retires, as per Ritual.

Pianist/Musician plays appropriate march music.

*Honored Queen sounds three raps of the gavel as the Marshal enters with the flag. ****

All face the flag. Citizens place their hands over their hearts.

Marshal presents the flag west of the Altar, as per Ritual.

HONORED QUEEN: This flag is an emblem of the liberties we enjoy, protection of our homes, and the freedom of our institutions. It is a symbol of the blood of our forefathers, who died that our country might endure. We love it and all for which it stands.

Marshal place it in the East at the right of the Senior Princess.

Pianist/Musician plays appropriate march music.

Marshal places the flag in the East, as per Ritual.

HONORED QUEEN: All citizens of United States of America will join in pledging allegiance to the flag.

Citizens recite the pledge of allegiance.

Marshal returns to station and is seated.

*Honored Queen sounds one rap of gavel as Marshal turns to return to station. *Pianist/Musician plays appropriate march music.*

HONORED QUEEN: Daughters and Majority Members, you will rise and join in singing the Bethel Flag Song.

Daughters and Majority Members rise, turn toward flag, and sing "Bethel Flag Song."

Pianist/Musician accompanies.

Honored Queen does NOT sound the gavel.

Prayer Option 1: Opening Prayer

HONORED QUEEN: Our Chaplain will lead us in the Opening Prayer.

*Honored Queen sound three raps of gavel. ****

Daughters sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Pianist/Musician accompanies.

Chaplain attends at the Altar, as per Ritual.

DAUGHTERS: Blessed Father, we thank You for the opportunity to meet together. Make us ready and eager to gather knowledge and wisdom that we may grow to become confident young women [or adults]. Give us faith to trust that You will always guide us and help us to be more accepting of others. We ask that You watch over us and help us learn to do Your will. Amen.

Pianist/Musician plays Altar music, as per Ritual.

Chaplain rises and returns to station.

Prayer Option 2: Lord's Prayer

HONORED QUEEN: Our Chaplain will lead us in the Lord's Prayer

*Honored Queen sounds three raps of gavel. ****

Daughters sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Pianist/Musician accompanies.

Chaplain attends at the Altar, as per Ritual.

DAUGHTERS: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pianist/Musician plays Altar music, as per Ritual.

Chaplain rises and returns to station.

-Opening Ceremony Continues-

HONORED QUEEN: In the name of our God and by virtue of the power given to me by the Grand Guardian Council, I now declare Bethel Number _____ of (City), Nebraska of Job's Daughters International assembled for a special ceremony.

*Honored Queen sounds one rap of gavel. **

Member of Honor Ceremony

HONORED QUEEN: Member of Honor Ceremony.

Would [names] please rise and step to the sidelines?

Guide and Marshal, you will escort them west of the Altar.

Pianist/Musician plays march music, as per Ritual.

Guide and Marshal leave their stations marching south and north respectively, marching to the adults to be honored.

Guide marches to the Altar Line and turns north to pass in front of the Altar

Marshal marches to the Altar Line and turns south to pass in front of the Altar at the same time.

Guide turns west at a point between the north side of the Altar and the Chaplain's station, marches west to the west side of the Altar, turns south, and marches to the southwest corner of the Altar.

Marshal turns west at a point between the south side of the Altar and the Treasurer's station, marches west to the west side of the Altar, turns north, and marches to the northwest corner of the Altar.

Guide and Marshal center the adults between them on the west side of the Altar.

SEE MARCHING PLATE 1

GUIDE: Honored Queen, it is my pleasure to present [names], whom the members of this Bethel deem worthy of bearing the title, "Member of Honor."

HONORED QUEEN: Members and friends, we have set aside this time to bestow the highest honor that Job's Daughters can confer on an adult by virtue of their outstanding and meritorious service to this Bethel and our Order. Their service and love for this Bethel was deemed by our members to be worthy of the title, "Member of Honor of Bethel No. ____."

Guide and Marshal, you will escort the honorees east of the Altar to hear the words of thanks that our members have for them.

Guide leads the line along the south side of the Altar and turns north at the Altar Line. Marshal follows.

Pianist/Musician plays march music, as per Ritual.

Guide and Marshal center the adults between them on the east side of the Altar.

SEE MARCHING PLATE 2

GUIDE: Daughters, you will impart your words of friendship.

GUIDE: Treasurer. (Rises.)

TREASURER: Your character has a foundation built on honesty and integrity. (Seated.)

GUIDE: First Messenger. (Rises.)

FIRST MESSENGER: Just as Job taught his family to share in his love of God, so have you set an example to share your love of God. (Seated.)

GUIDE: Second Messenger. (Rises.)

SECOND MESSENGER: You have remained faithful to Job's Daughters International in every thought, word and act. (Seated.)

GUIDE: Third Messenger. (Rises.)

THIRD MESSENGER: Your continued faith in the Daughters of Job has given us strength to go upward and onward toward higher goals. (Seated.)

GUIDE: **Fourth Messenger.** *(Rises.)*

FOURTH MESSENGER: **You have watched over us and cared for us in times of pleasure and misfortune.** *(Seated.)*

GUIDE: **Fifth Messenger.** *(Rises.)*

FIFTH MESSENGER: **From you we have learned this lesson of life – that whatever may befall us, if we remain steadfast, we too will receive our reward.** *(Seated.)*

GUIDE: **Chaplain.** *(Rises.)*

CHAPLAIN: **You have shown us that piety; religion and reverence for sacred things are the beacon lights of life.**

Guide and Marshal, you will escort the honorees to the East. *(Seated.)*

Guide leads the line north on the Altar line. Turns east on the North Marching Line. Turns south on the East Line and center themselves and the adults on the East Line.

Pianist/Musician plays march music, as per Ritual.

SEE MARCHING PLATE 3

GUIDE: **Daughters, may we hear some kind words from you for those we honor tonight?**

GUIDE: **Musician.** *(Rises.)*

MUSICIAN: **You have brought harmony to this Bethel with your patience and words of wisdom.** *(Seated.)*

GUIDE: **Librarian.** *(Rises.)*

LIBRARIAN: **You have encouraged us to pursue knowledge in everything we do.** *(Seated.)*

GUIDE: **Senior Custodian.** *(Rises.)*

SENIOR CUSTODIAN: **You have always performed the humblest task promptly and cheerfully.**

(Seated.)

GUIDE: **Junior Custodian.** *(Rises.)*

JUNIOR CUSTODIAN: **You have given us so much joy and we wish for you the greatest joy of all, that of work well done and a life well spent.** *(Seated.)*

GUIDE: **Recorder.** *(Rises.)*

RECORDER: **Every task you have lovingly performed for our Bethel is recorded in the Book of Life.** *(Seated.)*

GUIDE: **Honored Queen, these honorees have received words of thanks from our Officers and I now present them to you for further recognition.**

HONORED QUEEN: **Junior Princess,** *(rises)* **have you a word of greeting?**

JUNIOR PRINCESS: **Your acts of kindness have improved the lives of the Daughters of this Bethel.** *(Seated.)*

HONORED QUEEN: **Senior Princess, (rises) have you a message to share?**

SENIOR PRINCESS: **By trusting in God, you have shown us that we can overcome all misfortunes. (Seated.)**

HONORED QUEEN: **Your friendship and love is a priceless gift whose value is far greater than gold. May you always know that you have the love and friendship of our Bethel because you share your life with us.**

Honored Queen extends her hands to the honorees and brings them to the East Dais.

HONORED QUEEN: **It gives me great pleasure to present you with your Member of Honor Certificate, which we hope you will cherish among your life's treasurers.**

Members and friends, it is with pleasure that I introduce [names], Members of Honor of Bethel No. ____.

You will rise and join with me in giving a hearty congratulations and thank you to these Members of Honor for their service to our Bethel.

*Honored Queen leads the applause, followed by one rap of the gavel. **

If the honorees do not sit in the East, the Guide and Marshal escort them to the sidelines.

If the honorees do sit in the East, the Guide and Marshal return to their respective stations by the North and South Marching Lines.

SEE MARCHING PLATE 4

HONORED QUEEN: **Guide and Marshal, you will escort them to the sidelines, and return to your stations.**

HONORED QUEEN: **This completes the Member of Honor Ceremony.**

*Honored Queen sounds one rap of gavel.**

Optional Closing Ceremony

HONORED QUEEN: **Closing Ceremony.**

Our labors are at an end and we are about to separate for a time. Each one should carry the memory of the lessons taught and strive to apply them to her daily life. Let us ask God to help us to live justly, to love and honor those near and dear to us and to radiate happiness to all mankind.

Chaplain, you will attend at the Altar.

*Honored Queen sound three raps of gavel. ****

Daughters sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Pianist/Musician accompanies.

Chaplain attends at the Altar as per Ritual.

Daughters assume the Attitude of Prayer with the Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN: Our Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless the work of our Order. May the lessons we teach be the means of making us better in Your sight. May we practice in our lives the trustful faith of Job. Teach us to be loyal to our companions and guard our words and actions, that we may receive the honored reward. We ask this for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Daughters respond by saying "Amen."

Daughters sing two verses of "Now Our Work is Over." Pianist/Musician accompanies.

Chaplain remains kneeling for the first verse. During the second verse, Chaplain rises and reverently closes the Bible as per Ritual.

Chaplain returns to station after the song is complete, as per Ritual.

Pianist/Musician plays Altar music, as per Ritual.

HONORED QUEEN: All present, except the Officers, Bethel Choir, Bethel Guardian and Associate Bethel Guardian will please be seated until the Officers and Bethel Choir have retired.

Custodians remove chairs from the Messengers' semicircle as per Ritual.

Pianist/Musician plays appropriate march music.

Bethel Guardian and Associate Bethel Guardian leave their stations when the Custodians reach the Altar line and ascend the East Dais, as per Ritual.

Honored Queen presents the gavel to the Bethel Guardian, as per Ritual.

Pianist/Musician plays a chord for the Treasurer, First Messenger, Second Messenger and Fifth Messenger to face south and the Chaplain, Third Messenger, and Fourth Messenger to face north, as per Ritual.

Daughters sing two verses of "Forward All Job's Daughters." Pianist/Musician accompanies.

Daughters perform the Retiring March, the Closing Formation of their choice, and Assemble on the West Line, as per Ritual.

BETHEL GUARDIAN: This concludes our ceremony.

Bethel Guardian nods.

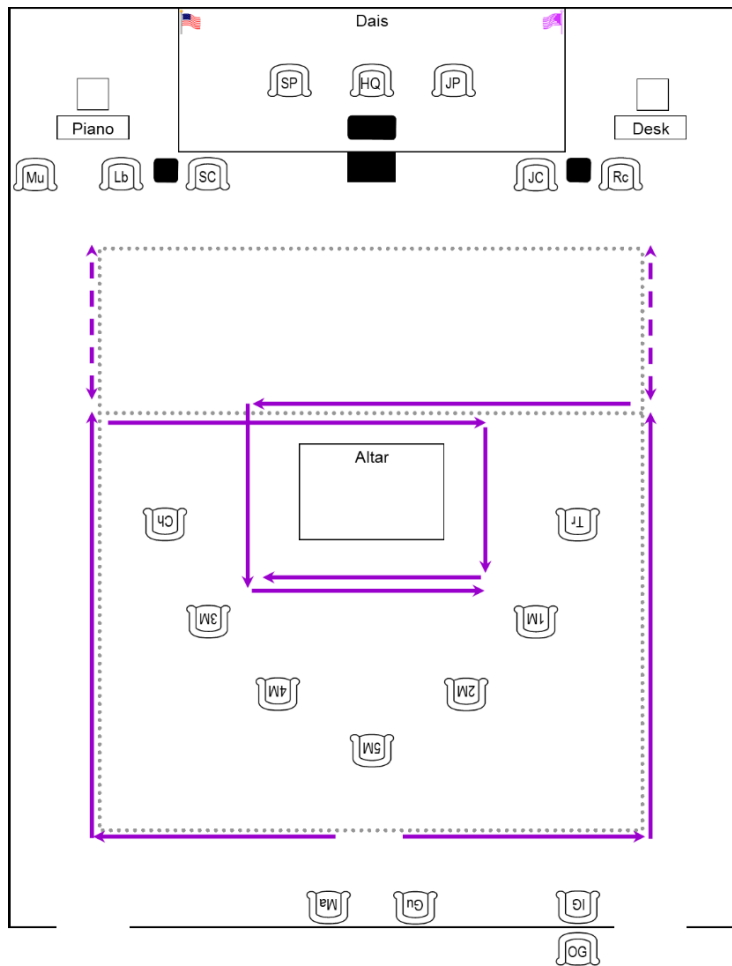
Officers respond with a nod.

*Bethel Guardian sounds one rap of gavel. **

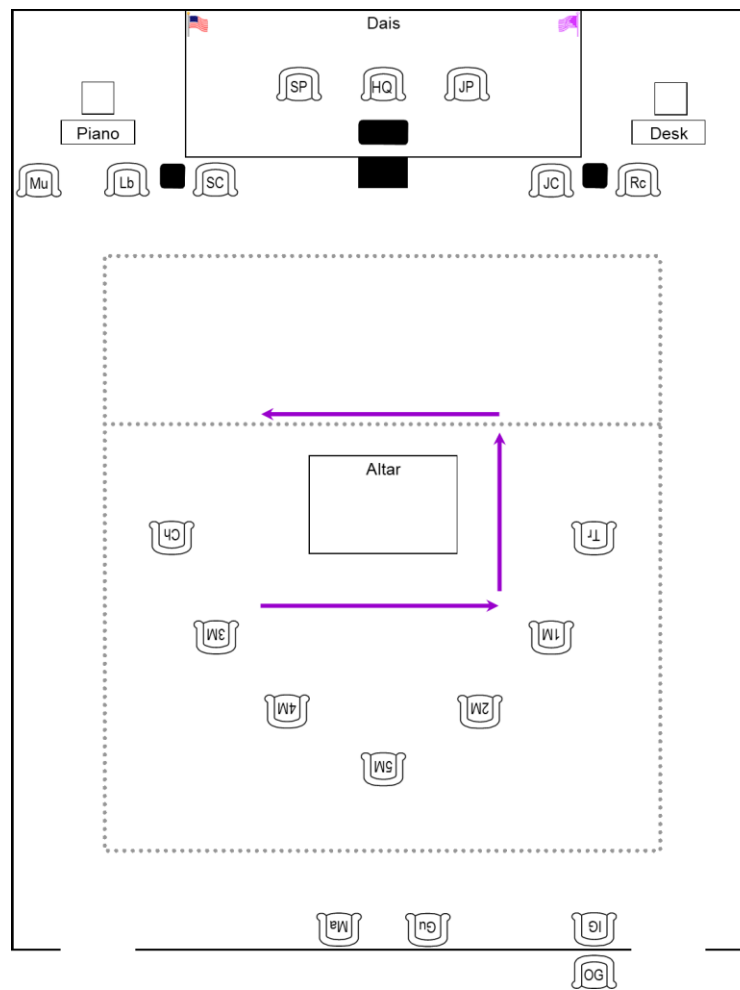
Pianist/Musician plays appropriate march music.

Honored Queen marches west of the Altar, then south to the south marching line, then east to the East Line. Officers follow the Honored Queen in pairs, as per Ritual, and form a receiving line.

Member of Honor Ceremony Plate 1

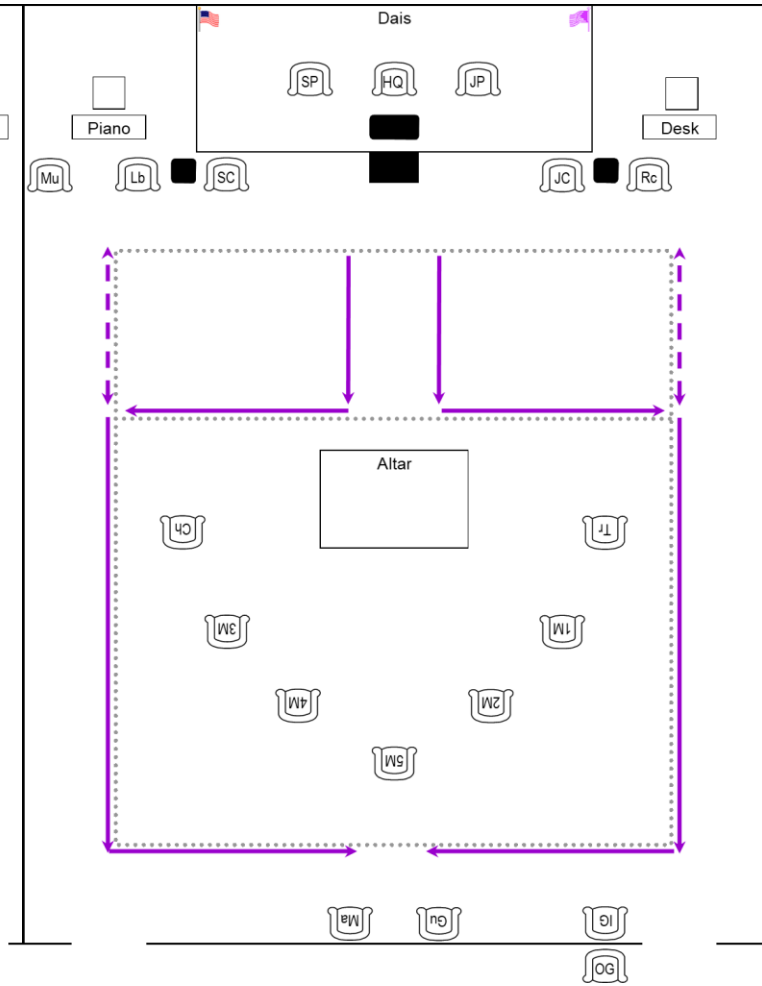
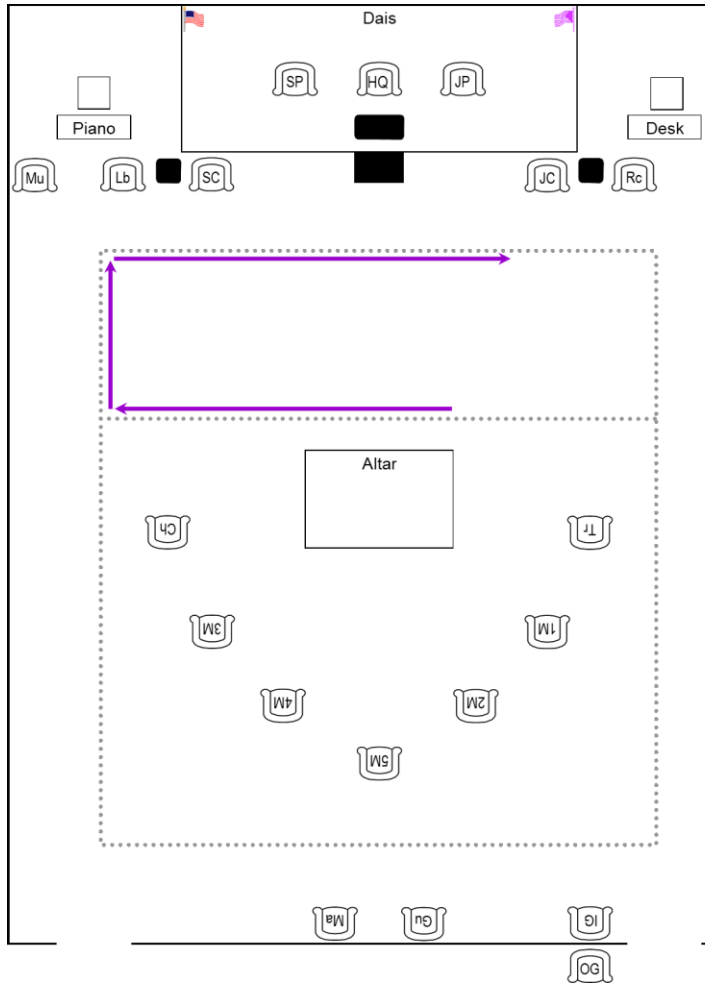


Member of Honor Ceremony Plate 2



Member of Honor Ceremony Plate 3

Member of Honor Ceremony Plate 4



White Cape Ceremony

General Instructions:

1. All speaking parts shall be memorized.
2. The white cape shall be placed in the East before the start of the Ceremony
3. This ceremony may be performed at an open or closed Ceremony of Installation of Officers, as the first presentation after the Ceremony of Installation is completed.
4. The Retiring Honored Queen (JPHQ) does not retire with the other Installing Officers, but remains seated in the East. She wears her white robe without a cord, cape, or headband. She may wear a subtle white ribbon around her waist if desired.
5. The JPHQ may wear a PHQ tiara with the white cape and her Bethel Robe for the duration of the Ceremony. She resumes wearing official regalia at the next regular meeting of the Bethel.
6. This ceremony may be given at the Annual Session of the GGC by the Grand Bethel Officers when requested by the Grand Guardian. If given by the Grand Bethel Officers, the speaking parts may be adjusted as appropriate.

HONORED QUEEN: **White Cape Ceremony.**

Junior Past Honored Queen _____ (first name) _____, will you please rise?

JPHQ rises.

HONORED QUEEN: *(Addressing the JPHQ)* **Once again you stand before us in your white Job's Daughters robe, which places all Daughters on the same level. You have placed upon my shoulders the cloak of royal purple - emblem of your high office and a symbol of the love Job's Daughters has held for you. Our crown shines a little brighter because of the luster that your leadership has brought to our Bethel.**

The white robe, in its Grecian simplicity, reminds you to be humble as you once again retire to the ranks of the "Fairest in all the Land." Remain faithful to God, and always remember the lessons you were taught here. The self-confidence, leadership, responsibility, poise, and grace you have learned will be lasting assets on your journey through life. Remember with affection the gratitude you feel today for the support of your family, the Bethel Guardian Council, and your sisters in Job's Daughters.

(As the HQ places the cape on the JPHQ's shoulders.) **As I place this white cape upon your shoulders, like the cape that symbolized your office, we enfold you in our love. May that love be with you forever.**

-OPTIONAL-

(As the HQ places the tiara on the JPHQ's head.) **As I place this tiara on your head, we hope you will always remember your reign as Honored Queen of Bethel No. _____, and you will walk through your life with beauty.**

Celebration of Thanks Ceremony

Written for Celebration of Five Years of Service

Honored Queen: Guide and Marshal, you will escort (*state names of all council members that have served for five years*) to the East.

Honored Queen: Friends, it is with heartfelt thanks that we celebrate the journey you have taken with us these many years. You have worked with numerous Honored Queens, and Bethel Daughters. During the past five years, you showed patience and understanding, and guided us to become leaders of our Bethel. Guide and Marshal, face these friends west to hear our messages of thanks.

Chaplain: During your years of service, you have said many prayers on our behalf. Asking God for patience and guidance as you dealt with concerns from the Daughters and the adults of this Bethel. We hope you understand the impact you all have had on us, and how we have been blessed that God placed you in our Bethel.

Treasurer: Guiding the financial aspects of the Bethel can be difficult. Thank you for pushing us to sell for our fundraisers, and for allowing us to be creative in our fundraising ideas. Teaching young women financial responsibility and planning is an important part in our future success.

First Messenger: Just as Job was blessed with many riches, we too have been blessed with your talents. You guided us through numerous Jobie terms, shared our joys, our occasional sadness, and our mischief.

Second Messenger: Like Job, many small disasters were thrown your way. And like Job, you remained steadfast in your desire to help this Bethel. Thank you for helping us work through whatever trials were given us, and guiding us to still waters.

Third Messenger: Like Job, you may have struggled to get back up when trouble knocked you down. But you continued with your vision and knew that God's plans for you would be revealed. Thank you for remaining steadfast to our order and to this Bethel.

Fourth Messenger: Job was rewarded for his steadfastness. Think back to five years ago, and how our Bethel was smaller. Now look around this room – filled with beautiful Daughters, and supportive parents. You were a part of this! You helped make this happen! Rejoice in the accomplishments.

Fifth Messenger: You are still on your pilgrimage with Jobs. You may now be on a new path, but the excitement of what you have accomplished, and what is still to come, should fill your heart with joy and anticipation. Thank you again for your sacrifice of time and energy.

Inner Guard: Friends, just as a sentinel is entrusted to guard the doors, we thank you for how you guarded us from worries and protected us. You were there in hard times and in good times. Thank you for all your love and support that you have given us. Guide and Marshal you will have our friends face east.

Recorder: You have written love and joy on our hearts. Memories are etched in our hearts and we are forever grateful for the moments you have shared with us. Often, small gestures of kindness are the greatest gifts you have given us. Thank you all for the memories you have created with and for us, and for the memories we are yet to make.

Jr. Custodian: As the song ‘Come Holy Spirit’ states “Kindle a flame of sacred love, in these young hearts of ours”, you have sparked that flame for our Jobies and helped keep it going with your continual love and support. May your love for Job’s warm your heart and remain kindled in your soul forever.

Librarian: Just as the love of the arts makes one’s life complete, your love for us and the Bethel make us complete. You have written stories for our lives with the enjoyment of music, dance, and art. Thank you for your talents, and the many forms in which they graced us.

Sr. Custodian: Thank you all for being good custodians of the Bethel and for protecting the hearts and lives of all who entered. Your generosity of kindness and love filled this room every time you entered.

Junior Princess: Patience – that is what you have shown us. At times it may have been difficult, but your demonstration of this life lesson is invaluable.

Senior Princess: Faith – your actions and dedication are clear indications of your faith in God and in our organization. Thank you for having faith in us and the work that we do.

Honored Queen: Reward – while not monetary, is the realization that you are loved by this Bethel and that your dedication is respected by all. (*Present gifts*)

Sing (Tune of ‘Now Our Work is Over’)
Now your work’s not over; here is where you belong
Guardians of the Bethel, made us safe and strong
We thank you for your patience, and your sacrifice,
You touched our hearts forever, memories for our lives

HQ: Guide and Marshal, you will escort our friends back to their seats.