THE BETHEL AWARD OF DISTINCTION and EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

An active Bethel is a successful Bethel because the need for fun and friendship among the members is being met. If everyone works together, everyone can succeed together and take great pride in being recognized at Grand Session!

The "Exemplary Leadership Award" program is the stepping-stone to the "Bethel Award of Distinction", which recognizes the entire Bethel for participating in these activities. The first time a Bethel is awarded the "Bethel Award of Distinction" they receive a pennant to display in their Bethel. Bethels who successfully complete this program in subsequent years will receive a gold seal for each year they successfully complete the program.

The "Exemplary Leadership Award" program is a guideline of the things a Bethel should already be doing to meet the needs of its members. Everything in this program can be accomplished with planning and commitment by the members and Council. This program runs from June 1-May 31.

The activities required in this program assure each term will be busy – some activities are required by Bylaw; others have been identified as those that develop a well-rounded Bethel and meet the needs of its members for fun and friendship. Everything in the Exemplary Leadership Award requirements and the Bethel Award of Distinction program can be accomplished if you plan ahead and follow through.

Please review this combined program carefully as you proceed through the year. The attached form is to be used in documenting the activities and should be submitted when the program is completed.

Each Honored Queen needs to send her Letter of Intent to the Grand Guardian by the date indicated on the form. If the station of Honored Queen is being shared during a term, a Letter of Intent needs to be completed by the Bethel Guardian indicating that the duties of the term are being shared. Each Honored Queen pro tem needs to complete the application form with her specific information.

If there is a presiding Honored Queen, she will receive a beautiful charm, indicating her outstanding leadership activities and commitment to her Bethel.

Successful completion of the "Exemplary Leadership Award" program in both the fall and spring terms includes all the requirements for the Bethel to earn the "Bethel Award of Distinction", provided the Bethel participates in state functions during the current Grand year and participated in Ritual competitions at the last Grand Session.

We know your Bethel can accomplish this and when you do, the benefits to the Bethel and all the members will be worth all the hard work! We look forward to seeing your Bethel recognized at the next Grand Session.

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The Bethel must complete the requirements for the Exemplary Leadership Award, and the Application must be sent to the Grand Guardian by the deadline noted above.

The Bethel Award of Distinction also requires participation in the following activities.

<u>Attendance at State Functions (workshops, rallies, etc)</u> Attendance by at least one (1) Bethel Line Officer and two (2) Bethel members (who may also be line officers) is required.

| Function Attended: |
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| Fall Term Bethel Line Officer: |
| Bethel Member: |
| Bethel Member: |
| Function Attended: |
| Spring Term Bethel Line Officer: |
| Bethel Member: |
| Bethel Member: |
| Grand Session Involvement |
| Participate in a minimum of one (1) Ritual Team Competition or Circle of Five Team Competition, |
| and one (1) Individual Ritual Competition. Please note your participation at the last Grand Session. |
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| Ritual Team Competition: |
| Circle of Five Competition: |
| Individual Messenger Competition: |
| Chaplain Competition: |
| Story of Job Competition: |
| Capes and Crowns competition: |
| Choir Competition: |
| Centerpiece Competition: |
| Fine Arts Competition: |
| Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter Contestant: |
| Spirit Ambassador Contestant: |
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| Bethel No Location |
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| Signature for Fall Term |
| Signature for Spring Term |
| Bethel Guardian's Signature |

Signed and completed form must be sent to the Grand Guardian, postmarked on or before May 31.