

**CONSTITUTION OF A
GRAND GUARDIAN COUNCIL
JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

Section 1.

- (a) The name of this organization is Job's Daughters International, Grand Guardian Council of _____.
(State, Province, Territory, or Country)

**ARTICLE II
OBJECT**

Section 1.

- (a) The object of the GGC is to be supreme in its jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to the Bethels, Bethel Guardian Councils and its own affairs, subject to the provisions of the laws of the Supreme Guardian Council.

**ARTICLE III
AUTHORITY**

Section 1.

- (a) This GGC operates under authority of a Charter granted by the Supreme Guardian Council and dated _____. The jurisdiction of this GGC shall be limited to the State/Province/Territory/Country of _____.
- (b) Manuals of Rules and Regulations of GGCs shall include Art. I, II, and III, Sec. 1(a) in same. The format for the Manual, and subsequent amendments thereto, shall follow the same sequence as that of this Constitution and Bylaws of a GGC. (See SI 14 for prerogatives extended to GGCs)

**ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1.

- (a) A GGC shall consist of the GGC Officers, Past Bethel Guardians and Past Associate Bethel Guardians of Bethels in the jurisdiction, the five (5) Executive members of the BGC, chartered and under dispensation, and all members of the SGC residing in such GGC jurisdiction who have been elected to membership in such GGC.
- (b) See SI 13 concerning loss of membership in the GGC.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS**

Section 1. Elective Officers

- (a) The elective officers of a GGC shall be: Grand Guardian (a woman), Associate Grand Guardian (a Master Mason), Vice Grand Guardian (a woman), Vice Associate Grand Guardian (a Master Mason), Grand Guide (a woman), Grand Marshal (a woman), Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer. (See SI 14.1)

Section 2. Appointive Officers

- (a) The appointive officers may be any of the following: Grand Chaplain, Grand Librarian, Grand Director of Music, Grand First Messenger, Grand Second Messenger, Grand Third Messenger, Grand Fourth Messenger, Grand Fifth Messenger, Grand Senior Custodian, Grand Junior Custodian, and the Grand Inner Guard and the Grand Outer Guard if not designated elective officers of the GGC.

Section 3. Executive Officer

- (a) The Grand Guardian shall be the executive officer of the GGC.

Section 4. Executive GGC

- (a) The Executive GGC shall be composed of the elective officers of the GGC.

**ARTICLE VI
ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1.

- (a) No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to office of a GGC unless she/he is a voting delegate thereof. By 8/7/2010, if the GGC is in the USA, the delegate shall be on the current list of CAVs provided by the Executive Manager.
- (b) In jurisdictions where Masons are prohibited from serving as Associate Grand Guardians or Vice Associate Grand Guardians, the Grand Guardian, with the advice and consent of the Executive GGC, may authorize election and installation of eligible women to serve in these offices.
- (c) After the first election of the GGC officers, no person shall be eligible to serve as an elective GGC officer, except as Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer, who has not served at least one (1) term as a Bethel Guardian or Associate Bethel Guardian of a chartered Bethel.
- (1) Bethel Guardians and Associate Bethel Guardians who are completing their first full term in said office at the time of a GGC election shall be eligible to serve as an elective officer of the GGC.
- (d) No member shall be eligible for the office of Grand Guardian or Associate Grand Guardian who has not served, or who is not completing service, as an elective officer of the same GGC for a period of one (1) term.
- (e) No Grand Guardian or Associate Grand Guardian shall succeed herself/himself in office or be elected to the office of Grand Guardian or Associate Grand Guardian a second time in the same GGC.
- (f) A SGC officer may hold an office in a GGC.

**ARTICLE VII
ELECTION, VOTING PRIVILEGES, AND PROXY**

Section 1. Election

- (a) Elective officers of the GGC shall be elected at the Annual Session from eligible members in attendance, unless unavoidably absent.
- (b) Election shall be by ballot without nomination. (See SI 14.2)
- (c) A majority vote of those present and voting shall elect.

Section 2. Voting Privileges

- (a) Members of the GGC shall be entitled to one (1) vote each when present at a special meeting or Annual Session.

Section 3. Proxy

- (a) No member may have her/his vote cast by proxy except as follows: (See SI 14.3)
- (1) A proxy shall be issued to an Associate member of a BGC as follows:
- [a] For the office of either BG or ABG, a proxy shall be issued only if the Associate Member, if a woman, has Masonic status or affiliation for eligibility to be appointed as BG or, if a man, is a Master Mason.
- [b] For any of the remaining Executive members of a BGC, a proxy may be issued to any Associate Member of the BGC.
- (2) A proxy shall be limited to the particular Annual Session for which it is issued and shall be duly certified by the Executive members of the BGC.
- (3) No person shall have a proxy for more than one (1) office or be entitled to more than one (1) vote.

**ARTICLE VIII
APPOINTMENTS**

Section 1.

- (a) Appointive officers shall be appointed by the incoming Grand Guardian at the Annual Session. By 8/7/2010, appointees working with JDI in the USA shall be on the current list of CAVs provided by the Executive Manager.

**ARTICLE IX
TERM**

Section 1.

- (a) All officers shall be elected or appointed for a term of one (1) year, or until the close of the next Annual Session, but shall continue to perform the duties of their office until their successors have been installed.

**ARTICLE X
INSTALLATION**

Section 1.

- (a) Officers present shall be installed before the close of the Annual Session.
 (b) No person shall be installed in the office of Grand Guardian, Associate Grand Guardian, Vice Grand Guardian, Vice Associate Grand Guardian who is an Executive member of a BGC.
 (c) Members of the SGC shall install the officers of a GGC. Members of the GGC may be appointed to assist in the ceremony.

**ARTICLE XI
VACANCIES**

Section 1.

- (a) If the office of the Grand Guardian becomes vacant, the Vice Grand Guardian shall assume all the duties and prerogatives pertaining to that office and shall be known as the Acting Grand Guardian until and during the next Annual Session.
 (b) Such resignation and any information relative to the vacancy shall be directed to the Grand Secretary who shall notify the Supreme Guardian, Executive Manager, all GGC officers, Executive members of the BGCs, and the chairmen of all GGC committees, affixing the seal of the GGC thereto.
 (c) The same procedure shall apply to the Vice Associate Grand Guardian should the office of the Associate Grand Guardian become vacant.
 (d) In the event of a vacancy in any other elective office, except that of the Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer, the Grand Guardian shall appoint a Past Grand Guardian or a Past Associate Grand Guardian to fill the vacancy. A Past Bethel Guardian or Past Associate Bethel Guardian may be appointed by the Grand Guardian to fill a vacancy in the offices of Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer.

**ARTICLE XII
MEETINGS**

Section 1.

- (a) The time and place of the Annual Session shall be determined by each GGC.
 (b) See SI 1 for Rules of Order and Parliamentary Authority.