

**CONSTITUTION OF A
BETHEL GUARDIAN COUNCIL
JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

Section 1.

- (a) The name of this organization is Job's Daughters International, Bethel Guardian Council of Bethel Number ____,
_____ ,
(City) (State, Province, Territory, or Country)

**ARTICLE II
OBJECT**

Section 1.

- (a) The object of this Organization is to provide adult guidance and supervision of all Bethel meetings and activities held in the name of JDI by this Bethel.

**ARTICLE III
AUTHORITY**

Section 1.

- (a) This BGC operates under authority of the Dispensation or Charter granted to it by the Supreme or Grand Guardian Council.

**ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership

- (a) The membership of a BGC shall consist of not more than nine (9) adult members, five (5) of whom will be Executive members and four (4) of whom will be Associate members.

Section 2. Loss of Membership

- (a) See SI 13 concerning loss of membership in the BGC.

**ARTICLE V
COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Section 1.

- (a) The BGC shall consist of:
- (1) Executive Members of the BGC: Bethel Guardian (a woman), Associate Bethel Guardian (a Master Mason), Guardian Secretary, Guardian Treasurer and a fifth member to be named from the following: Guardian Director of Music or Director of Epochs.
 - (2) Associate members of the BGC: a minimum of two (2) adults in the position of either a Promoter of Sociability, Custodian of Paraphernalia, Director of Music, Director of Epochs or Promoter of Finance. Two (2) additional members may be named from any of the remaining positions listed above and Promoter of Hospitality, Director of Patrol, Promoter of Youth Activities, Promoter of Goodwill, Promoter of Fraternal Relations and Director of Promotion.

ARTICLE VI ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. Regular

- (a) Those eligible for appointment to a BGC shall be a least twenty (20) years of age. By 8/7/2010 and in conjunction with the YPP implementation schedule, appointees working with JDI in the USA shall be on the current list of CAVs provided by the Executive Manager. By 7/31/2011 and in conjunction with the YPP implementation schedule, appointees working with JDI in Canada or Australia shall be on the current list of CAVs provided by the Executive Manager.
- (b) The Associate Bethel Guardian shall be a Master Mason in good standing in his Lodge.
- (c) The Bethel Guardian shall be:
 - (1) a direct descendant of a Master Mason or the wife, daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, adopted daughter by law, mother, grandmother, sister, half-sister, step-sister, niece, grand niece, daughter-in-law, step-daughter, step-granddaughter, sister-in-law, first or second cousin or widow of a Master Mason or
 - (2) members of an organization basing its membership requirement on Masonic relationship or
 - (3) Past Bethel Guardians or
 - (4) Majority Members of JDI.
- (d) Adults having the above eligibility or who are the parent, grandparent, stepparent or guardian of a member of the Bethel are eligible for appointment as Executive Members, other than Bethel Guardian and Associate Bethel Guardian, or as an Associate member of the BGC.
- (e) Executive members of a BGC who are delinquent in paying fines shall be ineligible for reappointment. (See B-BGC, Art VII, Sec 1(b)).
- (f) A Grand Guardian, Associate Grand Guardian, Vice Grand Guardian or Vice Associate Grand Guardian shall not serve as an Executive Member of a BGC.

Section 2. Special

- (a) The Supreme Guardian, with the consent of the Executive SGC, may appoint five (5) eligible women to serve as Executive members of the BGC in jurisdictions where Masons are prohibited by Masonic law from being Associate Bethel Guardians.
- (b) When a GGC has been organized in such jurisdiction, the Grand Guardian may appoint five (5) eligible women as Executive members of the BGC.

ARTICLE VII ELECTION

Section 1. There is no election of members for the BGC.

ARTICLE VIII APPOINTMENTS

Section 1.

- (a) Members of BGCs shall be appointed by the newly elected Supreme or Grand Guardian following her election at the Annual Session of the SGC or GGC, or within thirty (30) days thereafter. Certificates for all BGC members shall be forwarded to the incoming Bethel Guardian.
- (b) Bethel members shall be privileged to recommend Executive members of the BGC. (See SI 8)
- (c) Instructions for newly organized Bethels are contained in SI 10.

ARTICLE IX TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. Regular

- (a) The term of office for members of a BGC under Supreme shall run concurrently with the SGC year and shall terminate at the close of the Annual Session of the SGC.
- (b) The term of office for members of a BGC under GGC jurisdiction shall run concurrently with the GGC year and shall terminate at the close of the Annual Session of the GGC.
- (c) Members of BGCs shall continue to perform the duties of their office until their successors have been installed.

- d) Executive members of a BGC shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms in that office and shall be ineligible for reappointment in said office until after a lapse of one (1) year, unless otherwise provided for in the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the GGC or the Supreme Guardian deems it necessary for Bethels under Supreme. (See SI 14.15)

Section 2. Rights/Privileges - Titles

- (a) Bethel Guardians and Associate Bethel Guardians shall not attain the rights and privileges of Past Bethel Guardian or Past Associate Bethel Guardian unless they have served at least one (1) full SGC or GGC term in such office.
- (b) One who has not served one (1) full SGC or GGC term, but who has served with distinction as Bethel Guardian or Associate Bethel Guardian may be granted the rights and privileges of a Past Bethel Guardian and/or Past Associate Bethel Guardian upon recommendation by the Executive members of the BGC or by the Executive members of the SGC or GGC and a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the Annual Session of the SGC or GGC.

ARTICLE X INSTALLATION

Section 1.

- (a) If appointed by the Supreme Guardian, members of a BGC, including those reappointed, shall be installed at a meeting of the Bethel.
- (b) If appointed by the Grand Guardian, members of a BGC, including those reappointed, shall be installed according to the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the GGC.
- (c) Members of a BGC appointed by a Grand Guardian shall be installed by a member of the SGC or GGC.
- (d) Members of a BGC appointed by the Supreme Guardian shall be installed no later than October 31. Those eligible to serve as the Installing Officer for these Bethels shall be members of the SGC and Assisting Supreme Deputies, or Bethel Guardians, Associate Bethel Guardians, Past Bethel Guardians, and Past Associate Bethel Guardians of a Bethel under Supreme.
- (e) Instructions for installation of newly organized Bethels are contained in SI 10.

ARTICLE XI VACANCIES

Section 1.

- (a) When any vacancy occurs on a BGC, the Bethel Guardian or the Guardian Secretary shall immediately notify the Grand Guardian or the Supreme Guardian for Bethels under Supreme. If requested to do so, the remaining Executive members of the BGC shall recommend to the Grand Guardian or the Supreme Guardian the name of an eligible person for appointment to the office vacated. (See SI 14.14)
- (b) The Grand Guardian or the Supreme Guardian shall make appointments to fill vacancies in a BGC.
- (c) Those appointed shall be installed at the next regular Bethel meeting, or as soon as convenient, after receipt of the Certificate of Appointment.
- (d) If the office of Bethel Guardian becomes vacant for any cause, the Associate Bethel Guardian assumes her duties and responsibilities until her successor is appointed and installed.
- (e) See B-BGC, Art V, for resignation and removal procedures.

ARTICLE XII MEETINGS

Section 1. Monthly Meetings

- (a) Executive members of the BGC shall hold regular monthly meetings (except during vacation) for the discussion of all matters pertaining to the Bethel and for the good of the Order.
- (b) The Associate members of the BGC and adult committee chairmen may be invited to attend the meetings.
- (c) The five (5) elective officers of the Bethel, and such persons as it may be necessary to invite, may meet with the BGC. After the matters for which their presence is required have been discussed, they shall be excused before the BGC continues with its business.

- (d) Accurate minutes of all BGC meetings shall be kept by the Guardian Secretary. These minutes shall be approved by the Supreme Guardian (or her Deputy) or the Grand Guardian (or her Deputy) at the time of official visit in their respective jurisdictions.
- (e) When attending a meeting of the BGC, Associate members and adult committee chairmen shall be entitled to vote on all business pertaining to the Bethel except on those matters specifically delegated to the Executive members.

Section 2. Annual Meeting

- (a) BGCs, including Executive and Associate members, of Bethels under Supreme, shall hold their Annual Meeting during the month of April, but no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Session of the SGC.
- (b) BGCs, including Executive and Associate members, of Bethels under GGCs, shall hold their Annual Meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Session of the GGC.

Section 3. Purpose of the Annual Meeting

- (a) At the Annual Meeting, the members of the BGC present shall recommend by secret ballot the Executive members of the BGC for the ensuing year, for consideration by the Vice Grand Guardian or Vice Supreme Guardian. The ballots shall be tabulated in the presence of those in attendance and additional ballots shall be taken until a majority recommendation appears for each office.
- (b) The Executive members present shall recommend by secret ballot not more than four (4) Associate members of the BGC.
- (c) Committee chairmen are not eligible to vote on recommendations for any members of the BGC at the Annual Meeting.
- (d) Names of those receiving a majority recommendation shall be listed on Form 222 and forwarded to the Vice Grand Guardian at least twenty (20) days prior to the Annual Session of the GGC.
- (e) Bethels under Supreme shall follow the same procedure except that Form 222 shall be mailed to the Vice Supreme Guardian at least eighty (80) days prior to the Annual Session of the SGC.