

LILY OF THE VALLEY AWARD CEREMONY

An Award for an active Job's Daughters member was suggested by Jackie Oelkers, PHQ, PGBHQ, in fall of 1997.

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PREPARATION

This ceremony shall be given at the AS GB. The Lily of the Valley Award Committee shall prepare the brief statements about each recipient and approve the appropriate poem or essay given by Miss MNJD. The meeting room shall be set up as per Ritual with the Grand Bethel Officers seated in their stations. At the time designated for the ceremony to occur, Miss MNJD shall informally approach the East.

MISS MNJD: (Rises and stands at HQ Podium) Lily of the Valley Award Ceremony.

Members and friends, we have assembled here to honor Daughters who have given exemplary service to their Bethels and have continued to remain active in our Order. It is through loyal dedication such as this that Job's Daughter will continue to grow and prosper. Nominated by their peers and Bethel Guardian Council, these Daughters embody what we hop each of our members will become.

Will the following Job's Daughters please rise. (Miss MNJD reads the names of the recipients. Once all have been announced, she makes a brief statement about why each was selected for the award.)

Miss MNJD: Grand Bethel Honored Queen, I turn to you and your Officers to present the Lily of the Valley Award. (Miss MNJD is seated).

GBHQ: (Rises) Grand Bethel Guide (rises) and Grand Bethel Marshal (rises), you will escort these Daughters to the East Line.

March Music

GB Guide and GB Marshal escort the Daughters to the East line, using the same floor work as for Escorts, Introductions and Honors. Upon reaching the East Line, all Daughters remain in line, facing east, with the GB Guide at the south end of the line, and the GB Marshal at the north end of the line.

GB GUIDE: Grand Bethel Honored Queen, I have the pleasure of presenting (gives names of recipients). Because of their unselfish love and devotion to our Order, they have been nominated by their peers and Bethel Guardian Council to receive the lily of the Valley Award.

GBHQ: Daughters, we welcome you here to honor you for the time and love you have given to our Order. You are truly one of “the fairest in all the land.” Before proceeding with our ceremony, we will ask the blessing of our Heavenly father. Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, you will present these Daughters at the Altar.

March Music

GB Guide and GB Marshal conduct Daughters west of the Altar by marching south on east line, west on south marching line to Altar line, north o Altar line, and then west between the Altar and the Chaplain’s station. When Daughters are in position west of the Altar facing east, GB Guide and GB Marshal cause them to kneel, and then step back one step.

GBHQ: Grand Bethel Chaplain, you will attend at the Altar.

GBHQ sounds **THREE RAPS** of gavel (***)).

Altar music. GB Chaplain attends at the Altar as per Ritual.

GB CHAPLAIN: Our Father, we ask that your blessing shine upon these Daughters, who have given so much to our Order. May they continue to prosper in all aspects of their lives. Let their example inspire others to follow in their footsteps, so that all of us will become known throughout the land as true Daughters of Job. We ask this in your name. Amen

Recipients rise as GB Chaplain rises. *Altar music.* GB Chaplain returns to her station as per Ritual. GBHQ sounds **ONE RAP** of gavel (*).

GBHQ: Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, you will conduct these daughters east of the Altar to receive words of tribute from our Grand Bethel Messengers.

GB Guide and GB Marshal conduct Daughters between the Altar and the station of the GB Treasurer to the east side of the Altar on the Altar line, facing west. GB Messengers give their tribute from west of the Altar, using the floor work for the Ceremony of Initiation.

GB FIRST MESSENGER: Daughters, you have shown us that a pure heart leads us to all that is good. We thank you for the love you have shown the members of our beautiful Order.

GB SECOND MESSENGER: Daughters, you have given our Order so much of your time. We thank you for the hours you have spent with us, for we have blossomed in your presence.

GB THIRD MESSENGER: Daughters, you have shown us your patience. We thank you for the soft voice and the tender hand that you offered when we needed it the most.

GB FOURTH MESSENGER: Daughters, you have given us your friendship. We thank you for listening, for understanding, and for doing what you could to help us.

GB FIFTH MESSENGER: Daughters, you have given us your guidance. Thank you for being the beacon light that led us home when we are troubled.

Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, you will conduct these daughters to the Grand Bethel Honored Queen.

March Music

GB Guide and GB Marshal march north on Altar line, east on north marching line, and south on east line until daughters are in the center of the east line facing east.

GBHQ: Daughters, you have heard the tributes from our Grand Bethel Messengers. I hope that you will take their words into your heart and remember this moment for the rest of your lives. May the Lord inspire us to follow your lead, so that someday we too may be found worthy of such a high honor.

As we, the three principal Officers of the Grand Bethel, represent the three daughters of job, it is fitting that we bestow the honors of this Award upon you. Grand Bethel Junior Princess (rises) what honor do you have for these daughters? (GBHQ is seated.)

GB JUNIOR PRINCESS: I present you with this certificate of appreciation, a sign of our respect for your dedication and devotion to our beautiful Order.

GB Junior Princess descends dais, reads each name as she presents the certificates. Returns to her station and is seated.

GBHQ: Rise. Grand Bethel Senior Princess (rises), what honor to you give? GBHQ is seated.

GB SENIOR PRINCESS: I present to you a sprig of the Lily of the Valley, the emblematic flower of our Order. Always remember its lesson – “that beauty beams from purity throughout the veil of humility.” Descends dais, presents each Daughter with a flower, returns to her station and is seated.

GBHQ: Rises. Finally, I have the honor of presenting you with the Lily of the Valley medallion, which represents your high achievement. May you ever wear it as a symbol of our love and admiration for you, a true Daughter of Job, the fairest in all the land. Descends dais, places medallion around each Daughters' neck, giving each an embrace of affection. Returns to her station.

GBHQ: As your parting gift, we would like to leave you with a few words, read by our Miss Minnesota Job's Daughter.

GBHQ is seated.

MISS MNJD: Rises and reads an appropriate poem or brief essay.

GBHQ: Rises. You will face west. 3 raps of gavel [***]. Members and friends, I now present to you these recipients of the Lily of the Valley Award. Please join me in extending to them our very hearty congratulations. Applause. One rap of gavel [*].

Grand Bethel Guide and Grand Bethel Marshal, you will escort these Daughters to the sidelines.

March music.

GB Guide and GB Marshal use same floor work as for Escort, Introductions, and Honors. After Daughters are seated GB Guide and GB Marshal return to their stations.

GBHQ: This concludes the ceremony for the Lily of the Valley Award. One rap of gavel [*].

Miss MNJD informally returns to her seat on the sidelines.