

Guidelines for the recommendation of Bethel Guardian Council members

Bethel Members

As per SI-8 > Recommendation for Executive Members of the Bethel Guardian Council by Bethel Members

1. Bethel members shall be privileged to submit by secret ballot recommendations concerning those to be selected as Executive members of the Bethel Guardian Council.
2. The **ballots shall be collected and sealed in an envelope in the presence of the Bethel members by the Recorder** who shall mail them to the Vice Supreme Guardian for Bethels under Supreme or to the Vice Grand Guardian in GGC jurisdictions.
3. At least thirty (30) days before such action, the Bethel Guardian or Associate Bethel Guardian shall notify the Bethel members the date of such ballot and read paragraphs 1 and 2 of this SI to them.
4. In Bethel under Supreme, ballots shall be taken on Form 221 at a meeting held during the month of April, but no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Session of the SGC, and in Bethels under GGC, on Form 221 at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Session of the GGC.
5. The above provision shall be included in the Bylaws of all Bethels (See SI 14.27).

Sample wording which can be presented/read to the Daughters prior to the ballot

To the members of this Bethel has been given the privilege of recommending to the Vice Supreme Guardian the names of adults who could serve on the Executive Bethel Guardian Council.

The Executive Council Members of this Bethel are:

Bethel Guardian must be a woman who is a Majority Member or a direct descendant of a Master Mason, or a member of an adult Masonic organization.

Associate Bethel Guardian must be a man who is a Master Mason.

Guardian Secretary must meet the same eligibility requirements as Bethel Guardian or Associate Bethel

Guardian Treasurer Guardian or be the parent or grandparent of a Member. .

Director of Epochs OR
Director of Music

Listed below (alphabetically) are the names of the adults who are eligible and have indicated they would be willing to serve on the Executive Bethel Guardian Council. You may list any one

of these names for the positions for which they are qualified, or may list any other name that meets the eligibility requirements. If you list a name not on this list, please also give their phone number and/or address.

You may also write additional comments to the Vice Supreme Guardian on the back of your Ballot of Recommendation. Only you and the Vice Supreme Guardian will see these comments.

NAME	ELIGIBILITY
Leanne Hill	Member of Esther Chapter #5, Eastern Star, Ipswich, Queensland and grandmother of Katie Hill.
Michelle Jones	Majority Member and mother of Megan Jones
Debbie Smith	Daughter of a Master Mason, and mother of Danielle Smith.
Sue Walker	Majority Member and mother of Stacy Walker.
Bill Winslow	Master Mason in Harriet Lodge #4, Ipswich, Queensland
Sarah Winslow	Wife of Steve Winslow - Master Mason in Harriet Lodge #4, Ipswich, Queensland

The following adults are eligible to serve on Executive Council, but have indicated they would prefer to serve on the Associate Council

Louise Bennett	Master Mason in United Service Lodge #1, Ipswich, Queensland
Anne Charles	Majority Member
Lesley Dann	Member of Esther Chapter #5, Eastern Star, Ipswich and mother of Rebecca Dann.

The following adults are eligible to serve on the Council, but have indicated they do not wish to serve this next year. They will continue to assist where needed.

Cheryl Anderson	Lisa Johnson
Tammy Fedder	Pat Lane
Janice Fowler	

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As per C-BGC 5 Article XII Section 2 > Annual Meeting

- (a) BGC's, including Executive and Associate members, of Bethels under Supreme, **shall hold their Annual Meeting during the month of April**, but no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Session of the SGC.
- (b) BGC's, including Executive and Associate members, of Bethels under GGC's, shall hold their Annual Meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Session of the GGC.

As per C-BGC 5 Article XII Section 3 > Purpose of the Annual Meeting

- (a) At the Annual Meeting, the **members of the BGC present shall recommend by secret ballot the Executive Members of the BGC** for the ensuing year, for consideration by the Vice Grand Guardian or Vice Supreme Guardian. The ballots shall be tabulated in the presence of those in attendance and additional ballots shall be taken until a majority recommendation appears for each office.
- (b) The **Executive members present shall recommend by secret ballot not more than four (4) Associate members** of the BGC.
- (c) Committee chairmen are not eligible to vote on recommendations for any members of the BGC at the Annual Meeting.
- (d) Names of those receiving a majority recommendation shall be listed on Form 222 and forwarded to the Vice Grand Guardian at least twenty (20) days prior to the Annual Session of the GGC.
- (e) Bethels under Supreme shall follow the same procedure except that Form 222 shall be mailed to the Vice Supreme Guardian at least eighty (80) days prior to the Annual Session of the SGC.

Appointment of Bethel Guardian Council Members

As per C-BGC 3 Article IX Section 1 (a) > Appointments

- (a) Members of BGC's shall be appointed by the newly elected Supreme or Grand Guardian following her election at the Annual Session of the SGC or GGC, or within thirty (30) days thereafter. **Certificates for all BGC members shall be forwarded to the incoming Bethel Guardian.**