

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

Section 1.

- (a) The name of this organization is the Grand Guardian Council of the State of Minnesota of JDI, a Minnesota non-profit corporation.

**ARTICLE III
AUTHORITY**

Section 1. Charter Granted

- (a) This GGC operates under authority of a Charter granted by the SGC and dated September 24, 1927. The jurisdiction of this GGC shall be limited to the State of Minnesota.

Section 2. Incorporation

- (a) This GGC was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under Chapter 317A of the Minnesota state statutes on February 22, 2000.
 (b) The Articles of Incorporation were formally ratified at the 2000 AS GGC.

Section 3. Headquarters

- (a) The headquarters of the GGC of Minnesota shall be located at the place of residence of the GS.

**ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1.

- (a) This GGC shall consist of the GGC officers, all past elective GGC officers, PBGs and PABGs of Bethels in the jurisdiction, the five (5) ExBGC of each chartered Bethel or Bethel Under Dispensation (BG, ABG, Guardian Secretary, Guardian Treasurer, and either Guardian Director of Music, Guardian Director of Epochs or Guardian Director of Promotion), and all members of the SGC residing in this jurisdiction who shall have been elected to membership in this GGC.
 (b) (See B-SGC Art. XXVI Sec. 1)

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS**

Section 1. Elective Officers

- (a) The elective officers of this GGC shall be: GG (a woman), AGG (a Master Mason), VGG (a woman), VAGG (a Master Mason), GGde (a woman), GM (a woman), GIG (a Master Mason), GOG (a Master Mason), GS and GT.
 (1) All men holding elective office shall be Master Masons. (See POL-BOT-2)
 (2) If no one aspires to the elective offices of GIG and/or GOG, the office(s) may be filled by appointment.

Section 2. Appointive Officers

- (b) (1) All men holding appointive office shall be Master Masons. (See POL-BOT-2)
 (2) If appointive officers, the GIG and GOG may be held by either Master Masons or women.

**ARTICLE VI
ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1.

(a)-(d) (See C-GGC Art. VI, Sec. 1 (a) – (d))

(e) A PGG or PAGG who has served an entire term (one (1) year) as GG or AGG, may be elected to an elective line office in this GGC jurisdiction. (See B-GGC. Art. XVII, Sec. 1.30)

(f) (See C-GGC Art. VI, Sec. 1 (f))

Section 2.

(a) Eligible delegates aspiring to serve as an elective line officer of this GGC shall be required to take an open book test on the Ritual and Bylaws of the Order and this GGC's Manual of Rules and Regulations.

(1) The test shall be administered by the Jurisprudence Committee at the Annual Meeting of the GB and the AS GGC.

[a] Delegates shall have a maximum of two (2) hours to complete the test.

(2) Delegates shall be required to take the test every three (3) years and pass the test with a score of at least eighty (80) percent to be eligible for election.

(3) Current elected officers of the GGC shall not be required to take and pass the test to maintain their eligibility.

**ARTICLE XIII
COMMITTEES****Section 1. Eligibility**

- (a)-(c) (See C-GGC Art. XIII Sec. 1 (a) – (c).)
(d) An elected GGC officer shall not serve on the Finance Committee.

Section 2. Restrictions

- (a) No spouse or other family member of any elective officer of this GGC shall serve on the Appeals and Grievances, Jurisprudence, or Finance Committees, except that a spouse or family member of the newly elected GMar who is already serving on one of these committees shall be allowed to complete the remainder of her/his unexpired term, provided it does not coincide with a spouse or family members serving as GG or AGG.
(b) (See C-GGC Art. XIII Sec. 2 (b))
(c) The GG and AGG shall not be eligible for appointment to either the Jurisprudence or Finance Committees until one (1) year after his or her term has expired.

**ARTICLE XIV
DEPUTIES**

Section 1. (See C-GGC Art. XIV Sec. 1)

Section 2. Deputy Grand Guardian

- (a) (See C-GGC Art. XIV Sec. 2 (a))
(b) The GG shall appoint Deputy Grand Guardians to inspect Bethels and to assist or instruct BGCs in their duties.
(1) These DGGs shall be BGs/PBGs or ABGs/PABGs

Section 3. Deputy Grand Guardians – Minnesota

- (a) The GG may notify the Chairman of the Marketing Committee of any areas or Bethels which are in need of promotional assistance.
(1) The DGGs shall assist in the reorganization of a Bethel or other promotional efforts when requested by the GG.