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Degree of Royal Purple Ceremony

HONORED QUEEN: Members and friends, we have assembled here to honor these Daughters who have been especially generous in dedicating their time and efforts in promoting their Bethels and Jobs' Daughters International. As Job's Daughters we are expected to be "the fairest in all the land" but it is often easy to fall short of the mark. The Daughter who always displays faith, trust, responsibility, respect and love should be rewarded. It is with this in mind that we meet to confer the Degree of Royal Purple.

Guide and Marshal you will escort the Daughters who are to receive the degree to the east line facing west.

Recipients rise. Guide and Marshal leave their stations in the west, turn right and left respectively to the north and south marching lines and march to the east collecting the recipients on the sidelines. Proceed with escorting the recipients to the east line as per ritual. All face west. Guide shall be given the recipients' names prior to the ceremony.

GUIDE: I have the pleasure to present _____ who are entitled to receive the degree of Royal Purple.

Recipients nod as name is given. Guide and Marshal then cause the recipients to turn and face the Honored Queen.

HONORED QUEEN: The purpose of Job's Daughters is to teach young women to live responsibly, morally and righteously. The book of Job is a strong foundation upon which to build this training for it deals with a real person, a fallible human being, Job. By studying the trials and triumphs of this man, we hope to discover how to direct our own lives so that we may receive our final reward.

Honored Queen is seated. Princesses and Custodians rise. Custodians take the dove and urn from the pedestals, turn to the center, turn east and ascend the dais. Junior Custodian stands on the left of the Junior Princess and Senior Custodian stands on the right of the Senior Princess. They hand the urn and the dove to their respective Princesses.

JUNIOR PRINCESS: Upon receiving the Degree of Royal Purple you will be given a medallion. On it you will find engraved a figure of a Junior Princess holding a white dove as I do now. It is meant to remind you of the lessons of the first epoch. Remember always be patient and diligent in your work and as Job endeavored to teach his children of the power of prayer, may you also continue being useful instruments in conveying God's love and peace.

SENIOR PRINCESS: On your medallion you will find pictured a Senior Princess holding the urn of incense. It symbolizes the important lessons of the second epoch, the story of Job's anguish and suffering and the final triumph of his dedication to his Creator. If you ever begin to doubt that there is a Supreme Being study the soft colors of the sunrise or the fragrant beauty of a rose, and your faith will be renewed.

Princesses return the dove and the urn to the Custodians who descend the dais, replace the dove and urn on the pedestals and return to their stations. Princesses and Custodians are seated at the same time.

HONORED QUEEN: *Rises and takes the horn of plenty I her hands*
With the two Princesses your medallion has engraved upon it an Honored Queen and her symbol. You have learned well the teachings of the First and Second Epochs or you would not be receiving the Degree of Royal Purple. Yet even in this hour set apart in your honor, you have another lesson to learn, that of reward.

Replaces horn of plenty.

You must realize that the reward of receiving the degree of Royal Purple does not signify the termination of your work in Job's Daughters. Rather, it should inspire you to continue in your devotion to our order. You must remember that that all people are equal regardless of race, creed, color or

achievement, and you must not allow pride or conceit to interfere in your relationships with other daughters of the Bethels. You must above all live up to your own high standards, that you may encourage others to adopt the kind of life that merits the Degree of Royal Purple.

NOTE: Prayer is optional and may be omitted if this ceremony is done in conjunction with the Key of Excellence Ceremony.

Our chaplain will lead us in prayer. Guide and Marshal you will escort our members west of the altar. ***

Guide leads to the north marching line, turns and marches west to the altar line, turns south past the Chaplain's chair and continues into semicircle, stops and faces east. Guide and Marshal take one step back. Musician plays Holy, Holy, Holy as Chaplain attends at altar.

CHAPLAIN: Dear Lord, we ask that special blessings rest upon these members. May they be truly grateful for the honor which is bestowed upon them today. As they have known the joy of work well done, may we all become useful messengers of your peace. Amen

Musician plays appropriate music as Chaplain returns to her station.

Princesses with certificates and roses descend the dais and proceed side by side to the altar line.

JUNIOR PRINCESS: This certificate represents the love and appreciation of those with whom you have worked, and the years spent in your association with Job's Daughters. In addition I present you with the letters of nomination, please take to look these over as time permits.

Enters semicircle between alter and Treasurer's station, presents certificates and returns to position east of the altar.

SENIOR PRINCESS: May the beauty of these roses remind you of the beauty of the lessons you have learned in this Order.

Enters semicircle between alter and Chaplain's station, presents roses and returns to position east of the altar.

Princesses step back three steps, turn together, march to the east, ascend dais and are seated.

Honored Queen carrying gavel and medallions descends to the altar line. Medallions may be in place beside the altar before the ceremony.

HONORED QUEEN: I now present you with the medallion of the Degree of Royal Purple. May you learn to wear it with grace, dignity and humility, that your character reflects the lessons of Job's Daughters.

Enters semicircle between altar and Chaplain's station. Places medallions one by one around the recipient's necks. She then returns to her station.

HONORED QUEEN: Members and friends these members have proven themselves to be deserving of your respect and admiration and I would ask that you now join me in extending to them a very hearty congratulations.

*Applause. **

HONORED QUEEN: Guide and Marshal you will escort them to the sidelines.

*Guide and Marshal escort the recipients to the sidelines **

Reason for change: (if necessary to Committee to understand unusual change)

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