

ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE CEREMONY

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This ceremony is to be given only when requested by the Chairman of the Royal Purple Committee AND the Grand Guardian. It may be given at the Annual Session of the Grand Bethel with the approval of the Grand Bethel Guardian and Grand Guardian, and by notifying the Grand Bethel Honored Queen.
2. The ceremony shall be given in place of Initiation or under Good of the Bethel at a regular Bethel or Grand Bethel meeting.
3. If not given at a meeting, a special conferral may be arranged by the Chairman of the Royal Purple Committee and the Grand Guardian. The Grand Bethel Officers shall be asked to perform the ceremony if at all possible.
4. The Chairman of the Committee shall have the certificates lettered, purchase the roses, order the medallions or pins and arrange for proper engraving on the medallions/pins. All of the above items should be available for presentation at the conferral. (MN Royal Purple 1)
5. **ALL PARTS ARE TO BE MEMORIZED.** It is important that this ceremony be given reverently and with dignity as it is very special.

GB HONORED QUEEN, GB SENIOR PRINCESS AND GB JUNIOR PRINCESS PLEASE NOTE:

6. Small portions of your speaking parts are enclosed in [brackets] and are underlined. These parts are to be included **ONLY** if medallions or pins are presented. If no medallions or pins are presented, those portions are omitted.

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GB HONORED QUEEN (rises): **Members and friends, we have assembled here to honor those Daughters who have been especially generous in dedicating their time and efforts to promote 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, and it is with this aim we meet to confer the Royal Purple Degree.**

GB HONORED QUEEN: **Grand Bethel Guide** (rises) **and Grand Bethel Marshal** (rises), **you will retire and escort the Daughters who are to be honored into the Grand Bethel room. March music.**

GB Guide and GB Marshal step to the West Line, turn left, GB Marshal follows GB Guide single file. Still in single file, GB Guide and GB Marshal march north on West Line, turn right left on North Marching Line and retire to Preparation room. GB Guide escorts Daughters followed by GB Marshal into the Grand Bethel room. GB Guide marches to West Line, turns right, marches to South Marching Line, turns left, marches to East Line, turns left, and marches on East Line until Daughters are centered in front of the GB Honored Queen, facing East.

GB GUIDE: **Grand Bethel Honored Queen, I have the pleasure to present:**
_____ **who have been found very worthy**
and are entitled to receive the Royal Purple Degree.

Each Daughter **NODS** as name is given.

GB Guide and GB Marshal take one step back.

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

GB Honored Queen is seated.

GB Princesses and GB Custodians rise at the same time. GB Custodians take Dove and an Urn of Incense from their pedestals, march towards the center on the East Line, turn towards the East, ascend the dais and take a position on the outside of each GB Princess. The GB Custodians turn to face each other, handing the Dove and Urn of Incense to their respective GB Princess.

GB JUNIOR PRINCESS: [Upon receiving the Royal Purple Degree, you will be given a medallion/pin.] On the [medallion/pin and] emblem of the Order you will find engraved a figure of a Junior Princess holding a white Dove just 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 the One Living God, may you also become useful instruments in conveying His love and peace.

GB SENIOR PRINCESS: On [your medallion/pin and] the emblem, you will also 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 God. If ever you begin to doubt the Lord's presence, study briefly the soft colors of a sunrise or the fragrant beauty of a rose, and your faith will be renewed.

GB Princesses return Dove and Urn of Incense to the GB Custodians. GB Custodians descend the dais, replace Dove and Urn on pedestals and return to stations. GB Custodians and GB Princesses are seated at the same time.

GB HONORED QUEEN (rises): Along with the two Princesses, [your medallion/pin has] engraved upon [it and on] the emblem (is) an Honored Queen and her symbol, the Horn of Plenty.

GB Honored Queen extends her hand indicating the Horn of Plenty.

You have learned well the teachings of the First and Second Epochs or you would not be receiving the Royal Purple Degree today/tonight. Yet, even in this hour set apart in your honor, you have another lesson to learn, that of reward.

You must realize that the reward of receiving the Royal Purple Degree 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 Bethel. You must, above all, live up to your own high standards so that you may encourage others to adopt the kind of life that merits the Royal Purple Degree.

GB HONORED QUEEN: Our Grand Bethel Chaplain will lead us in Prayer.

GB Honored Queen sounds **Three Raps of gavel** [***].

March music.

GB Guide escorts Daughters and Marshal west of Altar. GB Guide and GB Marshal take one step forward. GB Guide leading, turns left, marches on East Line to North Marching Line, turns left, marches to Altar Line, turns left, marches to a point between GB Chaplain's stations and Altar, turns right and marches between GB Chaplain's station and Altar to west side of Altar, centering Daughters, all facing East. GB Guide and GB Marshal take one step back. Daughters remain standing.

Altar Music.

GB Chaplain attends at the Altar as per Ritual.

GB CHAPLAIN: Dear Lord, we ask that Thy special blessing rest upon these Daughters. May they be truly grateful for the honor which is bestowed upon them. As they have know the joy of work well done, may we all become useful messengers of Thy peace. We ask in Thy names sake. Amen. *Altar music.*

GB Chaplain returns to station as per Ritual.

GB Honored Queen sounds **ONE RAP of gavel** [*].

GB Junior Princess carrying certificates and GB Senior Princess carrying roses descend dais and march side by side to the Altar Line.

GB JUNIOR PRINCESS: This certificate represents the love and appreciation of those with whom you have worked and the years spent in your association with Job's Daughters.

GB Junior Princess enters semicircle between Altar and GB Treasurer's station, presents certificates and returns to position east of Altar.

GB SENIOR PRINCESS: May the beauty of this rose ever remind you of the beauty of the lessons you have learned in this Order.

GB Senior Princess enters semicircle between Altar and GB Chaplain's station, presents roses and returns to position east of Altar.

Both GB Princesses take three steps back, turn together towards center, return to stations in East and are seated at the same time.

If there are medallions/pins to present, GB Honored Queen descends dais (around north side of pedestal) and marches to Altar Line. If not, GB Honored Queen delivers short message from the East.

GB HONORED QUEEN: [I now present you with the medallion/pin of the Royal Purple Degree] May you learn this day, [to wear it with] grace, dignity and humility, that your character may indeed be a royal one.

GB Honored Queen enters semicircle between Altar and GB Chaplain's station. Taking medallions/pins one by one from west Altar pad or she may carry them with her from the East, presents them to the Daughters and returns to position east of Altar. GB Honored Queen takes three steps back, turns and returns to station in East) north side of pedestal).

Optional
*APPROPRIATE MUSICAL SELCTION
MAY BE GIVEN HERE*

Optional

At this time a SHORT summation may be given as to the reasons why each Daughter received the Royal Purple Degree. This information shall be written by, and obtained from, the Royal Purple Committee chairman, The GB Honored Queen shall read these summations.

GB Honored Queen sounds **THREE RAPS of gavel [***]**.

GB HONORED QUEEN: Members and friends, these Daughters have proven themselves to be deserving of your respect and admiration, and I would ask that you now join with me in extending to them a very hearty congratulations. Applause.

GB Honored Queen sounds **ONE RAP of gavel [*]**.

GB HONORED QUEEN: Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal (take one step forward), you will escort these Daughters to seats reserved for them after which you will return to your stations. *March music.*

GB Guide leading, marches to Altar Line between Treasurer's station and Altar, turns right, marches to South Marching Line and to seats reserved for Daughters. GB Guide and GB Marshal then return to stations, side by side and are seated.

GB HONORED QUEEN: This concludes the Royal Purple Degree Ceremony.

GB Honored Queen sounds **ONE RAP of gavel [*]**.