

## ELECTION TALK

*(The Honored Queen shall read this at the meeting before the Election of Officers and it does not need to be read again at the time of elections.)*

Next meeting, we will hold our Election of Officers to choose those who will lead our Bethel for the next six months. Please plan to be here.

The elected offices are Honored Queen, Senior Princess, Junior Princess, Guide and Marshal. Line officers should be voted up the line: Senior Princess to Honored Queen, Junior Princess to Senior Princess, Guide to Junior Princess and Marshal to Guide. However, if a Daughter has not fulfilled her oath of office, is guilty of moral misconduct, absenteeism, or persistently refuses to do her work, she may be voted out of line. This is a serious matter and should not be done without considerable thought.

To be eligible for any elective office, a Daughter must be a member of the Bethel who has passed her Proficiency Test, and been in regular attendance during the entire term in which the elections are held. This means that she must have attended all regular meetings unless excused by the vote of the Executive Members of the Bethel Guardian Council.

When selecting a Daughter for Marshal, your vote may go to any eligible member of our Bethel. When making your choice for Marshal, remember that she will serve our Bethel for two and one-half years and advance to the office of Honored Queen. Some things to consider when choosing a Daughter for this important position are:

Does she learn her work each term?  
Is she enthusiastic and excited about being a Job's Daughter?  
Does she promote the Order in the community?  
Is she loyal to the Bethel and its members?  
Is Job's Daughters a priority in her life?  
Does she work well with the other members and the adults?

Being a part of the elected line is an honor and a great experience. But, two and one-half years is a long time and it comes with added responsibility and hard work. Daughters in line are expected to give up other things for Job's Daughters. There will be difficult decisions, disappointments, and more is expected of a daughter in an elected position. It is natural to want to see your best friend elected, particularly if you know this is her desire, but please consider the best interests of the Bethel when you cast your vote. Remember - once a girl is in line, your loyalty belongs to her, even though she may not have been your original choice.

Electioneering of any kind is forbidden. You are not allowed to campaign for or against yourself or another Daughter to be elected to an office. Do not discuss your choices with other daughters in the Bethel and be careful of your personal remarks. Our Order is based on fraternal love and kindness and electioneering violates the principles of our Masonic heritage.

If you are not elected, remember when you joined the Order you obligated yourself to be a good Job's Daughter, and remain faithful to the teachings of Job. The Bethel needs other officers, choir and members who are just as important to the success and welfare of the order as the line officers. These officers are the Honored Queen's choice and are selected with consideration to attendance, participation, and suitability for office. The Executive Members of the Bethel Guardian Council must approve her selection.

If you have any questions about elections, please contact our Bethel Guardian.

*Approved by Indiana GGC Jurisprudence Committee 10/3/2008*