

These updates are sent to all Bethel Guardians, Secretaries, Deputies, Exec Line Officers, MJD, MC, GBHQ, and Past Grands. Please feel free to distribute those associated with your Bethel. If you know of someone that would like to receive the updates, please feel free to contact the Grand Secretary at pagrandsec@comcast.net

IT'S PAGEANT TIME!

The MJD Scholarship pageant will be held in the BROSSMAN BALLROOM on Saturday, March 28, 2009. You can get tickets at the door for \$7. Don't miss out on seeing our Daughters shine for the titles of MJD and MC. Pre-Ordered Tickets will be available for pick-up at the ticket table.

YPP/CAV

Reminder that Certified Adult Volunteer training is on April 25 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Patton Campus and a HOT breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM if you wish to come for breakfast before the training.

Please register with Becky Hubley as soon as possible. **Deadline is April 3.** If you know of someone who wants to take the training, but did not receive a registration form, contact Becky Hubley or Jan Harms for a form or copy the form you received. Anyone who is nearing majority is encouraged to attend. Please let those Daughters who are eligible (those that are reaching 20) in your Bethels know of this training.

Grand Visits

Perry and I want to congratulate all the daughters on their good ritual work and ceremonies performed during our Grand Visits thus far this term. The daughters are doing an amazing job and we encourage you to continue this good work.

Please join the GG and AGG and the other Grand Officers for these Grand Visits coming up. Spend time with your Jobie friends. Let's show our support of our Daughters and adults at the Bethels.

Bethel 16, Chambersburg – Grand Visit is Sunday, April 5 at 2:00 PM

Bethel 12, Gettysburg. Grand Visit is re-scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 7:00 PM.

Bethel 14, Quarryville There will be a re-visit to Bethel 14 that is now meeting at the Lancaster Masonic Center on Monday, April 9 at 7:00 PM.

JD Connection

The latest issue of the JD connection has been mailed to the Daughters and is available on the PA IOJD website at www.paiojd.org. Don't miss out on this wonderful publication filled with articles about our Bethels and other PA events! Bethels have been having many activities. Please consider writing an article and sending a picture of your Bethel activity for the next JD Connection. Let us all know what you have been doing. Next deadline is May 15, 2009.

30 Day Projects, Audits, Etc.

Several Bethels have yet to turn in their monies from their 30 day projects for this Honored Queen's term. Don't forget that this isn't an optional thing. Your next Honored Queen should also be including plans on what she will be doing to meet this requirement during her term.

Audits should be completed of your secretary's and treasurer's books and they should be someone separate from your secretary and treasurer doing the audit! Please make sure that they are completed at the end of each term.

Several updates ago we asked that copies of the permanent record book be made and sent to the Grand Secretary. This is a request from the Supreme office. Thanks to Bethel 7 for being the first Bethel (and only one at this time) to comply with this request!

The Grand Secretary was recently asked to inquire with the Supreme office about records retention for Bethels. Many of you are probably accumulating years of records. Their direction was that the Bethels should keep the **last seven years of financial records**. They should also keep the permanent record book. They can destroy petitions **IF** they are certain that all the information was transferred to their Permanent Record Book and the small membership book that lists the dues paid for the members. Other than that, the only things they may want to keep are items that might have historical value to the Bethel.

Service Hours

Masonic and Community Service hour information can be found in your guideline book or online at the PA JD website. The hours are due to Lana Karl by April 15, 2009. The hours that are to be reported should fall between April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009. Please don't let your Daughters miss out on getting fabulous awards for their hard work! They usually get checks for this competition!!!

GGC Amendments

AMENDMENTS DUE TO GRAND SECRETARY BY APRIL 20, 2009.

(60 DAYS PRIOR TO ANNUAL MEETING). Forms for submission of any amendments can be found on the PA JD website, the BG Yahoo site, or by contacting the Grand Secretary at pagrandsec@comcast.net. A form is attached to this communication as well.

Music Competition

Communication was sent to all the Bethels regarding the music competition for this year. Just a few things to note;

There are two separate competitions:

- 1) The Grand Guardian's selection
- 2) Fun musical number, chosen by the Bethel

Each Bethel choir may compete in either or both competitions. The Grand Guardian's selection for Music Competition will consist of four songs from the Ritual music. These songs are:

- The Bethel Flag Song,
- Nearer my God to Thee,
- How Great Thou Art
- The Mother's, Father's, and Guardian's Prayer Song

The Bethels will be asked to learn all four songs. At the time of the competition, one person selected by the Bethel will pull the name of a song from a "hat." The song they pull will be the song they will sing for that portion of the competition. In order to have prizes ready for Grand Session, all entries must be received by the end of Grand Bethel Weekend May 17, 2009 Send the entry form located on the PA website or that was mailed to Andy Freiberg by mail or email.

Spring Grand Bethel Weekend
May 15, 16, & 17, 2009
Grand Bethel Meeting will be held at 9:30am,
Saturday, May 16, 2009
Supreme Visit will be held at 12:30pm,
Saturday, May 16, 2009

When: May 15th - 17th, 2009
Where: Patton Campus, Elizabethtown PA
Weekend Cost: \$25.00 (Includes: housing, meals, supreme luncheon,
entertainment and prizes)

Please send registrations to Terry Kuhns by May 1st at:
123 North Seventh Street, Columbia PA 17512 or by email to
terrykuhns@gmail.com

We invite you to receive your Majority Degree
on Saturday, May 16th at 9:30 a.m.
at the Masonic Conference Center
Elizabethtown, PA

For information please contact:

Mrs. Chris Orris, Grand Bethel Guardian
335 Lyndhurst Road, York, PA 17402 or tcorris@aol.com

Any eligible Daughter desiring to be Grand Bethel Honored Queen shall submit to the Grand Bethel Guardian (**Christine Orris**) a Letter of Intent, signed by a parent or legal guardian and postmarked two (2) weeks prior to selection of officers. (Postmark date should be May 2, 2009) This letter of intent can be found on the PA IOJD website or on the BG Yahoo Group site under forms.

Ritual competition

Written ritual needs to be received by April 15th to Jodi Fink. Please encourage ALL Daughters to take the test. Remember, this can be an open book test – but

the Daughters should be taking the tests on their own merit – not together or with adult help.

Bethel Room Set up competition is happening again at Grand Session, sign up sheets were distributed at the Fall GGC meeting. This information is also posted on the PA IOJD website if you are in need of this form. This must be turned in to Jodi Fink by June 1st. An e-mail communication has been sent to be read at the Bethel meetings as well. Each Bethel is asked for 3 girls to participate in this competition. Attire will be casual dress for this competition. We will have all materials needed to set up a Bethel room so you do not have to bring your own paraphernalia.

Promotion Committee Information

The promotion committee would like to thank all the Daughters and adults that helped transport, coordinate, setup tables of information, participated in the ceremonies, narrated, etc. etc. for the OES Fraternal events. Each event was unique and everyone enjoyed the presentations made. Thank you to everyone for taking on this big task!

The next statewide promotional event will be held for the Order of Amaranth on Saturday, April 25th in Grantville. Those that are definitely participating need to confirm with Jodi Fink by April 1 so that final arrangements can be made with the Grand Court. Since the GGC training will be held the same day, we have made arrangements for Patton to be available to host ONLY those Daughters attending the event with activities and speakers for them that day. They must pay the PMYF fee and they will have lunch provided for them at Patton. They should bring some spending money along for dinner that evening. The Daughters that volunteered at the Grand Bethel Meeting in the fall were the following:

Jen Walkling,	Kirsten Piatak
Louesa Piatak	Ashly Duskey
Katy Duskey	Renee Daniels
Romaynse Smith	Leah Riedel
Janelle Spincken	Nicole Carroll
Brooke Spence	Kate Walkling

Jobie Bucks

Jobie Bucks store will be open one more time at the Spring Grand Bethel weekend! The catalog is available online at www.paiojd.org! April 30 also ends the Jobie Bucks program for this GGC term. Please turn in all requests for Jobie Buck awards by Grand Bethel Weekend so that the Daughters may receive their awards by Grand Session.

Initiation Help being solicited

Volunteers are being recruited to help Bethel 7 with their initiation scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 PM. Please contact Ashley Kissinger or Jodi Fink if you can help this Bethel.

Membership Incentives

All new members must be initiated by April 30 in order to qualify for the membership incentives of the Wii, the spa day and cash awards. Please make sure that the names of all Daughters who have signed petitions for new members are forwarded to Kim Miller by April 30 so they do not miss out on any of the awards.

Bethel 17 wants to TAG you!

Bethel 17, Hershey will be playing lazer tag on Thursday, April 16 at the Lazer Factory in Annville, PA. The cost is \$10 and it includes a slice of pizza and a soda. The time is 6-9 PM. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 15 to Tammy Winter at 717-269-4162.

Fundraiser invitation from Bethel 17

Bethel 17 will be holding a "Night Out With Fennicci's of Hershey." All anyone needs do to help out is eat out! Phil, the owner, will donate 10% of your check total to our Bethel! Good food, funds for the cause, and NO DISHES! Please join them on Monday, April 6th from 6-9 at Fennicci's on 422 (directly across from the new Hershey Story museum) if you would like a coupon in advance just call Mrs. Winter 717-269-4162 or talk to anyone from our Bethel. Of course we will have plenty of coupons available that night too. Hope we see you there!

Grand Session 2009

Hope you all have received your registration materials and are planning to attend Grand Session 2009. Remember, you **MUST BE PAID IN FULL** and your **REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED** by APRIL 15 in order to receive the \$50 discount. If your registration is received after April 15, but before May 1, you will pay full price. If you register after May 1, you will be assessed a \$25 late fee! Don't miss out on the discount and register early. Here is a hint....don't wait until April 14 to send it in....

IMPORTANT GRAND SESSION 2009 UPDATE

For those of you that are coming to Grand Session the Wednesday night prior to the start, please note that we have had to create a special Wed only registration form because of a recent request from the hotel. *This form is attached to this email* and can be emailed to anyone that needs it. We must treat the Wed night registrations in a different manner than we do the session registrations. We apologize for any inconvenience on this matter.

Supreme Session 2009

Please contact Sandy Chillas, Jan Harms or Jodi Fink if you would be interested in attending. There are 20 rooms being held at the Headquarters. There will also be a state dinner during the trip. How many Daughters and adults can we get from PA to attend? The dates are from August 1st thru 8th.

The committee has been trying to pull together all the materials and trip plans for this year's Supreme Session being held in Richmond, VA. You won't get it any closer for quite some time and we hope that you can join for the whole trip, but if

you can't you can drive down for a day, two days, or even three and join the group! Just let the committee know of your plans and we can make the necessary arrangements for you. We are also planning dinner for everyone that is from PA and want to make sure you are included!

They are planning a full week of activities in combination with those provided by Supreme, so we hope you can come. Going to Supreme is a great opportunity to make a lot of friends from all over. It is also a chance for our Daughters to become a Supreme Bethel Officer or Representative.

Bethel Guardians

Be on the lookout for a letter from VGG, Rhonda regarding Grand Visits for next year. Please make sure to check it over with your Daughters once you have received it. Please have them back to Rhonda by pageant with either an acceptance or another date proposal. Thanks for your help.

JDU looking for you.....

Job's Daughter University is back and it would love to have you and the Daughters in attendance. Mark your calendars now for July 11th - 17th. Information will be coming out shortly regarding registration and the week's activities.

Session 2010 fundraising....

The 2010 Session arrangement committee is also selling 4 inch pots of geraniums from fellow Master Mason Mike Kristners greenhouse for \$4.00 a pot. Orders will be taken until May 9th with delivery at Grand Bethel Weekend. If you are interested in purchasing any of these beautiful flowers contact either Kathy Ansell at 724.626.8383, Joy Sampey at 724.628.2885 or Nancy Morris, 717.533.3912.

Sickness and Distress

Noble Smith (son of Jodi Fink and grandson of Joe and Juneen Fink) will be going in for surgery on his ears at Hershey Med Center on April 8th. Due to his medical conditions, his stay will depend on how he reacts while on the anesthesia. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Louise Swartzbaugh, PBG of Bethel 17 Hershey will be having surgery on March 24. Cards and get well wishes can be sent to 203 Cocoa Avenue, Hershey, PA 17033.

Happy Thoughts

Marie Sultana, majority member of Bethel 15 Elizabethtown got married on Friday, March 20, 2009. Her new married name is Marie Mortimer! Congrats to Marie as she starts her new adventures in life!