

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. Please note that the new secretaries and Bethel Guardians may not be listed on this email. If you notice they are missing, please forward this to them.

Note from the Grand Guardian

First and foremost thank you to everyone who has graciously volunteered for the many “jobs” that our Order has to offer. This year our GGC Officers are from each Bethel. Mr. Harms and I gave lots of thought into wanting to have each Bethel represented on our floor of Officers. These Officers will have the opportunity every other month to participate in a teleconference for the purpose of updates as well as any questions or concerns of the time. This will give each Bethel an occasion to have a voice and opening to talk. We want to be inclusive and not exclusive.

On the web soon out will be a Program Preview Booklet. This is a half page booklet with the programs and incentives for the year. More formal publications will be given out leadership weekend and posted on the web.

If you took the CAV training and have not done your paperwork, please submit it. There will also be another opportunity September 19th to take the training for those who were not able to do it previously.

Please know that Doug and I are here for the Daughters and you. ~ Rhonda

JDU (a.k.a. Patton Week) – July 12-18, 2009

Daughters and chaperones are being pursued for this year’s JDU. **The deadline to register is July 1.** Send the attached registration form to Doug Harms. The cost is \$65. If you cannot attend the full week as an ADULT – the cost per day is \$25. (This includes the PMYF donation fee of \$15). There will be activities for all ages – so sign up today. Once you register, you will receive confirmation and a list of classes to choose from as well as a packing list.

Grand Visit in July? Yep!

Bethel 15, Elizabethtown will be hosting the GG and the AGG for their Grand Visit to a Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball game on Sunday, July 19, 2009. Tickets are \$8 and must be ordered. Please contact Kim Miller at bg15@comcast.net or 717-367-3176 to order your tickets. ALL Bethels are invited. Game begins at 6:00 PM and they play the York Revolution. It is the WAR OF THE ROSES! (Red Rose city against the White Rose city for those that don’t know what that means!)

Can we make 50??

Mr. Harms challenged the Bethels at Grand Session with getting 50 new members from Session 2009 – Session 2010. So far already we have gotten two new members!!! Can we get 48 more to see if Mr. Harms will have to pay up?

Collection of plastic caps

Doug Harms has a co worker that is collecting plastic caps (bottle caps, cat food lids, medicine caps, etc). for someone who is receiving cancer treatments. For so many plastic caps he gets a free chemo treatment. Bring your caps to JDU and/or anytime you see Doug Harms.

Congratulations to the new officers:

Grand Guardian – Rhonda Pilarcik, PHQ
Associate Grand Guardian – Doug Harms, PABG
Vice Grand Guardian – Tina Ahrens, PHQ
Vice Associate Grand Guardian – Jason Stains, PABG
Grand Guide – Sarah Stains, PHQ
Grand Inner Guard – Dennis Morse, ABG
Grand Marshal – Barbara Sears, PHQ
Grand Secretary – Jan Harms, PGG
Grand Treasurer – Sharon Shaeffer, PGG

Grand Bethel Honored Queen – Cecile Madonna, PHQ
Grand Bethel Guardian – Kim Miller, PBG
Grand Bethel Associate Guardian – Perry Bates, PAGG

Directory changes

The new directory will be going to print in the next couple of weeks. If you have had any phone, email, or address changes please contact Jan Harms asap.

Closing of a Bethel

It is with a sad heart that we must report that Bethel 3 has been officially closed as of the close of Grand Session. It is our hope that we will be able to build Masonic support and rebuild the western part of the state in the coming months.

Reports from Grand Session

The following committees need to turn in reports from this past GGC year. Please see that you email me your report by July 1, 2009:

Grand Bethel	College & Military
Grand Session 2010	First Aid/Nursing
Grand Session 2011	Librarian's Contest
Grand Session 2012	Ritual Revision
MV Coordinator	Spirit Award
PMYF Rep	Sports Program
Appeals and Grievances	Supreme Visit

Note – if you don't have a report to file, just Jan know that too!

Grand Guardian out of state

The Grand Guardian, Vice Grand Guardian, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary will be at Supreme Session during August 1 – August 8. If you are in need of anything that needs their attention during that time, please contact Sarah Stains, Grand Guide, and she will contact them.

The Grand Guardian will be on a personal vacation during August 8-15. If you are in need of anything regarding the Grand Guardian, please contact Tina Ahrens, Vice Grand Guardian during that time.

2009-10 Committees and contacts

Promotion (includes Jobie store, promotional items, and grants) – Jodi Fink, PHQ

Membership program – Dora Housekeeper, PHQ

Spirit Award – Terry Kuhns, PHQ

Jobie Cool Club (new club for attending Grand Visits) – Deb Ehrhart, PBG

College & Military – Jan Harms, PGG

Supreme Visit – Terry Kuhns, PHQ

Ritual – Jodi Fink, PHQ

Music – Kathy Davis, PBG

Librarian - Amy Nace, BG

Scholarship – Karen Etling, PBG

JDI Knowledge Course – Donna Taylor, PGG

Pageant – Sarah Stains, PHQ

Schools of Instruction – Sandy Chillas, PHQ

Want to see lots of pics from the last couple of state events?

Thanks to Sandy Chillas we now have access to a shutterfly account that is private that we can get pics and upload pics to if anyone is looking for something. It is controlled by PASSWORD access so that the average public will not have access. Contact Sandy Chillas at schillas@comcast.net if you wish to learn more about this site.

BG Yahoo Group Site

Speaking of private websites, if you are a new BG or even interested in forms, calendars of events, resources of all kinds, you can still sign up for the Yahoo group. Just log onto Yahoo and you click on groups. It is a private site. Jan Harms is currently the facilitator for this site and will be updating the calendar in the coming week with the new events.

MONEY, MONEY

The Grand Guardian council fiscal year ends June 30. Anyone that has any outstanding bills for the GGC must be turned over to Jan Harms so that the checks can be written.

Any committee member from Grand Session 2009 – please see that Jan gets your bills so that we can finalize our books.

Tentative dates for 2009-2010

July:

- 8th – Grand Assembly for Rainbow Girls of PA
 - Informal Opening
 - Dance / Reception
- 12th – 18th – JDU a.k.a ~ Patton Week
 - Line Officers Conference call
- 16th – 18th – DeMolay Convention ~ Penn Harris Radisson, Camp Hill
- 19th – Elizabethtown Grand Visit

August:

- 2nd – 8th – Supreme Sessions, Richmond VA
- 21st – 23rd – Leadership Weekend ~ Adults and Line Officers
 - Line Officers Meeting
- 29th – York Grand Visit

September:

- 18th – 20th – Adult Fall Weekend & Flag Football ~ Open to Rainbow & DeMolay
 - Line Officers Meeting P.M.
- 20th – Mechanicsburg and Chambersburg Grand Visit

October:

- 10th – Grand Visit of Butler
- 10th – Ligonier Days, Ligonier PA
 - Line Officers Meeting – A.M.
- 11th – All in the Family Gathering - Erie
- 24th – Quarryville Grand Visit
- 24th - Columbia Grand Visit
- 25th – All in the Family Event at Joffa Shrine

November:

- 8th – Hershey Grand Visit
- 15th – Ways and Means Project – Spaghetti Dinner @ Masonic Villages
 - Pam Madonna ~ Chairman --- Angie Chappel ~ Co Chairman
 - Line Officers Meeting

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- 20th – 22nd – Fall Grand Bethel Weekend
 - Supreme Visit
- 22nd – Gettysburg Grand Visit
- 28th – Virginia Pageant

December:

- 5th - Maryland Pageant

January:

- 8th – 10th – Volleyball Weekend
 - Line Officers Meeting A.M. on the 9th

February:

- 28th – Cheswick Syria Mosque promotional event

March:

- 6th – York, Quarryville & Columbia Grand Visits

- 7th - Gettysburg and Mechanicsburg Grand Visits
- 13th – Butler Grand Visit
- Amaranth Grand Court

April:

- 9th – 11th – Miss PA IOJD Pageant @ Masonic Villages
- 11th – Chambersburg Grand Visit
- 16th – Worthy Grand Matrons Homecoming – Shirley Capo
- 21st – Honor your Secretary Day

May:

- 14th – 16th – Grand Bethel Weekend
 - Working on Visit with OES Grand Matron and Patron
- 22nd – Grand Assembly for Commandry at the Avalon Hotel in Erie

June:

- 17th – 20th – Grand Sessions Four Points Sheraton in Cranberry PA

Every other month there will be a teleconference call with all the Grand Officers. These calls will consist of up and coming events and any pertinent information that needs to go out.