

2007 MN Grand Bethel Fall-Inn Ritual Competition

2007 Ritual Competition

It's time to show your stuff!

Categories are: Guide & Marshal Team, Chaplain, Proficiency, Story of Job, Individual Messenger, New Member Competition, Messenger Team, Mixed Bethel Messenger Team.

The Mixed Bethel Messenger Team is for Bethels under Reorganization that cannot form a complete Messenger Team. The names of Daughters wishing to compete in a Mixed Bethel Messenger Team should be included on the competition form. Indicate the station to be filled. The Ritual Committee will assign the teams and notify the Bethel Guardian if a team can be formed.

A new competition has been added for those who have been a member of the Order for 1 year or less this will be the New Member Competition. (Please see page 4 of categories).

Another new item is that girls will be able to sign up for additional competition (*if there is room*) on Friday night on a 1st come 1st serve basis.

The big question every year is "Who will make up the Messenger Team that will represent Minnesota Job's Daughters at Supreme Session in Wisconsin?" Grand Guardian Pam Leech will answer that question at Jobie Congress on Friday evening.

Attention all Majority Members, dust off your Rituals for a Messenger Team Competition on Saturday. (*If you can not find enough for a team, let Beth know, you do not need to be from the same Bethel*).

DO NOT READ AT A BETHEL MEETING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

All competitions will be held regardless of the number of entries and you may participate in up to three Ritual competitions.

If you have previously placed 1st in a category, you are not eligible to participate in that same category again. If a Ritual Team that has previously placed 1st would like to compete again, at least one member on that team must be new to the team.

Please review the 2007 MN Grand Bethel Fall-Inn Ritual Competition Guidelines and the 2007 Ritual Competition Categories carefully as some of the competitions have been changed, both are available from your Bethel Guardian and at www.mnjd.org or from **the Ritual Chairman**

Attention adults, your help is very much needed in helping judge the Daughters in their ritual competitions. We need judges for the following; Verbatim, Tellers, Pronunciation, Overall Effect, Runners, Robe Judges, and Door Guards. Please send your form to M'Lyse Haugen along with your Bethels registration.

Beth Bohlmann
Ritual Committee Chairman

Rosemary Guntzel
Grand Bethel Guardian

2007 MN Grand Bethel Fall-Inn Ritual Competition Guidelines

*Mail the Competition registration form to GBGS M'Lyse Haugen with your Fall Inn registration no later than September 30th, 2007

* All competitions will be held regardless of the number of entries. You may participate in up to three Ritual competitions.

* The dress code for all ritual competitions is the white robe with white or purple cords, headband, white slip, socks and slippers. Capes and/or crowns are not allowed. **All regalia are judged per the Job's Daughters Constitution and Bylaws, page B-Bethel 5, Article IV, Official Regalia; section 1(a), with the exception of capes and crowns.** No points will be scored for the Robe Judging. An adult from each Bethel shall be in the room with the daughter while her robe is being judged.

*The competition room set up is five Messenger chairs, Chaplain and Treasurer Chairs and an altar with a Bible, with the exception of the Guide and Marshal Team.

*Prior to your competition, you may view the competition room. Ask any questions that you may have at that time.

*The verbatim judge will greet you when you enter the room to begin your competition and give you any necessary instructions. Only questions concerning the instructions are allowed at that time. Otherwise, limit your speaking to the competition.

*Sit in the chair corresponding to the station you are competing in, sitting in the wrong chair will result in a point deduction.

*When you complete your part, return to your station. The verbatim judge will dismiss you and give you your Certificate of Participation. You may then leave the room.

*Scoring will be as follows

*Individual Competitions first place = 95 to 100, second place = 89 to 94, third place = 84 to 88.

*Messenger Team first place = 460 to 500, second place = 415 to 459, third place 375 to 414.

*Guide and Marshal first place = 184 to 200, second place = 166 to 183, third place 150 to 165.

*All competitors start with a perfect score.

*The judges will be watching and listening to the overall presentation of the part. Your score is derived as follows:

**Verbatim* (saying the words exactly as printed in the Ritual) you will lose one point up to a maximum of 60 points for mistakes in verbatim.

**Pronunciation* (saying the words correctly), *Enunciation* (saying the words in a clear and understandable way), *Projection* (saying the words in a voice that is loud enough to be easily heard, but not so loud as to overwhelm the listeners), *Posture* (standing straight with hands at your side without swaying, twisting, fiddling with the robe or cord or staring at the ceiling), and *Overall Effect* (reciting the story with expression in your voice that helps convey the meaning of what you are saying) account for the other 40 points.

*Points are deducted for errors, omissions, mispronounced words, mistakes in the floor work and anything found incorrect with official regalia. Do not repeat any words, each repeated word counts as one point off. If you leave out a word or mispronounce it, do not correct yourself, as then both the error and the correction will be deducted from your points. If you say sentences in the wrong order, you will lose one point for each word in that sentence. This rule also applies to paragraphs that said out of order. You will not be prompted if you forget a word or sentence. You may pause up to three times for 30 seconds each time without losing points. More than three pauses or pausing for more than 30 seconds at any one time will result in disqualification. You will be allowed to complete your presentation. The verbatim judge will inform you when you are done if you were disqualified for excessive pausing.

Thank you for competing and **GOOD LUCK!**

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FIRST MESSENGER:

Station & Duty: (pg 54) Start with (rises & bows) "Honored Queen..." end with "...for our companions." Be seated.

Initiation: (pg 115-116) Start with (turns left and...) end with "...forth on his mission." Return To station, be seated.

SECOND MESSENGER:

Station & Duty: (pg 55) Start with (rises & bows) "Honored Queen..." end with "...aware of life's temptations." Be seated.

Initiation: (pg 116-117) Start with (takes position west...) end with "Pilgrims to the Junior Princess." Return to your station, be seated.

THIRD MESSENGER:

Station & Duty: (pg 55) Start with (rises & bows) "Honored Queen..." end with "...inspire us to noble deeds." Be seated.

Initiation: (pg 123-124) Start with (turns right & takes...) end with "God's divine hand." Return to your station, be seated.

FOURTH MESSENGER:

Station & Duty: (pg 55) Start with (rises & bows) "Honored Queen..." end with "...will lead to eternal life." Be seated.

Initiation: (pg 124-126) Start with (takes position west...) end with "Pilgrims to the Senior Princess." Return to your station, be seated.

FIFTH MESSENGER:

Station & Duty: (pg 55-56) Start with (rises & bows "Honored Queen..." end with "...highest attainments in life." Be seated.

Initiation: (pg 116-117) Start with (walks east & takes...) end with "Pilgrims to the Honored Queen." Return to your station, be seated.

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MESSENGER TEAM:

FROM THE SAME BETHEL

All teams must have five members. No person may do more than one part. The team initiation parts are the same as the individual Messenger initiation parts, including the directional lines.

Page numbers for parts are listed on the previous page. *Station & Duty parts are not said*

MIXED BETHEL TEAM

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STORY OF JOB

All five Messenger parts are to be given in the form of a story, without directional lines. Enter and stand west of the altar in the position from which the Messengers give their lectures. When you are done, be seated in the Fifth Messenger's chair.

CHAPLAIN

Pledge of Secrecy for Adults: (pg 44-46) Start with (Chaplain, you will attend at the altar) pg 44. Open Bible end with "...observance of this pledge." Return to your station, be seated.

Station & Duty: (pg 57) Start with (rises & bows) "Honored Queen..." end with "...beacon lights of life." Be seated.

Initiation: (pg 112-113) Attend altar. Start with "This solemn..." (include OBLIGATION, proficiency work #2) end with Chaplain returns to station. Be seated.

Prayer: (pg 140) Attend altar. Start with "Our Father..." end with "...Eternal Home. Amen." Return to station. Be seated.

Closing Prayer: (pg 81-82) Attend altar. Start with "Our Heavenly Father..." end with "...Thy name's sake. Amen." Close Bible. Return to station. Be seated.

PROFICIENCY

Use the 1975 Proficiency work (must obtain from Bethel Guardian).

Enter the room and stand behind the 5th Messengers Station, when the verbatim judge indicates that you may begin, enter the messengers, semicircle as per the salutation sign and stand in the middle of the semicircle, then give the Proficiency work 2 through 10, plus the Mothers', Fathers' and Guardians' prayer in that order. Do not kneel, but assume the attitude of prayer when appropriate. Demonstrate the signs as you explain them. Do not demonstrate the salutation sign or the grip. At the end, leave the messengers' semicircle per the salutation sign and leave the room.

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GUIDE & MARSHAL TEAM

The Guide floor work judge will be giving directions as in a regular meeting; you are to respond to her instructions.

Both Guide & Marshal:

Opening March (pg 28-36) starting with 8-count through to station in West.

Purging (pg 46-51) from station through return to station.

Initiation Floor Work (pg 106-143)

- Start with retire to Preparation room (go to door/do not leave room) & immediately return to west line with make believe candidate/s. Do all initiation floor work through escort of Pilgrims to seats on South Line and return to stations, be seated.

Closing March (regular meeting, pg 86-93, 101-105).

- Cross formation, kneel, attitude of prayer, rise, and complete closing. Leave west line assembly (pg 103), exit through "doors" and return to Guide & Marshal chairs and be seated.

Guide Only:

Give the responses of the order to the Floor work Judge

All Guide initiation memory work (pg 109-110, 115-119, 121, 124, 127, 129-130, 132).

Marshal Only:

Give the Grip of the Order to the Floor work Judge.

Presentation of the National Emblem (pg 37-40)

Set up the Bethel as per ritual (p 7-11 & 92) with in a time limit of 3 1/2 minutes. The altar will be in place, the marshal is to set up ONLY the following; the semicircle stations to include the Chaplain, Treasurer, 1M, 2M,3M,4M,& 5M. JC & SC Pedestals, Dove, Urn, Horn of Plenty, and the correct placement of the Bible.

NEW MEMBER Enter the Bethel Room and stand behind the 5th Messenger Chair. While standing behind the 5th Messenger Chair, in the following order you will say the Mothers', Fathers' and Guardians' prayer (p.79-78) while assuming the attitude of prayer (you do not need to kneel). Then say the responses of the order, JUST the responses. Then show the signs of the order, JUST the signs. After the signs are shown, enter the semicircle as per the salutation sign then leave. Please refer to **the 1975 Proficiency work (must obtain from Bethel Guardian).**

MAJORITY MEMBER MESSENGER TEAM COMPETITION

This competition is open to all Majority Members of Job's Daughters, regardless of age. Please complete this form & mail it to

Beth Bohlmann by SEPTEMBER 30, 2007.

Person Filling out Form _____

Team Name _____

1st Messenger (Name & Bethel #) _____

2nd Messenger (Name & Bethel #) _____

3rd Messenger (Name & Bethel #) _____

4th Messenger (Name & Bethel #) _____

5th Messenger (Name & Bethel #) _____

MAIL OR EMAIL THIS FORM TO
BETH BOHLMANN

DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2007!