

APPENDIX 4
ELECTION TALK 2

To Be Given Immediately Before Election
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Today you will exercise your Masonic heritage by electing those Daughters who will lead the Bethel for the next term. Remember that your ballot is secret. No one should know your vote. No one should have spoken to you about how to vote or who to vote for. That is electioneering and is strictly forbidden. Your vote is your own.

Remember that you are electing your officers for the next term. It is the usual custom that the line officers advance, from Marshal, to Guide, to Junior Princess, to Senior Princess, and then to Honored Queen. An officer can be elected out of line, but this is a serious undertaking and should be carefully thought through. Such an event would have significant impact on the Daughter and the Bethel.

The elected officers of Job's Daughters should exemplify the ideals of the Order. They should fulfill their obligations. They should be obedient to the laws of the Order and treat each Daughter with respect and integrity. They must work well with the Guardian Council and the Daughters of the Bethel. All of these are requirements for being a good line officer.

When you are considering a Daughter for the office of Marshal, you should make a careful choice because this Daughter will be your Honored Queen in two years. Has she learned her Ritual work? Has she been an example of what a Job's Daughter should do and be? Is she enthusiastic? And is she loyal to the Bethel and to the Daughters? Will she make time to put the Bethel and Job's Daughter first in her choices? Has she made the commitment in the past to learn the Ritual, perform the duties of her offices, and participate in the Bethel's activities? This is the Daughter you will want to be your Honored Queen.

If you are elected to the office of Marshal, you should carefully consider the many responsibilities of this office and the following offices and the time these duties demand. You are making a commitment of two and a half years to the Bethel and to the Daughters of the Bethel. You have been elected because of your hard work. If you feel that you are not ready to cannot accept the office, you may decline the honor at this time.

If you do not get elected, do not get discouraged. There will be other elections and you will have your turn. Work hard to perform the duties of the office to which you are appointed. With hard work you will be honored. Remember that each Daughter is important to the Bethel. Each Daughter is a significant part of the Bethel. You are important, and you are one of "the fairest in all the land."

The Bethel Guardian will now read the list of those Daughters eligible for election.