ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE

DEADLINE:

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The Degree of Royal Purple is the result of the dream of the late Ellen Stinson Arnick, PHQ of Wyoming and PSBHQ. Ellen and a group of Nebraska Job's Daughters determined the guidelines for nomination and developed the Ceremony for the conferring of the Degree. The first Degrees were awarded at the Nebraska GGC Session in June of 1974. Mrs. Arnick was the first individual to receive the Degree. The Degree was first conferred upon Daughters under Supreme Jurisdiction at the 1977 SGC Session in Hershey, PA.

As per the Bylaws of the Grand Guardian Council of Nebraska, the qualifications and eligibility for nomination for the Royal Purple Degree are:

ARTICLE III: QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1.

- (a) The Daughter must be a Majority Member.
 - (1) The Majority Member to be eligible for the Degree shall have served a minimum of five (5) years on either the Executive or Associate Bethel Guardian Council and have made an outstanding contribution to the Bethel Guardian Council above and beyond the usual BGC responsibilities.
- (b) Service as a Bethel Majority Member shall not be considered in making the selection.
- (c) Service to other Masonic organizations and to the community are support material only; specific criteria is for outstanding service to the Order.

ARTICLE IV: ELIGIBILITY

Section 1.

- (a) The nominee must be a Majority Member of JDI.
- (b) At the time of nomination she must be at least twenty five (25) years of age

Nominations shall be made by Executive Members of the BGC without the knowledge of the nominee. Nominations should include examples of outstanding service to the Order. A minimum of four letters of recommendation from adults not related to the nominee must accompany the nomination.

Bethels who wish to nominate a volunteer for the Royal Purple Degree must complete a special nomination form provided on request from the Grand Secretary. Please contact Denise Hamilton, Grand Secretary at denisekhamilton@gmail.com to receive this form.

Nominations are due by Feb. 1, 2024.