

Grand Bethel of Washington 2024 - 2025

Dear Bethel Guardians,

On the following pages are the instructions for the selection of the 2024 - 2025 Grand Bethel Officers and Representatives. **It is very important that you review the forms carefully. Please take the time to explain to the Daughters and their parents**, especially those putting their name in for Grand Bethel Honored Queen, the time commitment and financial responsibility that is expected of those who are members of Grand Bethel.

In this packet you will find:

- ❖ A letter to be read to the Daughters at your next meeting regarding the drawing.
- ❖ Expectations and responsibilities of the Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Officers, Choir, and Representatives to be given to the Daughters in the drawing, and their parents.

We encourage all entries for Grand Bethel to be done electronically. In order to review the forms prior to arrival at Session **the deadline for electronic entry is June 15th at midnight.** A confirmation email will be sent acknowledging the entry was received. If you or the Daughter does not receive a confirmation, please contact me to check on your entry.

Daughters may also register in person for the Grand Bethel Drawing on Thursday June 27 from 7:00am to 8:30am and again from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. No registrations will be accepted once the official Grand Bethel Registration period has closed. Daughters registering at session will need to submit the proper forms that have the signatures of their Bethel Guardian and parent/legal guardian.

A Daughter whose name is in the drawing must be registered and attend Grand Session in person. She must be present at the Grand Bethel Meeting, specifically in the Bethel room when the drawing takes place. Please refer to the Session program for additional information.

Each PHQ entering the drawing will only need to fill out **ONE** form – either GBHQ & Officer **OR** Grand Bethel Officer Only. Please be sure your Daughters understand that their name will automatically be entered in the drawing for the remaining Grand Bethel Offices, should they not be selected as GBHQ.

Each Bethel will have the opportunity to submit two names for Grand Bethel Representatives (1 primary and 1 alternate). Please have the Bethel Daughters vote on whose names will be in the drawing to represent their Bethel. We strongly encourage thoughtful consideration be given to your younger members being the primary entry. However, there are no Grand Bethel Rules or Regulations that prevent a PHQ or Line Officer from being the Daughter whose name will be entered in the GB drawing as the primary or the alternate Representative.

The Grand Bethel Committee and the incoming Grand Bethel Guardians are looking forward to 2024-2025. Here's to an exciting year for Washington's Grand Bethel!

Jenn Fuher Incoming Grand Bethel Guardian
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To be read at the next Bethel Meeting:

Dear Daughters,

It is hard to believe that it is time already to plan for 2024-2025 Grand Bethel! The plans Mrs. Brady and Mr. Reardon are making for next year sound amazing and we are looking for excited and extraordinary Washington Daughters to join Washington Grand Bethel! If you are one of these excited Jobies, we really hope you will consider placing your name in the drawing. You will be representing your Bethel, Washington Job's Daughters and, of course, the Grand Bethel of Washington. Please review the responsibilities of each position you are considering and talk it over with your parents. We want each Daughter in Grand Bethel to be aware of the responsibilities before the drawing, so we can hit the ground running.

Eligible Past Honored Queens can submit their names for the Grand Bethel Honored Queen and/or Grand Bethel Officer drawings. Past Honored Queens not drawn for an office may sign up to serve in the Grand Bethel Choir at the conclusion of the Grand Bethel Drawing, held during the Grand Bethel meeting. Please see eligibility and criteria page for additional details.

Grand Bethel Representative should be voted on during a stated Bethel meeting per WA Grand Bethel Rules & Regulations Article VII, Section 1, subsection (g), prior to submission of those names and forms.

We look forward to sharing the upcoming Grand Bethel year with each of you!

Sincerely,

Jenn Fuher and Pete Abler
Incoming Grand Bethel Guardians

Grand Bethel of Washington 2024- 2025 - Information & Criteria

Please share a copy with the Daughters & their parents who are submitting their names

Daughters, Parents, & Guardians,

There are specific responsibilities outlined in these pages regarding the Grand Bethel, should your daughter desire to be a part of Grand Bethel for the coming year. Additional Grand Bethel rules and regulations can be found on our state website. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Bethel Guardian or me.

- ★ To be eligible for the Grand Bethel Drawing, those Job's Daughters whose names have been submitted for the drawing must:
 - Be a member in good standing with her Bethel.
 - Submit their completed registration for Grand Bethel Drawing electronically by midnight June 15, 2024, OR in person on Thursday June 27, 2024 between 7:00am and 8:30am and 2:30 to 5:00pm. Forms are not considered complete without proper signatures from their Bethel Guardian and parent/legal guardians.
 - Be registered and present at Grand Session before Grand Bethel formally opens on the day of the drawing as well as at the time of the drawing. (In case of emergencies, which may arise, exceptions shall be made only by a vote of the Grand Bethel members present at the Annual meeting of the Grand Bethel) **The Grand Bethel Drawing for 2024-2025 will be held on Friday June 28th, 2024. The meeting will start promptly at 8:30am, with the drawing being the first item under New Business.**

- ★ To be drawn for **Grand Bethel Honored Queen members must also:**
 - Be a Past Honored Queen who has turned 15, but not yet turned 20 at the time of the drawing and never served as Grand Bethel Honored Queen of this jurisdiction.
 - **Write a letter of intent** stating that she and her parent/legal guardian are aware of the responsibilities as outlined in the WA Grand Bethel Rules and Regulations Article IX, Section 1. This letter of intent must be submitted to jfuher@comcast.net **by the electronic form deadline of midnight on June 15, 2024.** Where a daughter signs up in person, the letter of intent must be presented at the Grand Bethel Registration table as part of her complete registration packet.
 - **ALL ENTRIES FOR GBHQ will be verified with your Bethel Guardian and parent/legal guardian.** Please be sure you have discussed your intent with your Bethel Guardian and parent/legal guardian prior to submitting your electronic entry. In person entries must have proper signatures on the entry forms.

- ★ To be drawn for Grand Bethel Officer members must:
 - Be a Past Honored Queen who has not yet turned 20 at the time of the drawing.
- ★ To be in the drawing as the Representative members must:
 - Be an active Daughter of a Bethel.
- ★ In order to accept your office, all Daughters submitting their name for a Grand Bethel position must be present at the Grand Bethel meeting at the time the drawing begins.

We are looking forward to an exciting year for Grand Bethel and Washington State!

Jenn Fuher and Pete Abler, Grand Bethel Guardians 2024-2025

Grand Bethel of Washington 2024-2025 -Expectations & Responsibilities

Being a Grand Bethel Officer, Choir Member or Representative can be an amazing experience, but along with the honor and privilege of being in Grand Bethel comes responsibilities. There are several events throughout the year that Grand Bethel will be asked to attend and sometimes Grand Bethel will be presiding. The importance of attending these state activities will vary depending on what position you hold but all members of Grand Bethel are encouraged to attend as many as possible. Remember, you are representing your Bethel along with all members of Washington Job's Daughters and are expected to fulfill those duties associated with such an honorable station.

All members of the Grand Bethel are asked to attend:

- ✓ **Grand Bethel Workshop** Saturday August 03, 2024 in Tumwater.
- ✓ **International Day and Supreme Visit** Saturday, September 21, 2024 at The Nile Shrine in Shoreline.
- ✓ **Jobie Weekend** Friday February 28 – Sunday March 02, 2025 at Camp Arnold in Eatonville.
- ✓ **Grand Bethel Fun or Mystery event** (TBD)
- ✓ **Grand Visitations** as time and opportunity permits (please see the Grand visit calendar).
- ✓ **Grand Session June 26-29, 2025** at the Coast Hotel and Convention Center in Wenatchee. There may be a GB Officer practice Wednesday evening June 25, 2025. (Look for more information on that at a later date).

Grand Bethel Representatives:

- ❖ Write letters to the Bethels in the State/Province/Country that you represent. Learn about the jurisdiction(s) and share back your learnings to Grand Bethel Committee and possibly during reports at Grand Session.
- ❖ Keep your Bethel up to date on Grand Bethel activities and report on those that you attend.
- ❖ Many Bethels ask their Grand Bethel Representatives to respond to letters the Bethel receives during the year written by Representatives from other Jurisdictions.

Grand Bethel Officers:

- ❖ Perform the duties of your office at all Grand Bethel convocations.
- ❖ Be prepared by knowing your ritual and floor work. Your robe should be clean and follow the guidelines for wear. Strive to be an excellent example whenever you are presiding and representing Washington Grand Bethel.
- ❖ Keep your Bethel up to date on Grand Bethel activities and report on those you attend.

Grand Bethel Choir, Flag Bearer, and Pages:

- ❖ Be available to perform as an Officer at all Grand Bethel convocations and help wherever needed during the year and at Grand Bethel Session 2025.
- ❖ Keep your Bethel up to date on Grand Bethel activities and report on those you attend.

Grand Bethel Honored Queen:

The Daughter who is drawn as Grand Bethel Honored Queen will have a great responsibility throughout the year. In addition to her school and family responsibilities and attending the above list of events for all of Grand Bethel she may also be expected to spend many weekends away from home representing Washington Job's Daughters and will likely be invited to various events as well. The Grand Guardian will provide a calendar outlining the Grand Visitations and other events The Grand Bethel Honored Queen will be asked to attend.

Additional Notes on the GBHQ Responsibilities:

- ❖ Host Grand Bethel Workshop with the Grand Bethel Committee.
- ❖ Represent Grand Bethel at the Bethel's Grand Visitations during the year. She will typically be asked to bring remarks at these meetings, attend meals and activities before or after, and occasionally will be asked to protem.
- ❖ Attend all Washington Job's Daughters State Events.
- ❖ Attend Supreme Session. This year it is held in LaVista Nebraska
- ❖ Preside as the Honored Queen at Grand Session 2025 in Wenatchee as well as other state events as requested during the year.
- ❖ Other Masonic group events, such as Grand Court, Grand Lodge, Rainbow Grand Assembly and DeMolay Convention.
- ❖ Other meetings, trainings and JDI conventions (i.e., British Columbia Grand Session).

The GBHQ may be asked to attend these conventions and may be asked to bring remarks. In addition, special meals are often provided by the groups, however, registration/housing/meal costs not provided by the convention will be the responsibility of the GBHQ. Travel reimbursement can be found online in the WA Grand Bethel Rules & Regulations, Article X, Section 2. The primary financial burden will be on the shoulders of the Daughter and her family. She and her family will be asked to pay for her expenses, which can add up. The family of the new GBHQ should have a plan in place for covering the additional costs of meals, fees, hotel rooms, etc. throughout the year. Supreme Session will be held in La Vista NE July 24-28. The incoming Grand Guardian and Guardian of the Grand Bethel can discuss specific travel details with you, as these are the Official dates of Supreme Session. The departure and return dates are generally prior to and can extend past the official session dates shown above. Per our bylaws, airfare is paid and a per diem is given to the GBHQ for the start of the session on Wednesday through the closing of the session on Saturday. Additional costs for both the GBHQ and their designated chaperone could include activities, meals, and other incidentals. This should be discussed thoroughly prior to the 2024-2025 Grand Bethel drawing. Please be prepared should you (or your daughter) be drawn as Grand Bethel Honored Queen.

The rewards that go along with being GBHQ are too numerous to count but there are some sacrifices that come along with the position. The GBHQ must behave in a manner that is a positive reflection of herself and Washington Job's Daughters. This includes spoken and written communications, in person or on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc.). Topics should be appropriate and acceptable to be heard or read by the 10-year-old members of our Order as well as those outside our Organization. The appearance of the GBHQ should be in accordance with the dress code for Washington State Job's Daughters. Appropriate clothing and accessories during official business are a must. Good personal hygiene is encouraged and should be practiced at all times. As the leader of Grand Bethel, this daughter should set an example that others can easily follow. It is the responsibility of the Daughter and her parents to keep open communication to make sure she is managing all aspects of being GBHQ. It can be a stressful job and we want the experience to be a positive one. The Grand Guardian Council and The Grand Bethel Committee are here to support and assist the Grand Bethel Honored Queen whenever needed. It is our sincere hope that her personality will shine through and that she will be loved and respected by everyone that she comes in contact with during her journey as Grand Bethel Honored Queen!