2019-2020

School of Instructions

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**Love, Joy, Happiness**

**Each step leads to a new adventure.**

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE

Terry and I are excited about the opportunity to travel to each Bethel this year. We want to get to know each of you better and are excited to help each Bethel grow and prosper in the coming year. We are going to focus on membership and the Jobie to be program. It is vital to the survival of Job’s Daughters in Wyoming to not only increase but retain members in this wonderful organization.

I am available by calling 307-267-5938, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can. My email, margebc59@gmail.com. Terry’s number is 307-871-4826, Terry’s email, wiekhorstkt@wyoming.com. There are Deputies this year, please notify them if you need some advice or help with any problems.

They are as follows:

Bethel #1 Regis Michelena

Bethel #3 Kathy Wiekhorst

Bethel #5 Regis Michelena

Bethel #7 Linda Cole

Bethel #19 Kathy Wiekhorst

Bethel #20 Margie George

Bethel #28 Joan Means

Bethel #48 Kayleen Logan

Bethel #50 Erin Jesperson

Safety of the Daughters and adults is extremely important, so please do not drive the daughters late at night or inclement weather. If hotel accommodation is a problem please call me for a solution.

When each of us became council members, we took an obligation to “endeavor to live in accordance with the teachings of the Ritual of Job’s Daughters International in hope that I may be found worthy of being a Guardian of the fairest in all the Land”… “You are given the privilege of guiding and advising these fair Daughters…. You should be alert and watchful that your conduct will be an example of patience and virtue which will be an inspiration for the Daughters to emulate”. Please always think about this obligation and be respectful to others. As adults we are to set the example for the daughters. The daughters look up to the adults and if there are conflicts between adults then these actions could be detrimental to the bethel. Be careful what you say on social media, the daughters read and know what is said among the adults. That includes discussing or showing pictures of you drinking alcohol and events that may not show the best behavior of the adults. Also remember that cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be used in bethel meetings unless directly used for the meeting minutes.

Most communication is done through email, please check it several times a week and also pay attention to the deadlines. Remember that the mail seems to be taking longer and longer so please plan accordingly. Remember that each term you must have a two thirds project. Please send the check to the Grand Secretary by the deadline so that there are no late charges. These funds are used to promote Job’s Daughters and are available for any activities to help with promoting this great organization. The other one third is used for the Education Fund. Please remember to let your older daughters knew about scholarships, they are available through the website.

Forms are on the Supreme JDI website, please make sure that each daughter has a Health Form filled out and it must be with a chaperone when at events. Media Release Form must be filled out and be on file with Grand Secretary, webmaster and the Guardian of the Bethel. Please review your CAV information especially with reference to chaperones. If there is training in your area you are always welcome to attend at no charge. Make sure that the Margie George jobieritual@msn.com and Grand Secretary has any email changes to ensure no lapse in your CAV renewal. Daughters need to review the Safety Awareness Slides each year.

 Please remember to request Special Dispensations and allow time for the mail. Bethels must request a dispensation for installation, if not done on a regular meeting time per Bylaws. A Dispensation must be given to change a regular meeting date, time, place, or to hold a special meeting. Bethels requesting a dispensation for a day and time change, to see if attendance would be better, before making a By-law change; will need a dispensation and pay $2.00 for each meeting. There are no blanket dispensations given. This should be decided within six months then request a bylaw change. No fee is charged for a Special Dispensation for the official visits of Grand Guardian, or when your meeting time falls on a legal holiday.

We are being the role models for our girls who know to call for this order of business, and they are often thrown for a loop when they are not available for them. We really need to concentrate on the fact that this is the daughters order; we are merely the advisors acting on their wishes. Therefore it is imperative that the **Guardian and the Honored Queen sit down before each meeting to set their agenda.** This helps everyone, making the meeting go smoothly and rapidly so there will be more time for fun after the meeting. The parents of our young girls do not want their 5th and 6th grade daughter out on a school night until 10:00 p.m.

We are hoping to continue the tradition this year of all Masons wearing their aprons to all Jobie meetings.

Please make sure your girls have practiced their parts. Directors of Epochs, **PLEASE DO NOT** automatically offer your open ritual to the daughters. This becomes a crutch and the girls never truly learn their parts. The initiatory work is the first introduction to our wonderful order, and as we all know….first impressions are permanent. Let’s make all first impressions be positive for everyone involved. We need to set up everyone in the bethel, adults and daughters alike, to **BE SUCCESSFUL!!!!**  Another reminder is to work on getting daughters proficient as soon as possible after they are initiated.

We hope that all girls will be encouraged to remain active in your bethels, regardless of age. We have bethels in our state that have girls who were Honored Queens at 15; stay active and be role models for younger girls until they reach the age of majority at twenty. The “tradition” that as soon as you are queen, you “can” quit, should be discontinued. This is counterproductive for your bethels. Especially for those of you who are having declining membership. Past queens/older girls have a wealth of experience and are positive role models for the younger girls both with ritual work and life in general. Let’s do what we can to keep them active.

It is always special for the Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian to be given Honorary Memberships to your Bethel. These are the most treasured gifts your Bethel can bestow upon them. Be sure to have your Bethel Members vote on issuing the Honorary Membership at a meeting prior to the Grand Visit. It is at the discretion of the Daughters to confer this honor.

In preparing for your Grand Visit, please send invitations by email to the Grand Officers, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Miss Wyoming Job's Daughter, Miss Wyoming Congeniality, Jr. Miss Wyoming Job's Daughter, and the Bethels in your surrounding area. A mailing should be made about a month in advance of your meeting to allow enough time for invitations to be read at Bethel meetings and travel arrangements to be made. The e-mail addresses for all of the Bethel Guardians are available from the Grand Secretary.

All Grand Visits are scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays. If your visit is on a Saturday, please schedule your meeting for late morning or early afternoon. Sunday visits should be scheduled as early in the day as possible. If you would like to prepare a meal to coincide with your visit, please plan on the meal to take place before the meeting. Light refreshments may be provided after the meeting, if you so choose. (Please note that both GG Marge is a diabetic, so please plan accordingly). In addition GG Marge & AGG Terry would like to meet with the girls prior to the meeting and the council after the meeting, unless the weather is bad, then they will meet with everyone before the meeting. It is very important that the meeting begins on time.

We will continue to encourage increasing membership and they would like to see Initiation Ceremony for Grand Visits. Please note that the 2019-20 Honor Bethel will be selected based on each Daughter's performance at the Grand Visit, which includes both her speaking parts and her Jobie poise. Protems will also be considered.

Once the date of your Grand Visit is set, you are asked to make every effort to ensure the meeting happens on that date. Changes will be made only in extremely limited circumstances as the Grand Guardian and the Associate Grand Guardian schedules are tight with their personal, professional, and Job's Daughters obligations. Please stress this to both Daughters and Council Members so they can plan their schedules accordingly.

The Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian would appreciate hotel accommodations when they come to your town. If that is not possible, please let them know as soon as possible so that they may make their own reservations. In addition, the GBHQ, MWJD, JMWJD, and MWC would love to stay with one of your Bethel Members in order to be able to get to know them better and to ease their travel expenses for the year. Marge has also been known to sleep on the floor of a Temple on occasion or would love to stay with adults and get to know them better.

At the close of your meeting, please invite any honored guests (i.e. new members, parents, Majority Members, Grand Guardian, Associate Grand Guardian, etc.) to the East to view the closing formation. It is also an honor for the Grand Guardian to close your Bethel Meeting should you choose to ask her. Picture takers need to try to move to their position before the Closing Ceremony begins.

During the closing cross, it is a tradition in some Bethels for the Daughters to raise their heads when singing the second verse of “Nearer My God to Thee.” The Ritual states they assume the Attitude of Prayer, which to us means their heads remain bowed. If you would like to continue raising your head during the second verse, please do so. This is very impressive and meaningful to visitors, new members. Be sure that everyone in your Bethel does it the same way.

We wish you all a fun and exciting year and a most successful Grand Visit. Remember to relax and have fun! We are looking forward to seeing all of you and hope that the Grand Visits are enjoyable for everyone! We have some fun adventures planned for the coming year and would love to see as many daughters and adults attend from around the state.

We are very excited to begin our year with the Job’s Daughters all over the state!!! We look forward to having lots of fun with each and every one of you!! Remember girls this is your order, and we are merely sharing a very small part of your Jobie life with you!!!! Remember that each step leads to a new adventure.

Jobie Love,

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