

**APPENDIX 7  
HONORED QUEEN'S PART FOR ELECTION**

**New Business: Election.**

**The Bylaws for Bethels in Minnesota state:**

**Article VI.**

**Section 1.**

- A. To be eligible for election to any elective office, a Daughter shall have satisfactorily passed the Proficiency Test . . . and she must have been a member of the Bethel and in regular attendance during the entire term in which the election is held.**
- B. Regular attendance shall be interpreted to mean present at all regular meetings of the Bethel unless excused by the Executive members of the BGC for good and sufficient reasons.**

**Section 2.**

- A. The election of officers shall be held at the first meeting in the months of May and December.**
- B. The election shall be by ballot without nomination. A majority vote shall elect.**
- C. The method of balloting shall be by secret ballot.**
- E. Election shall be from members present, except in case of sickness or other unavoidable absence. The Executive members of the Bethel Guardian Council present shall decide upon and announce the eligibility of the absentee.**
- F. All members shall be entitled to vote until the end of their term even though they become twenty (20) years of age before the next election.**

*(Read any provisions in your Bethel Guidelines regarding election.)*

**Bethel Guardian, you will read the names of those members eligible for election into office.**

*(If there is a recommendation from the BGC regarding leaving any elective office vacant:)*

**Bethel Guardian, you will give the recommendation of the Council.**

*(After she does so.)*

**The Council has recommended that the office of \_\_\_\_\_ be left vacant. What is the wish of the Bethel?**

*(Vote on motion as per Ritual.)*

**The members will stand and count-off so that the official number of voters present will be known.**

*(After members have counted off, announce the number of voters present.)*

**Tellers, you will set up your table, distribute pencils to all who need them, and distribute the first ballot sheets.**

*(After all have ballots)* **The ballot for Honored Queen (or SP, JP, etc.) is open.** *(One rap of gavel)*

*(After all officers have finished writing.)* **Tellers, you will collect the ballots.** *(After the tellers have done so)* **Have all voted?** *(If no one still has a ballot)* **The ballot for Honored Queen (or SP, JP, etc.) is closed.** *(One rap of gavel)*

*(After the ballots are counted by the teller, read the tally sheet given you by the Associate Bethel Guardian. If a majority has been reached, say)* **According to your ballot, you have elected**

\_\_\_\_\_ **to the office of** \_\_\_\_\_, **will you accept this office?** *(After member has accepted, give one rap of gavel.)*

*(If no majority has been reached, say)* **As we do not have a majority for the office of** \_\_\_\_\_, **the ballot for the office of** \_\_\_\_\_ **is now open.** *(One rap of gavel)*

*(Repeat above procedure until all elective offices have been filled.)*

*(Request a motion for the destruction of the ballots, or the members may vote to have the Bethel Guardian Secretary keep the ballots on file for a period of time.)*

*(Be sure to give the tally sheets to the Bethel Recorder after the meeting since these are stapled into the minutes of the meeting.)*

*(Under remarks, be sure to congratulate the newly elected officers.)*

*(Return this to the Bethel Guardian following the meeting.)*