

### LILY OF THE VALLEY AWARD CEREMONY

1. *This ceremony is to be given only at the request of the Grand Guardian.*
2. *The Grand Bethel Officers shall give the ceremony at the Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council.*
3. *If the ceremony is to be given by the Grand Bethel Officers, the Grand Bethel Committee shall notify the Grand Bethel Honored Queen and the speaking parts shall be distributed to the Grand Bethel Officers, as soon as possible.*
4. *The Chairman of the Lily of the Valley Award Committee shall prepare the certificates, arrange for the purchase of the lily of the valley (flower), order the Lily of the Valley medallions, and arrange for the appropriate engraving. The cost of the engraving on the medallion, the lily of the valley (flower) and the Certificate of Merit will be paid for by the Nebraska Grand Guardian Council. All items shall be available for presentation at the ceremony.*
5. *All speaking parts shall be memorized.*
6. *Recipient(s) of the Lily of the Valley Award shall be seated in reserve seats.*
7. *Grand Bethel Guide shall be given the name(s) of the recipient(s) prior to the ceremony.*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: Members and friends, the ideals of our order live on through the dedication of members who remain active in Job's Daughters International. It is through such devotion that our Order continues as a guiding force in the lives of our members. We honor these members who have given unselfishly of themselves to our Order.**

*(An appropriate poem or special musical selection may be presented at this time.)*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: Grand Bethel Guide (rises) and Grand Bethel Marshal (rises) you will escort the Daughters who are entitled to receive the Lily of the Valley Award to the East Line facing West.**

*(Recipients rise. March music. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal leave their stations in the West. Proceed to the recipients. Grand Bethel Guide asks the recipients to follow. Grand Bethel Guide leads. Followed by recipients and the Grand Bethel Marshal. They proceed to the East line, turn north and stop centered with the Dais all face west. Grand Bethel Guide shall be given the names of the recipients prior to the ceremony. )*

**GRAND BETHEL GUIDE: Grand Bethel Honored Queen, these Daughters, through their unselfish love for our order, are entitled to receive the Lily of the Valley award. I have the pleasure to present: (Grand Bethel Guide reads the names of the recipients, who respond with a nod as they are introduced.)(Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back.)**

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: Daughters, it is our pleasure to bestow this honor on you in the presence of the members and leaders whom you have inspired with your commitment of continued service. You truly exemplify the best of young womanhood--"the fairest in all the land"—Before we proceed with our Ceremony, we will ask the blessings of our Heavenly Father. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal (Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step forward) you will escort these daughters west of the Altar.**

*(Grand Bethel Guide leads, turns and all march single file north to the North Marching Line, west to the Altar Line, south on the Altar Line to a position between altar and Grand Bethel Treasurer's chair. Go west around the Altar. Stop and face east. Grand Bethel Musician plays: "I'll walk with God.")*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: Our Grand Bethel Chaplain will lead us in prayer.** *Three raps of Gavel (\*\*\*)*. Grand Bethel Musician plays "Sweet hour of prayer" as Grand Bethel Chaplain attends at the Altar (as per ritual). Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back. Grand Bethel Chaplain kneels and assumes the Attitude of Prayer. All daughters and Majority Members who are receiving the Lily of the Valley Award assume the attitude of prayer)

**GRAND BETHEL CHAPLAIN: Our Father, We pray that fond memories will attend us as we honor these Daughters who have shown their love for Thee and Your teachings through their continued devotion to our beloved Order. May you continue to guide them throughout their lives as shown in the lessons of life revealed during their membership in our Order. Help all members realize the value of living according to the lessons we learn in Job's Daughters International, so we may be equally dedicated. We ask this in Thy name. Amen.** *One rap of gavel (\*)*

*Grand Bethel Musician plays "Peace" or "To a Wild Rose" as Grand Bethel Chaplain returns to her station. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal assist recipients to rise.*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, you will escort these Daughters to the East and cause them to face West to receive words of tribute from our Grand Bethel Messengers.**

*(Grand Bethel Guide leads and leaves Altar single file between Grand Bethel Chaplain's chair and altar, goes to Altar line, turns north and marches to North Marching Line, then east to East Marching Line, south on East Line and stops centered with the Dais, facing the Grand Bethel Honored Queen. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal direct the recipients to face west. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back. Grand Bethel messengers rise together. As each Messenger approaches the Altar, she takes a position west of the Altar between the stations of the First and Third Messengers used Initiation marching lines.)*

**GRAND BETHEL FIRST MESSENGER:**

**You are a Job's Daughter, fairest in the land,  
Blessed with a smile and a helping hand.**

**GRAND BETHEL SECOND MESSENGER:**

**Your thoughts are unselfish; your heart is pure gold  
You've walked our path, and lessons of Job you hold.**

**GRAND BETHEL THIRD MESSENGER:**

**When the trials of life you have had to face,  
You learned it is patience that you must embrace.**

**GRAND BETHEL FOURTH MESSENGER:**

**With your strong faith in God above,  
You share His special gift of love.**

**GRAND BETHEL FIFTH MESSENGER:**

**And when your reward is near,  
Your love of God leaves nothing to fear.**

*(Messengers are seated together. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal step forward and direct recipients to face east. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back.)*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** *(Rises)* **Daughters, the tributes you have heard from our Grand Bethel Messengers represent the sentiment of everyone associated with our Order. We hope that we, too some day may be found worthy of such distinction. The three officers in the East represent the three Daughters of Job. Therefore, it is fitting that we bestow the honors of the Lily of the Valley Award. Grand Bethel Junior Princess, what honor do you give?** *(Grand Bethel Honored Queen is seated.)*

**GRAND BETHEL JUNIOR PRINCESS:** *(Rises)* **I present to you this Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of your dedication and devotion to our beautiful Order.** *(Grand Bethel Junior Princess descends Dais and reads each name as she presents each recipient a certificate. Grand Bethel Junior Princess returns to her station and is seated.)*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** *(Rises)* **Grand Bethel Senior Princess, what honor do you give?** *(Grand Bethel Honored Queen is seated.)*

**GRAND BETHEL SENIOR PRINCESS:** *(Rises)* **I present to you the symbol of the motto of our Order, the Lily of the Valley. Let this emblematic flower remind you, for the remainder of your life, that: “Virtue is a quality which highly adorns women.”** *(Grand Bethel Senior Princess descends Dais and presents a Lily of the Valley flower to each recipient. Grand Bethel Senior Princess returns to her station and is seated.)*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** *(Rises)* **I have the honor of bestowing upon you the Lily of the Valley medallion representing your high achievement. May you ever wear this medallion as a symbol of our love and admiration for you, a true Daughter of Job, who may be called “the fairest in all the land.”** *(Grand Bethel Honored Queen descends Dais with medallions and places medallion, one-by-one, around each recipient’s neck, giving an embrace of affection. Grand Bethel Honored Queen returns to her station.)*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** **Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, you will cause the Daughters to face west.** *Three raps of gavel (\*\*\*)*.

*(Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal direct the recipients to face west. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back.)*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** **Members and friends, I present to you these Daughters, who through their hard work and dedication have earned the Lily of the Valley Award. Please join me in extending to them heartfelt and cordial congratulations.** *(Applause) One rap of the gavel (\*).*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** *Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, (Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take on step forward)* **you will escort these Daughters to the seats reserved for them.**

*(March music. Grand Bethel Guide, followed by the recipient and Grand Bethel Marshal, turn and march single file south on the East Marching Line and west on the South Marching Line to reserved seats, Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal return side-by-side to their stations in the west.)*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** **this concludes our ceremony for the Lily of the Valley Award.**

*One rap of the gavel (\*).*

### DEGREE OF ROYAL PURPLE

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** Members and friends, we have assembled here to honor these Daughters who have been especially generous in dedicating their time and efforts in promoting their Bethels and Job's Daughters International. As Job's Daughters we are expected to be "the Fairest in the Land", but it is often easy to fall short of the mark. The Daughter who always displays faith, trust, responsibility, respect and love should be rewarded. It is with this in mind that we meet to confer the Degree of Royal Purple.

**Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal,** you will escort the Daughters who are to receive the Degree to the East Line facing west. *Recipients rise. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal leave their stations in the West, turn right and left respectively to the North and South Marching Lines and march to the East collecting the recipients on the sidelines. Proceed with escorting the recipients to the East Line as per Ritual. All face west. Grand Bethel Guide shall be given the recipients' names prior to the ceremony.*

**GRAND BETHEL GUIDE:** I have the pleasure to present \_\_\_\_\_ who are entitled to receive the Degree of Royal Purple. *Recipients nod as name is given. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal then cause the recipients to turn and face the Grand Bethel Honored Queen.*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN:** The purpose of Job's Daughters is to teach young women to live responsibly, morally and righteously. The Book of Job is a strong foundation upon which to build this training for it deals with a real person, a fallible human being, Job. By studying the trials and triumphs of this man, we hope to discover how to direct our own lives so that we may receive our final reward. *Honored Queen is seated.*

*Grand Bethel Princesses and Grand Bethel Custodians rise. Grand Bethel Custodians take the Dove and Urn from the pedestals, turn to the center, turn East and ascend the dais. Grand Bethel Junior Custodian stands on the left of the Grand Bethel Junior Princess and Grand Bethel Senior Custodian stands on the right of the Grand Bethel Senior Princess. They hand the Urn and the Dove to their respective Princesses.*

**GRAND BETHEL JUNIOR PRINCESS:** Upon receiving the Degree of Royal Purple you will be given a medallion. On it you will find engraved a figure of a Junior Princess holding a white Dove as I do now. It is meant to remind you of the lessons of the First Epoch. Remember always to be patient and diligent in your work, and as Job endeavored to teach his children of the power of prayer may you also continue being useful instruments in conveying God's love and peace.

**GRAND SENIOR PRINCESS:** On your medallion you will find pictured a Senior Princess holding the Urn of Incense. It symbolizes the important lessons of the Second Epoch, the story of Job's anguish and suffering, and the final triumph of his dedication to his Creator. If you ever begin to doubt that there is a Supreme Being, study the soft colors of the sunrise or the fragrant beauty of a rose and your faith will be renewed.

*Grand Bethel Princesses return the Dove and the Urn to the Grand Bethel Custodians who descend the dais, replace the Dove and the Urn on the pedestals and return to their stations. Grand Bethel Princesses and Grand Bethel Custodians are seated at the same time.*

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: *Rises and takes Horn of Plenty in her hands: With the two Princesses, your medallion has engraved upon it an Honored Queen and her symbol. You have learned well the teachings of the First and Second Epochs or you would not be receiving the Degree of Royal Purple. Yet, even in this hour set apart in your honor, you have another lesson to learn, that of reward. Replaces Horn of Plenty. You must realize that the reward of receiving the Degree of royal Purple does not signify the termination of your work in Job's Daughters. Rather, it should inspire you to continue in your devotion to our Order. You must remember that all people are equal, regardless of race, creed, color or achievement, and you must not allow pride or conceit to interfere in your relationships with other Daughters of the Bethels. You must, above all, live up to your own high standards, that you may encourage others to adopt the kind of life that merits the Degree of Royal Purple.*

**Our Grand Bethel Chaplain will lead us in prayer. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, you will escort our members west of the Altar. Three raps of gavel (\*\*).**

*Grand Bethel Guide leads to the North Marching Line, turns and marches west to the Altar Line, turns south past the Grand Bethel Chaplain's chair and continues into the semicircle, stops and faces east. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal take one step back. Grand Bethel Musician plays "Holy, Holy, Holy" as Grand Bethel Chaplain attends at the Altar.*

GRAND BETHEL CHAPLAIN: **Dear Lord, we ask that special blessings rest upon these members. May they be truly grateful for the honor, which is bestowed upon them today. As they have known the joy of work well done, may we all become useful messengers of Your peace. Amen.**

*Musician plays appropriate music as Grand Bethel Chaplain returns to her station. Grand Bethel Princess with certificates and roses descent from dais and proceed side by side to the Altar Line.*

GRAND BETHEL JUNIOR PRINCESS: **This certificate represents the love and appreciation of those who whom you have worked, and the years spent in your association with Job's Daughters.** *Enters semicircle between Altar and Grand Bethel Treasurer's station, presents certificates and returns to position east of the Altar.*

GRAND BETHEL SENIOR PRINCESS: **May the beauty of this rose remind you of the beauty of the lessons you have learned in our Order.** *Enters semicircle between Altar and Grand Bethel Chaplain's station, presents roses and returns to position east of the Altar. Grand Bethel Princesses step back three steps, turn together, march to East, ascend dais and are seated.*

*Grand Bethel Honored Queen carrying gavel and medallions descends to the Altar Line.*

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **I now present you with the medallion of the Degree of Royal Purple. May you learn to wear it with grace, dignity and humility, that your character reflects the lessons of Job's Daughters.** *Enters semicircle between Altar and Grand Bethel Chaplain's station. Places medallions, one by one, around the recipients' necks. She then returns to her station.*

*SPECIAL MUSIC (optional)*

*Three raps of gavel (\*\*).*

GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: **Members and friends, these members have proven themselves to be deserving of your respect and admiration and I would ask that you now join me in extending to them a very hearty congratulations. Applause. One rap of gavel (\*).**

**Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, you will escort them to the sidelines.** *Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal escort the recipients to the sidelines and then return to their stations. One rap of gavel (\*).*

**MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

*This ceremony may be presented at an Annual Grand Session and can be incorporated as part of the Necrology Ceremony.*

*If it is necessary to hold the Memorial Ceremony for more than one Daughter, the ceremony shall be modified to include all Daughters. This ceremony may also be modified to use as a tribute to an adult worker.*

*The flowers to be used in the ceremony are placed near the stations of the Guide and Marshal before the meeting opens. The flowers shall remain on the Altar (not on the Bible) until after the meeting is closed.*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: Memorial Ceremony**

**Members and friends, God has called to His eternal home our beloved member** (first and last name.) **Although their travels through the journey of life on earth were brief, we shall always cherish the memory of their presence among us.**

**NARRATOR:** *For Daughters: (Name and all appropriate titles) was born (day, month and year) in (city and state) and was initiated into Bethel No. \_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. She entered the Great Bethel on High on \_\_\_\_\_.*

*For Adults: (Name) was (title) of Bethel No. \_\_\_ in (location), and entered the Great Bethel on High on \_\_\_\_\_. Give additional information as provided.*

**GRAND BETHEL HONORED QUEEN: Our Chaplain will lead us in prayer.** Three raps of the gavel (\*\*\*)

March music: Handel's "Largo" or appropriate music.

The Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal pick up the flowers, march to the South and North Marching Lines, turn and march east to the East Line. They then proceed on a diagonal line to a point on either side of the Altar, facing the Altar. When the Guide and Marshal are in position, the Chaplain goes to Altar. Altar music: "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

**GRAND BETHEL CHAPLAIN: Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your love and tender care. Make us worthy of that love. We thank You for the life of these members of Job's Daughters International. We shall miss their kind spirit and loving ways. Be very near to their loved ones. May we realize that we have only said "Good night," and in that bright, fair land we shall bid them "Good morning." Be with and bless the members of our Order. We ask this in Your Holy Name. Amen.** Chaplain rises. *One rap of the gavel (\*)*

**SENIOR PRINCESS: As a tribute to their life, we place Lilies of the Valley on the Altar. They represent purity and the innocence of youth. Marshal places a sprig of Lilies of the Valley on the Altar (not on the Bible).**

**JUNIOR PRINCESS: As a tribute of our love to them, we place Forget-Me-Nots on the Altar. They represent fine character and leave us with lasting memories. Guide places the Forget-Me-Nots on Altar (not on the Bible).**

**HONORED QUEEN: The evergreen is placed on the Altar as a symbol of life everlasting. The gates of the Great Bethel on High have opened for them and they live in the arms of God forever. Both the Guide and Marshal place a sprig of evergreen on the Altar.**

*If approved by the Grand Guardian, other Grand Bethel Officers and Members may approach the Altar and place a flower or sprig of green on the Altar (not on the Bible). An appropriate song may be sung or played.*

The Chaplain returns to her station. Altar music: "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

March music: Handel's "Largo" or other appropriate music.

*The Guide and Marshal turn and march east to the Altar Line, turn and march to the South and North Marching Lines, turn west march to their stations and are seated.*

**HONORED QUEEN: This concludes the Memorial Ceremony (One rap of gavel (\*))**