Washington Grand Bethel Traditions

Adopted by the Daughters at Grand Session 2026

ATTENDANCE AND ATTIRE

If a Grand Bethel Officer, Choir member or Representative is going to be absent from a Grand Bethel function that requires her to be present at the function in her station, she must personally notify the Grand Bethel Guardian as soon as she knows she will be absent. An adult member of the Grand Bethel Committee may be contacted if the Grand Bethel Guardian is not available.

Washington State Dress Code and Official Regalia Regulations will be followed at every function of the Grand Bethel and whenever the Officers, Choir or Representatives are visiting as representatives of Grand Bethel. A copy of these traditions will be provided to each Daughter in their Grand Bethel Workbook.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Grand Bethel Guardian** – In addition to her regular duties she shall be in charge of procuring the location of the Grand Bethel Workshop, the Grand Bethel Reception, and other events regarding Grand Bethel activities.

- **Grand Bethel Associate Guardian** - In addition to his regular duties, he shall be in charge of the Grand Bethel Drawing Paraphernalia. He will also be charged with continuing, developing, and/or deploying a participation incentive program for the Grand Bethel year to be approved by the Grand Bethel Committee and executed with the assistance of the GBHQ.

- **Grand Bethel Committee Member's** duties in addition to those listed in the Grand Bethel Rules and Regulations shall include but not be limited to maintaining minutes of all Committee meetings to be passed on to next year's Grand Bethel Guardian. The Recording Secretary will be appointed by the Grand Bethel Guardian.

- **Grand Bethel Finance Committee** duties in addition to those listed in the Grand Bethel Rules and Regulations will be to have a financial report at each meeting of the GB Committee.

- **Grand Bethel Honored Queen** - In addition to those outlined in the Grand Bethel Rules and Regulations, her duties shall include, but not be limited to: Hold Line Officers meetings with the Grand Bethel Guardian at such times as either requests and work in conjunction with the Grand Bethel Guardian and Grand Bethel Associate Guardian to delegate additional responsibilities to Grand Bethel members.

- **Grand Bethel Senior & Junior Princess** - In addition to those outlined in the Grand Bethel Rules and Regulations, their duties shall include but not be limited to: Chairman of the Grand Bethel Scholarship Fundraising project.

- **Grand Bethel Guide**. In addition to those outlined in the Grand Bethel Rules and Regulations, her duties shall include but not be limited to: Assist the Grand Bethel Marshal with the Flag Ceremony for the Opening Ceremony of Grand Session and work in conjunction with the Grand Guide in the planning and execution of Washington's responsibilities for International Day.

- **Grand Bethel Marshal -** In addition to those outlined in the Ritual, her duties shall include but not be limited to: To be in charge of the Flag Ceremony for the Opening Ceremony of Grand Session working in conjunction with the Grand Marshal in its planning and execution.

- **Grand Bethel Chaplain**. In addition to those outlined in the Ritual, her duties shall include but not be limited to: To be in charge of the Inspirational Service and Necrology Ceremony at Grand Session working in conjunction with the Grand Chaplain in its planning and execution and to perform other Inspirational Ceremonies when requested to do so.

- **The Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Line Officers** shall meet with the next year's Grand Bethel Guardian before Feb. 15 to select the initial three groups of choices for the ensuing year's term,

which shall include but not be limited to: colors, mascot, and flowers. This meeting may also include the committee. These will then be presented to the other members of the Washington Job's Daughters for a final vote at Jobie Weekend. The results of the vote will be announced Sunday morning of Jobie Weekend.

SASHES AND TIARAS

- Sashes will be provided for the GBHQ, GBSP, and GBJP by the Grand Bethel. Officers may not purchase or replace them with a different sash, even at their own expense. If an individual who served as GBHQ has a need to replace her GBHQ sash due to loss or damage, she may do so at her own expense. It is the responsibility of the incoming Grand Bethel Guardian to communicate this to the officers each year.
- Tiaras for GBHQ, GBSP, and GBJP will be provided by the Grand Bethel. It is at the discretion of the Grand Bethel Guardian whether she will provide them or be chosen by the Daughters drawn for that office. The maximum reimbursable cost per tiara is $20.

GIFTS

All gifts purchased with Grand Bethel funds shall not exceed $25.00. Exceptions require a majority vote of the Grand Bethel Committee Members present.

EXPENSES

All expenses for any function of the Grand Bethel exceeding the proposed budget for the function must be approved by at least two other members of the Grand Bethel Committee that are not on the Committee in charge of the function with the final decision to be approved by the Grand Bethel Guardian.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- The goal for the Scholarship fundraiser will be a minimum of $350.00 (three hundred fifty dollars) with an annual goal of raising $500.00 (five hundred dollars). Any amount not awarded shall be held in an interest-bearing account to assist with those years when the goal is not achieved.
- The Scholarship amount and the recipients will be determined by a 2/3rds (two-thirds) majority vote of the Grand Bethel committee members at a meeting of the Committee when a quorum is present.
- The Scholarship(s) will be given to the recipient(s) at Grand Session.
- The recipient(s) will be chosen from a list of given to the Committee from the Scholarship Chairman of the Grand Guardian Council Scholarship Committee.
- The recipient(s) must be an installed Officer, Representative, or Daughter committee member of the Grand Bethel for the current year in which the scholarship is awarded.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Honorary membership in the Grand Bethel may be given to any adult the Daughters feel is worthy of the honor, either by virtue of their office or that she/he has faithfully served the Grand Bethel. This may include the Supreme Guardian, Associate Supreme Guardian, Grand Guardian, Associate Grand Guardian, Grand Bethel Guardian, Grand Bethel Associate Guardian, Bethel Guardians or Associate Bethel Guardians, present or past, or any adult working with the Grand Bethel. The name(s) of the proposed adult(s) shall be submitted to the Grand Bethel Committee prior to the Annual Meeting of the Grand Bethel for review. Additional Honorary Memberships given during the year will require a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote of the Grand Bethel Committee and Grand Bethel Line Officers.

AMENDMENTS

These Guidelines may be amended at any regular business meeting of the Grand Bethel by a 2/3rds (two-thirds) vote of the members present. These Guidelines shall be reviewed every year at the Annual business meeting of the Grand Bethel with proposed changes being submitted to the Committee no less than 30 (thirty) days prior to Grand Session.

Adopted *at the Grand Bethel meeting held at The Coast Convention Center in Wenatchee Washington on 06/26/2026*
Grand Bethel Honored Queen *Katie Schefers and* ***Grand Bethel Guardian*** *Kay Ekeya*