

ROSE FESTIVAL

This narration may be used to present or introduce Bethel Officers at open meetings such as installations, promotional meetings, etc. Any formation and/or seating arrangement may be used.

NARRATOR:

**Scattered over the earth for all to see
And revel in their beauty rare,
Are roses of every shade and hue
Whose haunting perfume fills the air.**

**To those who are weary and bowed with sorrow,
The bud of the rose brings hope of tomorrow.
Today it is clothed in a coat of soft green
Tomorrow its beauty and grandeur is seen.**

**Remember then, when you're filled with woes
God sends a message of hope in the bud of a rose,
The scent of the blossoms scattered far and wide
Is the breath of God asking that we in Him abide.**

**Courage we learn from the rose of bright red,
Courage to follow the way He has led.
Strive to be steadfast as Job proved to be
You will be richly rewarded for fidelity.**

**Purity is symbolized in the rose of pure white,
Our robes reflect its glory and its light.
This is virtue we are all proud of possessing,
With it we are assured of God's richest blessing.**

**As these Daughters begin a new term tonight,
They promise to be patient, faithful and dispense light.
They approach the East with the gift of a flower
True members of God's own fragrant bower.**

Inner and Outer Guard:

**Guard every heart as you do the door,
Remind the Daughters o'er and o'er,
Allow peace and love to enter in
Be ever watchful to keep out sin.**

Junior Custodian:

**The Custodians have a task of love.
Caring for the Urn of Incense and Dove.
Their purity and truth and reverence of prayer,
Are things each and every Daughter should share.**

Musician:

**Harmony is a gift the Musician brings,
Softly playing while the Choir sings.
May her music echo through their life
To cheer them on and lessen strife.**

Librarian:

**A tightly closed book is like the bud of the rose,
Until it is opened – what is inside no one knows;
Our Librarian will open and read it with care,
And report to us what is written there.**

Chaplain:

**As at the Altar our Chaplain kneels to pray,
May your thought be guided Heavenward each day.**

**Reverently she asks on bended knees,
That Pilgrims all will steadfast be.**

Recorder:

**The Recorder approaches with the blossom of beauty,
Asking the ability to faithfully do her duty.
Plainly written for all to see,
Act of joy, love and kindness she'll record honestly.**

Treasurer:

**As petals on petal each rose is made,
So penny by penny our expenses are paid.
The Treasurer carefully dispenses our money on order,
Keeping her books in balance with the Recorder.**

First Messenger:

**The First Messenger tells of Job's pleasures,
His fertile land, and flocks of great measure.
His Daughters were known far and wide as most fair,
His sons gathered each evening to pray with him there.**

Second Messenger:

**The Messengers of truth now appear,
They relate the story for the Pilgrims to hear.
This Messenger tells of unfaltering trust,
When trials seem hardest, and believe God is just.**

Third Messenger:

**"Shall only good be received from God's hand?"
Was Job's pious reply to the ruin of his land.
Through suffering and misfortune he remained faithful.
Believing his loss of fortune and children was God's will.**

Fourth Messenger:

**The triumph of Job when it seemed all was lost,
The reward of his faith being worth what it cost,
Is the lesson unfolded by this message sincere,
This faith brought Job happiness, joy, peace and cheer.**

Fifth Messenger:

**The end of the story from ages ago
Reminds us of spring roses starting to grow.
The beautiful blossoms that will follow the rest
Is the reward that is better because of the test.**

Marshal:

**Helping the Guide to show pilgrims the way,
Our Marshal lives uprightly day by day.
She will also guard our National Banner,
And display it in a reverent manner.**

Guide:

**The new Pilgrims entering are as buds folded tight,
They will be cherished, loved and taught to do right.
Our Guide will direct their footsteps with care
That they may find peace and happiness there.**

Junior Princess:

**The Junior Princess, whose emblem is the Dove,
Teaches us to be steadfast, and seek strength from above.
Remain faithful to god in our every thought,
Count well the blessings each day has brought.**

Senior Princess:

**The Senior Princess now places her flower,
Her emblem, the Urn of Incense, symbolizes prayer.
Her message taught to the Pilgrims here,
Is that faith and kindness will banish fear.**

Honored Queen:

**Most honored of these is the Honored Queen so fair,
Pledging unselfish service and loving care.
As the rose she carries sprang from the sod
The wisdom of her reign will be the teachings of God.**

**The last fragrant blossom has been carefully placed,
Forming a cherished Cross for all to see
As the roses look upward for freshening dew,
They will look upward for guidance too.**

**These Daughters of Job, “Fairest in all the Land”
Are our promises of a future He has planned,
The faith, kindness and love that in them repose,
Will spread through the land like the scent of a rose.**