

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
DEGREE OF ROYAL PURPLE
Washington**

**ARTICLE I
ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1. This award shall be made in recognition of continuous dedicated service to the Order.

(a) A Majority Member who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age at the time of her nomination. (2023)

**ARTICLE II
REQUIREMENTS**

Section 1. Nomination

(a) Nomination shall be made by a majority vote of the Executive Members of the nominating BGC, excluding the nominee if she is a member of the executive BGC, or by a majority vote of the Executive Members of the GGC without the knowledge of the nominee. (2024)

(1) The members of the Bethel or a permanent member of the GGC may recommend her nomination to the Executive members of the BGC or to the Executive Members of the Grand Guardian Council. (2023)

(2) A Majority Member may be nominated by any Bethel in which she has contributed or for service to the Order. (2023)

(b) Nomination form shall include a listing of at least 4 years of information pertaining to Offices, committees and services rendered to Bethel & State by nominee, along with the Bethels she has worked with since Majority, signatures of two of the nominating Bethel's Executive BGC members or the current Grand Secretary for submission with the nomination. (2024)

Section 2. Recommendations

(b) The nominating council shall secure at least four (4) written recommendations from adults, not related to the nominee, who have first-hand knowledge of her contribution to the Order. (2023)

(1) At least two (2) of the recommendations shall be from members of the GGC or members of the BGC (Executive and/or Associate).

(2) If the nominee has been with the nominating Bethel or has served on Grand Council Committees for less than four (4) years, two (2) additional recommendations from their previous Bethel and/or Jurisdiction are required to cover four (4) years of service to the Order. (2023)

(c) A minimum of four (4) must include specific examples of outstanding service to the Order. (2019)

(d) The recommendations must be dated and signed either with an e-signature, typed or handwritten signature. (2024)

(e) In order to be considered as a recommendation from a member of the GGC, it must also show the proposer's office or title.

(f) Only those requirements described in the Rules and Regulations of this Degree may be used by the committee in accepting recommendations.

2021

Section 3. Presentation

- (a) The recipient shall receive the Degree of Royal Purple at Formal Opening of the Annual Session of the Grand Bethel. In the event that it is impossible for the recipient to attend the Annual Session, other arrangements for the presentation of the Degree of Royal Purple will be made by the Grand Guardian. (1998)
- (b) The GGC shall be responsible for providing each recipient with a white rose, a certificate and for engraving the medallion with her name, the year and the jurisdiction.

Section 4. General

- (a) The cost of the approved medallion may be paid by the Bethel, the family, or anyone who wishes to contribute. Checks should be made payable to the GGC of Washington and sent to the Grand Secretary of Washington by May 1. (2019)

ARTICLE III DEGREE OF ROYAL PURPLE

Section 1. Members

- (a) The membership of this committee is defined in the WA B-GGC Art. IV. Sec. 4 (f).

Section 2. Duties of the Committee

- (a) Notify each Bethel in this GGC in September of the full particulars for a nomination.
- (b) Receive the nomination no later than March 1 from the Executive members of the BGC of the Bethel nominating a Majority Member. (2021)
- (c) Hold an annual meeting by April 1 to determine the recipients of this Degree.
- (d) Notify by mail the nominating Executive members of the BGC of the committee's decision by April 15.
- (e) The committee shall not discuss the nominations outside of the annual meeting. The decision of the committee shall be final. All nominations shall be destroyed.

Section 3. Duties of the Committee Chairman

- (a) Set the date and location of the annual meeting which shall be held in the area in which the majority of the committee resides.
- (b) Receive payment for the cost of the approved medallion by May 1.
- (c) Make a report at the Annual Session of the GGC.
- (d) Be the custodian of the Degree of Royal Purple Bible and of the permanent file containing the list of recipients and copies of all annual reports.
- (e) Turn all properties of the committee over annually to the new chairman.

ARTICLE IV AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

- (a) Amendments may be made to these Rules and Regulations as defined in the WA SOP-GGC 7 Sec. 1-2