

WA SOP-GGC-3

EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL FUNDS

Section 1.

(a)-(b) See SOP-GGC 3

(c) Each Bethel shall contribute to these funds (see B-Bethel, Article IV, Section 4). These funds, except that portion to be retained by the Bethel, shall be remitted to the Grand Secretary not later than the first (1st) day of May and December each year. The method of raising such funds shall be left to the discretion of the Executive members of the BGC. (2008)

(d) Revenue gained from investments from the Educational Fund shall be deposited in the Educational Fund and used for scholarships only.

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FINANCES

Section 1. Receipts/Revenue

- (a) See B-GGC Art. V Sec. 1 (a)
- (b) See WA B-GGC Art. V Sec. 1 (b)

Section 2. Fees

- (a) See SOP-GGC 4
- (b)
 - (1) Each member of the GGC shall pay an annual membership fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00). This fee shall be due no later than October 1. (2002)
 - (aa) Members of the GGC who wish to vote at the Annual Session of the GGC shall pay the Grand Session Registration Fee and the annual membership fee payable at the time of registration at the Annual Session of the GGC. (2015)
 - (bb) Members of the GGC who have not paid their annual membership fee and wish to vote at the Annual Session of the GGC shall pay at the time of registration or presentation of credentials at the Annual Session of the GGC. (1996)
 - (2) A ten dollar (\$10.00) fee shall be paid by each person attending the Annual Session of the GGC that will go into a fund to support the travel expenses of Daughters from the jurisdiction that are selected as Miss International Job's Daughter or the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen. (2005)

Section 3. Exemption

- (a) See SOP-GGC 4

Section 4. Disbursements

- (a) The Grand Guardian shall receive the necessary expenses of her travels during the year in which she serves which expenses shall be limited in the amount to the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per Bethel per year, computed on the number of Bethels officially inspected during her year. Such expenses may be paid to the Grand Guardian in sums of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more in advance of her expenditures of same. She shall not be allowed her traveling expenses to and from GGC Sessions of other Jurisdictions. (1995)
- (b) The Associate Grand Guardian shall receive the necessary expenses of his travels during the year in which he serves, which expenses shall be limited to the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per Bethel to attend the Official Visits with the Grand Guardian, computed on the number of Bethels visited during the year in which he serves. Such expenses may be paid in sums of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more in advance of his expenditure of the same. (1995)
- (c) The Grand Guardian and the Associate Grand Guardian shall be allowed traveling expenses to and from the Annual Session of the GGC. Mileage shall be reimbursed at the current IRS Standard Mileage Rate for miles driven in service of charitable organizations. (2021)
- (d) The Grand Guardian and the Associate Grand Guardian shall be exempt from paying their expenses at Annual Session of the GGC. This shall be limited to the amount of the greatest charge in the Grand Session packet and shall come from the Grand Session Account.

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(e) The Grand Guardian and the Associate Grand Guardian shall receive their traveling expenses to and from the place where the Annual Session of the SGC is held. Said expenses shall be limited to the amount equal to round trip railroad fare and berth or air fare via the shortest route, whichever is less expensive. They shall also receive per diem in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for the four (4) days of the Annual Session provided they attend all business meetings of the Annual Session of the SGC. No per diem shall be allowed while traveling to and from the place where the Annual Session of the SGC is held.

(f) When the Grand Guardian or the Associate Grand Guardian is unable to attend the Annual Session of the SGC and their proxy attends the session in their stead, said proxy shall receive the expense allowance and per diem set forth in preceding paragraph (e).

(g) This GGC shall appropriate from the General Fund sufficient sums to purchase a Past Grand Guardian's Jewel (or equivalent) designated in the Catalogue of Supplies issued by the SGC as J 84 HP, and a Past Associate Guardian's Jewel (or equivalent) designated in said catalogue as J 88 HP.

(h) The necessary expenses of a Grand Deputy to organize and institute a new Bethel shall be paid from the Promotion Fund.

(i) Deputy Grand Guardians, Grand Deputies and members of promotion committees who have been appointed by the Grand Guardian to assist Bethels which may require help, shall be allowed travel expenses in the amount of seven cents (\$.07) per mile while traveling to and from a Bethel. Payment shall be allowed from the Promotion Fund upon presentation of an itemized statement of actual miles traveled. (1995)

(j) The expenses of the School of Instruction shall be paid from the Promotion Fund with prior approval of the Finance Committee. (1998)

(k) Mileage shall be allowed to all persons required to attend the annual meeting of the Jurisprudence & Finance Committees. Mileage shall be reimbursed the current IRS Standard Mileage Rate for miles driven in service of charitable organizations. (2021)

(l) The Grand Secretary shall receive an allowance of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per month. (2013)

(m) The Grand Treasurer shall receive the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) per year for incidental expenses incurred during the year. (2013)

(n) The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall be allowed travel expenses to instruct a new Bethel in establishing and maintaining Bethel records at a time other than the date of institution.

(o) The Chairmen of the Jurisprudence, Scholarship, and Promotion Committees shall each receive one hundred dollars (\$100.00) as an advance against expenses incurred during the year. An accounting of the expenditures used from this advance shall be submitted with their report at the Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council. (2009)

(p) The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall each be bonded for a minimum sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00), either under the bond issued to the SGC, or under the bond issued to this GGC.

(q) A Daughter from this jurisdiction that is selected as Miss International or Supreme Bethel Honored Queen shall be eligible to receive funds from previously collected fees (WA-SOP-GGC 4 Article VI, Section 2, (b)(2)). Disbursements of these funds will be done at the discretion of the Executive Members of the Grand Guardian Council and approval of the Finance Committee. (2005)

WA SOP-GGC-7

MANUAL OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 1. Amendments

(a)-(d) See SOP-GGC-7

(e) Amendments to the Manual of Rules and Regulations of the GGC shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, "Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) only require a majority vote", of the members voting, providing such amendments are in proper form per the Bylaws and submitted to the Chairman of Jurisprudence received by March 15th of the year in which they are to be acted upon. The amendments acted upon shall be sent to the Grand Secretary by May 1st for processing and then distributed to each voting member by June 1st. (2021)

(f) No proposed amendment shall be distributed to the voting members of the Grand Guardian Council by the Grand Secretary unless submitted by a member of the GGC. (2009)

(g) Proposed amendments shall be presented in the following form: provide page number, article and section numbers. Then first state "as it now reads", quoting the printed section to be amended. This is to be followed by "amend to read", with the proposed changes. (1998)

(h) The adoption and approval of any amendment shall automatically amend all other portions of the Manual of Rules and Regulations referring to the same subject.

(i) No amendment to the Manual of Rules and Regulations of this Grand Guardian Council, including immediate amendments shall become effective until approved by the Jurisprudence Committee of the Supreme Guardian Council and upon distribution. Such legislations shall become effective immediately upon distribution. (2011)

Section 2. Immediate Amendments

(a) An immediate amendment may be presented in writing and in proper form by a member of this GGC when signed by ten (10) voting members representing ten (10) different Bethels and submitted to the Grand Secretary to be read to the voting delegates. An immediate amendment requires a unanimous vote of the members present and voting at the Annual Session of the GGC.

WA SOP-GGC-8

MEETINGS

Section 1.

(a) This GGC shall meet annually during the month of June. In the event of an emergency, the Grand Guardian, with the written consent of the Associate Grand Guardian, Vice Grand Guardian and Vice Associate Grand Guardian, or any two of them, may postpone for a definite period, or change the place of the Annual Session of the GGC. Notice of the proposed action shall be sent immediately to the members of the Jurisprudence Committee and the Finance Committee. (2007)

(b) See SOP-GGC-8

Section 2.

(a) Executive members of this GGC shall hold at least five (5) meetings without reimbursement, during their term of office for the purpose of discussion of all matters pertaining to the jurisdiction. Minutes shall be taken for future reference.

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WA SOP-GGC-9

PENALTIES AND FINES

Section 1. Fines shall be levied for:

(a)-(c) See SOP-GGC-9

(d) Failure to remit fees and dues within thirty (30) days after same are due. This fine shall be five dollars (\$5.00) and shall be collected from the Executive members of the BGC.

(e) Failure to send their Educational and Promotional remittance by the first day of May and December of each year. This penalty shall be five dollars (\$5.00) and shall be collected from each Bethel that fails to send this remittance. 2007