

ELECTION OF LINE OFFICERS

Job's Daughters has five elected officers: Marshal, Guide, Junior Princess, Senior Princess and Honored Queen. A member who has passed her proficiency test and has no unexcused absences during the entire term is eligible for election. Elections are held the second meeting of May and November unless otherwise specified in the Bethel Bylaws. Once elected to the position of Marshal, it takes two and a half (2 1/2) years of dedication and hard work to complete all line responsibilities up to and including Honored Queen. Line officers are expected and encouraged to participate in all functions of the Bethel and to attend Bethel Guardian Council meetings that are held once a month. Voting for elective offices are done by secret ballot. **NO ELECTIONEERING OR CAMPAIGNING IS ALLOWED. A GIRL MAY BE DISQUALIFIED IF SHE OR SOMEONE ELSE CAMPAIGNS FOR HER.** (Electioneering is defined as saying or implying that a daughter should vote for a specific person; or should not vote for a specific person for any elective office.)

The Election of Officers should be started by having the Associate Bethel Guardian or the Bethel Guardian read the rules for Election. (as per Bylaws) and the rules and procedures approved by the Executive Bethel Guardian Council for balloting. (Examples: using correct name and last name or initial if there are duplicate first names; no talking; procedure to determine majority number necessary to elect; questions should be directed to Bethel Guardian or Associate Bethel Guardian; etc.) The first order of business should be to have a member of the Executive BGC read alphabetically the names of those daughters eligible for elective office. After the names are read, any girl not desiring to hold an elective office may stand and withdraw her name from consideration. If a daughter already in the line desires NOT to continue in the line, the appropriate time to make this announcement would be when the Honored Queen announces that they will now be balloting on the position to which that daughter would have progressed. (Example: if the Junior Princess wishes to drop out, she would stand up after the Honored Queen has announced, "We will now be balloting on the position of Senior Princess." The Junior Princess would stand and make a simple announcement such as, "For personal reasons I have decided that I cannot continue in the line and withdraw my name.") When a vacancy in the line occurs, it could mean that each remaining daughter advances an extra position. (Example: If the Junior Princess drops out, the Guide could be elected to Senior Princess; Marshal could then progress to Junior Princess, and the Bethel would then elect a Guide and Marshal.) It is preferable that once in the line, a daughter progresses in the normal order, **UNLESS SHE VIOLATES THE OBLIGATION OR BYLAWS; OR FAILS TO SUPPORT THE BETHEL AND TO DO HER JOB TO THE BEST OF HER ABILITY.** If a daughter is elected to a position she does not wish to hold, she always has the right to decline that position and still be eligible for election to other offices. (Example: if the Senior Princess drops out and the Junior Princess does not feel she is ready for Honored Queen, she could decline the position of Honored Queen and still be eligible for Senior Princess). Any line office station left vacant may be pro-temmed when necessary by a Past Honored Queen or Majority Member. (C-Bethel 5) The position of Honored Queen, if vacant, could be filled by scheduling with several Past Honored Queens/Majority Members. Other line officer positions, if vacant, could be filled as stated above or when necessary

(Initiation, Majority, special ceremonies or meetings) by a Past Honored Queen or Majority Member.

According to Supreme Bylaws, we are governed by Robert's Rules of Order where applicable. Accordingly, a blank ballot would lower the number of ballots needed to elect. If a daughter does not know who to ballot for, or who would be best for the Bethel in that position, she does not need to cast an illegal ballot (Minnie Mouse). A ballot with the words "NO ONE" written on it is a legal ballot and does not then change the number of ballots needed to elect and is an option to placing a blank ballot.

EXAMPLE:

Blank Ballots		All Ballots Legal
19	Voting Members	19
<u>2</u>	Blank / Illegal	<u>0</u>
17	Legal Ballots	19
9	Needed to Elect	10

ELECTION GUIDELINES

1. Per Supreme Bylaws - The Executive BGC determines procedure to follow for elections (C-Bethel 3; Art. VII, Section 1 f). These procedures are not approved by the girls or Supreme Jurisprudence unless they are made a part of the Bethel Bylaws.
2. Make "Work sheets" for Honored Queen, giving instructions on how to do elections and for Recorder on how the ballot tally is done.
3. The Executive BGC will decide and declare if ballots are illegal or legal (2 girls with same first name, no last name on ballot--ballot is illegal)
4. Tellers don't decide/don't announce how to ballot - Honored Queen gives that information based on information decided by the Executive BGC. (fold ballots once, use first name and last initial/name, etc.)
5. Bethel Recorder tallies and Bethel Custodians are usually tellers. If these daughters are not available another suitable officer is selected.
6. No tallying needs to be done by anyone on sidelines - only tallying should be done by the Bethel Recorder and Guardian Secretary. If anyone else tallies - the Honored Queen can announce no one is to tally. Also, those tally sheets can be collected and destroyed by the Bethel Guardian/Associate Bethel Guardian along with ones done by the Recorder and Guardian Secretary.
7. An EXCUSED absence is recognized only when the Executive BGC rules it as an excused absence.
8. Organized campaigning is prohibited. This specifically refers to posters, parties, a campaign manager or someone speaking on someone's behalf. Under no circumstances should one girl be "put down" merely to promote the elections of another girl. For a daughter to say "Someday when I am Honored Queen..." is NOT electioneering.
9. During the election, the Bethel Guardian (or other Executive BGC member when requested by her to do so) may...
 - a. Give facts or information when requested by a member of the Bethel
 - b. See that the proper election procedures are followed
10. During the actual voting, if a girl receives votes and is not SINCERELY interested in becoming a Line Officer, she can withdraw her name before the next ballot. Also, if after two or three rounds of balloting, a girl's vote total does not increase, she can withdraw her name. At no time does ANYONE tell or suggest to a girl she should withdraw her name for any office.