

NARRATIONS FOR INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

SUGGESTIONS FOR ALL NARRATIONS:

Soft background music should be played as the Daughters enter the room. If it is desired that the narrator says the Officers' names after reading the office, a list of names should be provided for her.

BOOK OF GOLD

Each Officer writes her name in the Book of Gold before taking her seat. Narrator waits until each Daughter has reached her seat before reading the next Officer's entrance part.

**NARRATOR: A prophet sleeping in sweet release - awoke one night from a dream of peace.
He saw within the moonlight there - all white and like a lily fair
an Angel, writing in a Book of Gold - Exceeding peace made the prophet bold
and to the presence there he spoke - as though a commandment to evoke.**

**“What do you write?” the prophet said. - The Heavenly Angel raised its head.
“The names of those who love the Lord,” it said
“And is mine one?” the prophet queried. - The angel answered “Nay” – but wearied.**

**Again the prophet spoke, but low, - with tenderness he answered so,
“Write my name, I beg you then, - as one who loves his fellow men.”**

**The Angel vanished and came again at night - this time with a great awakening light.
Showed the names, whom God had blessed - and lo! The prophet's name led all the rest.**

(This line is cue to Honored Queen. As she approaches from west slowly, the lighted star hung above book is lit.)

**The vision grew, as he saw afar - pilgrims following a beckoning star.
Pilgrims walking as in days of old, in raiment white, fairest to behold,**

**Onward toward the Book of Gold they came - intent to write thereon – each name,
for they were led by a heavenly light - wrought by the Angel, who bid them write.**

**Of richest service, love divine, for these - the fairest of mankind.
And as they turn life's pages o'er - behold! their names, as those of yore.**

HONORED QUEEN –

**With purpose high and noble mien - in reverence advances the Honored Queen.
With patience, purity and truth - she journeys on for love of youth.**

SENIOR PRINCESS –

**The Senior Princess now draws near - her life is void of every fear.
Her message taught to Pilgrims new - is faith and love the whole way through.**

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

**And now the Junior Princess comes - teaching, faith that never fails.
Her steadfast faith dispenses light - her path is clear, her way is bright.**

GUIDE –

The Guide does surely point the way - to Pilgrims seeking light of day.
With wisdom rare, and noble deed - to peace and happiness she'll lead.

MARSHAL –

So shall the Marshal, with the Guide - lead Pilgrims safely by her side,
that faltering footsteps on journey's way - shall stronger be from day to day.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

Custodians know just what is best - in humble love each task is blessed,
With prayer and incense burning bright - they cherish truth, like doves so white.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

To guard their hearts, alert to win - lest outward sins press ever in,
to mar the peace or cause disgrace - within the walls of this Holy place.

RECORDER –

On spotless page, she does record - the names of those who love the Lord.
With truth and honor's golden pen - she loves and cheers her fellowmen.

TREASURER –

She treasures deeds, with golden hands - in that house above, not made with hands.
Where the years will not destroy or dim - the acts of kindness placed within.

CHAPLAIN –

By pledge at Altar freely given - a prayer she offers up to heaven.
In trust and faith, on bended knee - that Pilgrims all, steadfast will be.

MUSICIAN –

Then through infinity of time - sweet carols from her lips sublime.
Cheer all who hear her Psalm so dear,
at every meeting in the year.

LIBRARIAN –

Wisdom and knowledge her pen doth write - in the open book, a page most bright.
Informing us of deeds most rare - there's always truth and wisdom there.

FIRST MESSENGER –

As messengers of truth come they - to guide the Pilgrims on their way.
They tell of joy and peace and cheer - of happiness and trust sincere.

SECOND MESSENGER –

When sorrow comes to weigh us down - and life seems just a thorny crown.
They tell us of steadfast faith and love - of God, and blessing from above.

THIRD MESSENGER –

“Who makes the sun to shine by day - the moon to walk in the silvery way.
Who caused the stars and earth to be - and calmed the waters of the sea”?

FOURTH MESSENGER –

“Tis He who knows every thought - of things to be and love that we have brought.
For He will lead you by your hand - Oh! You “The fairest in the land.”

FIFTH MESSENGER –

A message written in words so true - on all these spotless pages through.
Inscribed in signs and passes there - a lesson learned of virtue rare.

Thus the prophet read in the Book of Gold - and to the Angel spoke as in days of old,
“Whose names are there?” the Angel raised its head - “The names of those who love the Lord,” it said.

The prophet pondered the pages o’er - then the Angel spoke to him once more,
“They, too are blessed then - for they do love their fellowmen.”

Close not the book, ‘tis better so - that all may write and all may know,
Each day to learn of love and cheer - and passing sweetness all the year.

For when again, the Angel reads - let names there written, of worthy deeds.
Of kindness rare and love divine - with God on high your lives entwine.

BOOK OF MUSIC**SUGGESTIONS:**

Theme: Music and Harmony; Colors: Purple and Gold; Emblem: Musical Instruments or Books with Musical note on cover.

NARRATOR:

The song of spring blends in summer,
the sun replaces clouds of grey,
all nature now begins to waken
as God creates another day.
Melody birds begin their singing,
their golden notes send forth such cheer,
all the world is calm and reverent
for they, too, feel His presence near.

CHOIR –

Soft melodies blend into harmony rare,
for sweet music, young voices together belong.
Their heavenly golden notes filling the air,
and none quite so fair as our Daughters of song.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

Guarding the entrance to our Bethel,
these golden notes add to our song.
By making sure all those who enter
have the will to do no wrong.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

The first notes in our bar of music,
Custodians of our Urn and Dove.
Who carefully watch over our possessions,
receive their blessings from God above.

RECORDER –

As music echoes from her pen - on pages white she does record.
All our good deeds and acts of love - and names of those who love the Lord.

TREASURER –

The gold she brings for us to share - in joyful act or noble deed.
Denotes such wealth of happiness - that work like ours can but succeed.

MUSICIAN –

Sweet harmony her notes give forth - like heavenly music from above.
She teaches us to trust in Him - with melodies of faith and love.

LIBRARIAN –

She seeks for truth in all she does - and adds a note of wisdom there.
Her thirst for knowledge seems to tune - with all she brings for us to share.

CHAPLAIN –

The golden halo round her head - sparkles with notes of music rare.
Before the Altar with head bowed low - she'll teach us how to trust in prayer.

MESSENGERS –

They add their notes of hope and faith - for harmony throughout the land,
that truth and honesty sincere - will rule the world as God had planned.

They teach us that to trust in Him - who guides us through each busy day,
will make our lives a melody and - help us in our work and play.

GUIDE AND MARSHAL –

No melody could be complete - without these notes to lead the way.
Our Guide and Marshal lend a hand - to Pilgrims seeking light of day.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRINCESS –

And now the melody grows bright as - come our Princesses into view,
They add their notes of truth and love - and patience in all the things we do.

Each Princess offers words of cheer - and seeks to help us on our way,
to comfort or to lend a hand and guide us - in our work each day.

HONORED QUEEN –

Like a song without a tune - would be a Bethel without a Queen!
On yonder threshold now she stands - her robe of royal, lustrous sheen.
Her smile reflects such radiance - she walks with such a regal air.
No song could match her graciousness - she is the fairest of the fair.

The song we bring is now complete - but to this we'll add a word.
As we hum this melody - 'twill be the sweetest ever heard.
And God will smile down on each one - as reverently these Daughters stand.
Behold! these are the Daughters of Job - "The Fairest in all the Land".

BOOK OF SILVER**SUGGESTIONS:**

Theme: Stars are the windows of heaven; Colors: blue and silver; Emblem: star-carry stars or books covered with silver paper.

NARRATOR:

**When shades of night begin descending - and darkness hides the light of day.
Sun and Moon, together blending - helping by stars to light the way.**

**And the glow from God's bright candles - filters down upon the land.
Gentle stardust, gently falling - as though dropped from God's own hand.
Each star a window in the Heaven - with tiny Angels peeping through.
Like Angels, too, our Bethel Daughters - come forth 'mid stars of heavenly blue.**

Choir enters singing "Stars are the Windows of Heaven." (Optional)

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

**Guarding entrance to our Bethel - stars like these will ever shine.
Making sure all those who enter - have respect for things divine.**

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

**Two shiny stars within our Bethel - custodians of our Urn and Dove.
Watching over our possessions - and watched, in turn, by God above.**

RECORDER –

**On pages, spotless as her robe - she keeps our records bright.
Like stardust falling from her pen - each word, as she does write.**

TREASURER –

**She keeps our coffers filled with silver - as lustrous as a star.
The silvery mist that lights her path - is shining from afar.**

CHAPLAIN –

**The starlight round her head does shine - as though a halo rested there.
On bended knee, with head bowed low - she leads us all in prayer.**

MUSICIAN –

**Sweet harmony her notes give forth - like heavenly music from above.
She shows the way to happiness - with songs of faith and love.**

LIBRARIAN –

**Her starry eyes and gracious smile - denote such wisdom there.
That all the knowledge she does glean - she brings for us to share.**

MESSENGERS –

**They bring a tale of joy and faith - and love for fellowman.
Of happiness and truth sincere - since first the world began.
They teach us how to trust in Him - who makes the stars to shine.
'Tis He who knows our every need - and guides your life and mine.**

GUIDE AND MARSHAL –

Pilgrims seeking knowledge - of our purpose and our creed,
will find our Guide and Marshal - waiting there to take the lead.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRINCESS –

The starlight grows more brilliant - as comes these Daughters fair.
They stand for truth and love.
Each Princess offers words of hope, a prayer, a helping hand.
They'll teach you to believe in Him - and how the earth He planned.

HONORED QUEEN –

No star could shine so brightly - than our gracious Honored Queen.
Her crown, a golden halo - and her robe of lustrous sheen.
The star once guided shepherds - as the Christmas story goes.
So our new Queen will guide her Bethel through - its pleasures and its woes.

Behold! your Bethel Daughters - like so many shining stars.
Their lovely beauty vying - with that of Jupiter and Mars.
Surely God is watching o'er them - as in reverence they stand.
For He knows that He has made them: - "The Fairest in the Land.

A CROWN OF GLORY**NARRATOR:**

A crown was placed upon His head - not made of jewels, but thorns instead.
A crown which stands for purity - reverence, and sincerity.
A crown of glory on His head - symbolic of the blood He shed.

He gave His life that I might wear - a crown of glory in my hair.
He'll come for me from realms above - and bring with Him His sacred love.
He'll deem me with an honor rare - a crown of glory I will wear.

CHOIR –

These Daughters know the pleasure in praising God in song.
They share with us this treasure as toils of life go on.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

Aware of all who enter in - and at our gates they stand.
They guard against all outward sin - these fairest in the land.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

These Daughters guard our Urn and Dove - they'll ever watchful be.
They know the joy that's found in love - to life they hold the key.

MESSENGERS –

These Daughters bring us news of Job - they tell us of his life.
They tell us of his faith in God - temptations, and his strife.
They bear a true reminder to be faithful unto God.
For we will be rewarded for all the trials we have trod.

LIBRARIAN –

**She shares with us her knowledge - and brings truth into view.
We learn from the Holy Bible - its lessons are ever true.**

MUSICIAN –

**Her music blends in harmony - and casts a lustrous glow.
Essential is her melody - as all these Daughters know.**

RECORDER –

**She keeps an accurate record - of all our Bethel affairs,
and lists the names of all Daughters - whose friendship cannot compare.**

TREASURER –

**This Daughter guards our precious coins - a lesson she does hold.
She teaches it's far better to be rich in love - than in gold.**

CHAPLAIN –

**Our Chaplain folds her hands in prayer - and in reverence speaks to God.
She asks Him for His love and care - as on through life we trod.**

MARSHAL –

**Our Marshal aids the Pilgrims fair - who seek to find our aim.
She leads them to our teachings ways - that they may know the same.**

GUIDE –

**She leads us on our pilgrimage - which symbolizes life.
She guides us from all evil ways - especially hate and strife.**

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRINCESS –

**These Daughters teach us faith in God - they practice truth and love.
They seek not worldly pleasure - but strength from God above.**

HONORED QUEEN –

**And now our Honored Queen appears - in raiment royal.
The crown portrays untarnished love - the cape her service loyal.
A good example she must set - for she will lead the way.
Her fate she places in God's hand - so she will never stray.**

THE CEREMONY OF FLOWERS

SUGGESTIONS:

This ceremony depicts the symbolic meaning of the flowers. Each Officer carries a 7-inch Horn of Plenty, painted gold and filled with flowers chosen by the Honored Queen. In the East is placed a large Horn of Plenty containing wire mesh to hold flowers. Each Officer carries in a single flower or a fern as per ceremony. As their names are read the Daughters march to the East and place it in the large Horn of Plenty.

NARRATOR:

**There are many flowers, and rare, in God's garden.
Nourished with tender care, in God's garden.**

Faith is there in radiant hue - hope and kindness bloom there, too.
 Flowers of friendship ever true, in God's garden.
 Sown in human hearts, the seeds - drenched with dew of goodly deeds.
 Yielding bloom to meet our needs, in God's garden.
 Flowers of love and duty bloom, in God's garden.

CHOIR – (Enter two at a time.)

Come then, enter now Job's Daughters - walking as you would walk in God's garden.
 Touched with the light that comes from above - bearing a symbol of the dear Lord's love,
 The Horn of Plenty which for abundance does stand - Abundance of life's riches, given by his hand.

(Choir goes two at a time to place the ferns in the large Horn of Plenty at the front.)

You are young as the morning of one of God's days - yet a gift you are giving in so many ways.
 A gift of sweet music, melodic and bright - of grace and sincerity, shared here tonight.
 Time rushes on and so very soon - you'll be living the hours of God's afternoon.
 You'll walk many paths, from some friends you will part - but the memory of this hour will stay in your heart.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS – (Carry the hyacinth, the symbol of faith.)

Inner Guard, with love and grace, - guard ever faithfully this sacred place.
 Outer Guard, your tasks begin - to close our gate against evil and sin.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS – (Carry purple lilacs, the symbol of thoughtfulness.)

Junior Custodian, seek peace and thoughtfulness and love - ever mindful it is you who guard the Dove.
 Senior Custodian, keep the incense burning bright - guiding the day, silvering the night.

MESSENGERS – (Carry gladioli, the symbol of generosity and abundance.)

First Messenger, tell the Pilgrims how Job - restless and torn with every breath.
 Wearily, yearningly - longed for death.

Second Messenger, tell the Pilgrims how one said to Job
 "If pure and upright thou wouldst be - surely God would take heed of thee".

Third Messenger, Tell the Pilgrims how one said unto Job,
 "Behold the fear of the Lord is wise - and understanding is evil to despise".

Fourth Messenger, tell the Pilgrims how the Lord
 spoke to Job and ended his strife - restoring faith, riches and peace into his life.

Fifth Messenger, tell the Pilgrims how throughout
 the land, none were so fair - as Job's Daughters, so did all declare.

TREASURER AND RECORDER – (Carry peonies, symbol of love.)

Treasurer, not only earthly wealth - but noble treasurers too,
 are given for safe keeping trustfully to you.

Recorder, dip your pen in friendship - write of every act and deed.
 Let your records tell of faith and love - according to our creed.

MUSICIAN, LIBRARIAN AND CHAPLAIN – (Carry lilies symbolizing purity.)

**Musician, just as flowers which are blooming - brightens our days,
our Bethel is brightened - when sweet music plays.**

**Librarian, knowledge is the flower in your care
God's divine teachings - help us to share.**

**Chaplain, help us wrench free from corruption's control
Remind us - "Tis God who restores the soul."**

GUIDE AND MARSHAL – (Carry the yellow rose, the symbol of friendship.)

**Marshal, you have a wonderful part - to guard our flag with all your heart.
Guard it with truth and love sublime - and keep it unsullied to the end of time.**

**Guide, lead the Pilgrims to the beautiful, the good - guide them there in loving sisterhood.
Nor slacken for a moment your heart's endeavor - but extend to them friendship and love forever.**

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRINCESS – (Carry orchids, the symbol of nobility, love and beauty.)

**As Junior Princess, remember that nobility - love and beauty are not words alone.
They are the flowers - from the seeds we have sown.
In church, in school and home - we must help them grow.
And brighten the paths - on which others must go.**

**As Senior Princess, remember that - life is splendid if well fulfilled,
if never the word of God is stilled -if each flower blooms as He has willed,
if with his teaching, the heart is thrilled - then life is splendid and well fulfilled.**

HONORED QUEEN – (Carry the Lily of the Valley, the symbol of purity.)

**Life gathers a bouquet of special flowers - laughter is the sunshine,
tears are the showers - which make them grow.
Help them to be a part of remembrance - until eternity.**

**This hour for you, a precious one - earned by your efforts and work well done.
Parents and loved ones proudly share - this hour when a crown you start to wear.
New tasks have begun, ideals understood - ennobling your young Christian girlhood.**

**If when years hence all this will seem - like some shadowy half remembered dream.
Your heart will recall your own chosen theme,
"THE CEREMONY OF THE FLOWERS"**

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE OF FAITH

SUGGESTIONS:

Officers and Choir each carry a Cross. Sit in circle.

NARRATOR:

**We read within the Holy Book that God created man;
He made the sun, the moon and stars according to His plan.
He gave the melody to the birds, the honey to the bees.
With grass He covered o'er the earth, put fruit upon the trees.**

To man He gave the virtue faith, to trust in Him on High;
 For He knows youth must try its wings, before it learns to fly.
 Symbolic of that faith, - the Cross, where Christ was crucified,
 reminds us that to have such faith, strengthens the soul inside.

Around that Cross, a friendship ring, denotes our faith in God;
 His friendship too, we all would seek as on through life we trod.
 A friendship circle bound with love of prayer, of song, and smile,
 of faith to trust in all our friends will make our lives worthwhile.

CHOIR –

Their songs of friendliness - and faith ring out for all to hear.
 Their youthful voices, rich - and true make known that He is near.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

No one shall pass our guarded door - nor seek to enter here.
 Unless these Daughters fair, - make sure, they're worthy and sincere.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

Our properties are ever watched by Daughters such as these.
 They work in perfect harmony - their aim is but to please.

LIBRARIAN –

Our thirst for knowledge in the arts, is truly virtue rare.
 This Daughter answers all our needs - her wisdom beyond compare.

MUSICIAN –

Without music for us to share - the day would seem long.
 We need her joyous melodies - in harmony and song.

RECORDER –

On pages spotless, she does write - our every act and deed.
 Her records tell of faith and love - for friendship is our creed.

TREASURER –

In terms of gold we count our wealth - but gold cannot compare,
 with youth and beauty of one we trust - this precious Daughter fair.

CHAPLAIN –

And who shall teach us how to pray - to put our trust in Him?
 Our Chaplain kneels with head bowed low - as Altar lights we dim.

MESSENGERS –

Our Messengers, so fair of face - bring tales of joy and woe.
 They teach us to have faith in friends - and trust in those we know.
 They practice honesty and truth - and try to set the pace.
 So all of us who follow them - will cherish this Holy Place.

MARSHAL –

As Pilgrims seek to know the truth - and meaning of our creed,
 Our Marshal fair is there to aid - she's there to take the lead.

GUIDE –

In everything we do and say - in fun or service planned,
Our Daughter Guide is always here - to lend a helping hand.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRINCESS –

As is the Book of Job we read - there were three Daughters fair.
Come now two Princesses in view - their beauty to compare.
We know when God created man - He planned a beautiful face,
for here we see His work of art - in loveliness and grace.

HONORED QUEEN –

And now, the fairest of the three - on yonder threshold stands.
She's learned the lessons of His love - heeds well all His commands.
For she is truly fair of face - and walks with regal air.
We know that God created her - the fairest of the fair.

Before you now these Daughters stand - in youthfulness and grace,
They are the fairest in the land - and none can take their place.

To you my Daughters, have such faith - that when your work is through,
you'll know that you have learned to live - as He would want you to.

Always turn to Him for help - don't ever turn away.
For He alone can give you strength - as you go on your way.

KEYS TO HAPPINESS**SUGGESTION:**

Officers and Choir carry gold keys.

NARRATOR:

If we would seek our rich reward - of steadfast faith and virtue rare
We must, by deed, have earned the right - to be known as Job's Daughters fair.
We all must practice truth and faith - and love for fellowman.
For these are lessons from His book - according to God's plan.
And from these lessons we will learn - that love's the master key
that opens the door to happiness - seek love, and happy be.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

Guarding carefully our Bethel doors - against all outward sin.
We find both of our Guards alert - knowing all who enter in.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

Custodians of our Urn and Dove - these Daughters hold the key.
We know both Daughters - will ever watchful be.

LIBRARIAN –

The key to knowledge she does hold - she searches everywhere.
Our Librarian now draws near - with treasures for us to share.

MUSICIAN –

A happy song must be in key - no discord will we hear.
As the Musician plays in harmony - her notes both sweet and clear.

RECORDER –

On pages spotless as her robe - she enters our good deeds.
As the Recorder writes each name - with her's to take the lead.

TREASURER –

She holds the key to all our wealth - and guards it with her love.
For the Treasurer, has learned - that HE is watching from above.

CHAPLAIN –

In reverence now she bows her head - and teaches us to pray.
For the Chaplain guided by His word - will know just what to say.

MESSENGERS –

Five messengers of truth come to tell of Job's full life.
As the first one tells of all Job's pleasures - and the second tells of his strife.
From the third we hear of his temptations - from the fourth his final peace.
While the fifth tells that trust and faith - will bring Job sweet release.

GUIDE AND MARSHAL –

For Pilgrims who would know our creed - and seek the light of day,
Our Marshal prepares the room - and our Guide will lead the way.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRINCESS –

The Princesses fair, who now advance - in truth and purity,
Unlock the door to happiness - with their own golden key.
The Junior Princess will tell of honor bright - and how to trust Him,
While the Senior Princess teaches graciousness - and how His love to win.

HONORED QUEEN –

And bringing now, the Master Key - the fairest of the three,
Our Honored Queen now comes in view - in quiet dignity.
For she has learned her lesson well - that love is everywhere
And our Honored Queen will most surely be - the Fairest of the Fair.

Before you now these Daughters stand - with keys of happiness.
Their footsteps will not falter - for they have youthfulness.
With hope that never faileth - reaching for the best,
and truth forever spoken - their faith will stand the test.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD**NARRATOR:**

“In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good.

So let these Daughters enter here - to spread their light of faith and cheer.
 To teach us peace of mind and soul - in their love of Him that makes them whole.
 To fit themselves better for the fight - striving ever upward to God, The Light.

CHOIR –

Our Choir sings melodies - dear to our ears,
 of the light of our forefather - down through the years.
 Of His teachings since the world began - of brotherly love for our fellowman.
 Bringing harmony into your life and mine - in our songs of thanks to Him

INNER GUARD –

The Inner Guard challenges all who enter here – admitting only those who are worthy and sincere.
 Her light of alertness guards our portals from sin - so that pure hearts and minds may proceed within.

OUTER GUARD –

Our Outer Guard tends the door of our room - from intruders to our meeting place.
 Her light of awareness for our sacred place - insures our gatherings from disgrace.

SENIOR CUSTODIAN –

Our Urn of Incense for faith and hope - inspiring us with noble tasks to cope.
 Our Senior Custodian guards its honored place - this light of courage which we all embrace.

JUNIOR CUSTODIAN –

There stands this emblem of Peace, our Dove - tended with the Junior Custodian's love.
 Our light of purity and truth, so glorious - sending its message, every victorious.

MUSICIAN –

The Musician's deft, nimble fingers make - the harmony for our souls to awake.
 By the light of our music so clear - in hymns to Him we love, so dear.

LIBRARIAN –

Our Librarian whom we all acknowledge - spreads her light of wisdom and knowledge.
 Instructing in her gracious way - how to live better, day by day.

RECORDER –

Here's our Recorder with her scroll - entering our deeds, calling the roll.
 Receiving the dues and taking delight - in her labor of love, seeking His light.

CHAPLAIN –

Enter the Chaplain who leads us to pray - for His guidance night and day.
 She prays for the light of love within - and prays to guard our steps from sin.
 Prays that we might worthy be - to live with him eternally.

TREASURER –

Tending to our wealth with honest light - our Treasurer guards it with all her might,
 performing her duties with proper pride - knowing God watches by her side.

MESSENGERS –

Our Messengers relate Job's life - his adversities, sickness and strife.
 When we're tired, discouraged and blue - they teach how God loves us true.
 When trials overtake and temptations assail - how His light of truth will never fail.

MARSHAL –

Our Bethel is prepared with care - by our Marshal who enter there.
 She assists the Guide, so none may falter - on their journey to the light at our Altar.

GUIDE –

Our Guide leads Pilgrims by the hand - through the several epochs of our band.
 Advancing to His light, by faith and love - to God and His blessings, from above.
 From whom comes joy, peace and cheer - protection, forgiveness, promise sincere.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

The Book of Job tells of three Daughters fair - and of their beauty beyond compare.
 The youngest one here enters now - our Junior Princess relates how,
 the light of patience strengthens the soul - assisting us all to reach our goal.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

Our Senior Princess with beauteous face - enters our Bethel with delicate grace.
 Her light of faith enduring adversities - will ultimately bring prosperity.
 So that when our life's race is run - by His grace, we will have won.

HONORED QUEEN –

Now enter the fairest of the three - our Honored Queen in royal dignity.
 To strengthen our faith and hope again - that our lives may not be in vain.

Earnestly praying that each day - none of us, may go astray.
 To make our lives a shining light - a flame of purity burning bright.

That by loyalty, love and fidelity - by allegiance to God, our Nation and humanity.
 That by charity which is ever right - we serve the Lord, our might, our light.

Now, we trust you understand - the teachings of this glorious band.
 As they go forward hand in hand - working for God and His purpose grand.
 So here before you our Daughters stand - truly, "The Fairest in all the Land".

OTHERS**NARRATOR:**

Lord, help us live from day to day - in such, a self-forgetful way.
 That even when we kneel and pray - our prayer shall be for others.
 Help us in all the work we do - to ever be sincere and true,
 and know that all we'd do for you - must need be done for others.
 When our work on earth is done - and our new work in heaven's begun,
 may we forget the crowns we've won - while thinking still of others.

HONORED QUEEN –

Life will gather bouquets of special hours - laughter is the sunshine, tears are the showers which make them grow.

Helps them to be a part of remembrance until eternity.

This hour for you is such a one, of well earned efforts that your loved ones proudly share.

This hour, when your work is just begun, new tasks to face.

Ideals further understood, furthering your young womanhood.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

You will remember that life is splendid, well fulfilled - always the work of God is stilled.

Each hour you've lived as He has willed - then in your heart His teachings fulfilled.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

You will remember that faith, love - purity and peace are not words alone.

But they are in the light which eternally - shines in church, in school, and home.

You will keep aglow, lighting the paths of which others go.

GUIDE –

You as Guide will lead the Pilgrims to the beautiful, to the good - guiding them in living sisterhood.

MARSHAL –

As Marshal you have a wonderful part - that of guarding the flag with all your heart.

CHAPLAIN –

In reverence she bows her head and teaches us to pray.

For guided by His word, she'll know just what to say.

FIRST MESSENGER –

You will tell the Pilgrims how Job, restless and torn with every breath - wearily, yearningly longed for death.

SECOND MESSENGER –

You tell when sorrow weighs us down - and life seems such a thorny crown,
if in God we have steadfast faith and love - we will receive His blessings from above.

THIRD MESSENGER –

You tell the Pilgrims, how one said to Job - "Behold, the fear of the Lord is wise and understanding."

FOURTH MESSENGER –

He who knows your every thought - of things to be and things that are not.

You tell that He will lead us by the hand - the Daughters, "The Fairest in the Land."

FIFTH MESSENGER –

You tell that trust and faith - will help us in our work and play.

He knows our every need - and will guide our lives always.

LIBRARIAN –

Your thirst for knowledge is in tune - with all you bring for us to share.

There's always truth and wisdom there - telling us deeds most rare.

RECORDER –

You keep our records on pages - spotless as your robe.
 You enter our good deeds - with yours to take the lead.

TREASURER –

You, as Treasurer, are given for safe keeping - all our earthly and noble treasurers.

MUSICIAN –

We need your joyous melodies in harmony and song - you teach us to trust and love as we sing to others.

SENIOR CUSTODIAN –

Custodian of the Urn is she, keeping the incense burning bright - Watched in turn, by God above.

JUNIOR CUSTODIAN -

Custodian of the Dove is she, watching and guarding it carefully,
 One who seeks peace, purity and love.

OUTER GUARD –

As Outer Guard, your task is to carefully guard our Bethel doors against all outward sin.
 Knowing all who enter in.

INNER GUARD –

You as Inner Guard will guard ever faithfully - this sacred place with love and grace.

THE PRAYING HANDS**NARRATOR:**

In the days of yore in far away lands - people convened with God with praying hands.
 They asked forgiveness for their sins - For the strength to live they asked of Him.
 For guidance too, and when problems arose - with praying hands they'd strike a pose.
 It mattered not what race or creed - He answered each and every need.
 Tonight this Bethel has chosen this theme - to show their trust in the Architect Supreme.
 For He created all things from the beginning of time - and to those praying hands given a world sublime.

CHOIR –

In ancient days, when evening was night, the shepherds knelt down, raised their eyes to the sky.
 And offered up their thanks with praying hands for guiding their flocks across the lands.
 They then would lie down in the moon's silvery sheen - and, as they slept, of angels they'd dream.
 Floating gently above in their robes gleaming white - a vision there in the light of the moon,
 lightened the shepherds' hearts and dispelled all gloom.
 The Bethel Choir emulates that dream tonight.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

Guarding carefully our Bethel doors against all outward sin - They make sure they know all who enter in.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

Custodians of our Urn and Dove - they're guided from above.
They'll watch over our emblems with all their love.

LIBRARIAN –

In her search for knowledge everywhere - she finds treasures for us to share.

MUSICIAN –

For happy songs for all to hear - she plays the piano with notes so clear.

RECORDER –

On spotless pages in her book - she enters all our deeds.
She keeps a record bright and clear - for anyone to read.

TREASURER –

A record of our wealth she keeps - and guards it with her love.
For she, too, has learned - that He is watching from above.

CHAPLAIN –

In reverence she will bow her head - and lead us when we pray.
For she is guided by His word - and will know just what to say.

MESSENGERS –

The Messengers bring a tale of joy and faith and love for fellow man.
Of happiness and truth sincere since first the world began.
The first tells of Job's pleasures, and the second of his strife.
From the third we hear of his temptations, from the fourth his final peace.
While the fifth tells that trust and faith will bring us sweet release.

MARSHAL –

Marshal, you have a wonderful part - guard our flag with all your heart.
Guard it with truth and love sublime - keep it unsullied to the end of time.

GUIDE –

As Guide you will point the way - to Pilgrims seeking the light of day.
Don't slacken for a moment your heart's endeavor - to embrace the beautiful and the good forever.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

Junior Princess teaches "Faith that never faileth"
her steadfast faith dispenses light - her path is clear, and her way is bright.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

Senior Princess draws near, without thought of fear.
Her message taught to Pilgrims new - is faith and love the whole way through.

HONORED QUEEN –

As all have entered this Holy Place, she approaches with queenly grace.
With praying hands she asks of Him to see her through - to give her strength and guidance, too.
As parents and loved ones proudly share - this hour when a crown she'll start to wear.

And thus with hearts that are light - our Bethel begins this ceremony tonight.
 With praying hands as we pause and kneel - to give thanks to Him for this world of ours.
 The day, the nights, the birds and the flowers - our heritage, the Masonic Fraternity,
 without which we could not have this opportunity.
 As this term ebbs in flight - forget not the theme used here tonight.
 Those praying hands, those praying hands.

ROSE FESTIVAL

SUGGESTION:

Daughters be seated in Cross formation.

NARRATOR:

Scattered over the earth for all to see - and revel in their beauty rare,
 are roses of very shade and hue - whose haunting perfume fills the air.
 To those who are weary and bowed with sorrow - the bud of the rose brings hope of tomorrow.
 Today it is clothed in a coat of soft green - tomorrow its beauty and grandeur is seen.

Remember then, when you're filled with woes - God sends a message of hope in the bud of a rose.
 The scent of the blossoms scattered far and wide - is the breath of God asking that we in Him
 abide.

Courage we learn from the rose bright red - courage to follow the way He has led.
 Strive to be steadfast as Job proved to be - you will be richly rewarded for fidelity.

Purity is symbolized in the rose of pure white - our robes reflect its glory and its light.
 This is a virtue we are all proud of possessing - with it we are assured of God's richest blessing.

As these Daughters begin a new term tonight - they promise to be patient, faithful and dispense
 light.
 They approach the East with the gift of a flower - true members of God's own fragrant bower.

HONORED QUEEN –

Most honored of these is the Queen so fair - pledging unselfish service and loving care.
 As the rose she carries sprang from the sod - the wisdom of her reign will be the teachings of God.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

The Senior Princess now places her flower - her emblem, the Urn of Incense, symbolizes prayer.
 Her message taught to the Pilgrims here - is that faith and kindness will banish fear.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

The Junior Princess, whose emblem is the Dove - teaches us to be steadfast, and seek strength
 from above.
 Remain faithful to God in our every thought - count well the blessing each day has brought.

GUIDE –

The new Pilgrims enter as the buds folded tight - they will be cherished, loved and taught to do
 right.
 Our Guide will direct their footsteps with care - that they may find peace and happiness there.

MARSHAL –

Helping the Guide to show Pilgrims the way - our Marshal lives uprightly day by day.
She will also guard our National Banner - and display it in a reverent manner.

FIRST MESSENGER –

The First Messenger tells of Job's pleasures - his fertile land, and flocks of great measure.
His daughters were known far and wide as most fair - his sons gathered each evening to pray with him there.

SECOND MESSENGER –

The Messenger of truth now appears - she relates the story for the Pilgrims to hear.
This Messenger tells of unfaltering trust - when trials seem hardest, believe God is just.

THIRD MESSENGER –

"Shall only good be received from God's hand?" - was Job's pious reply to the ruin of his land.
Through suffering and misfortune he remained faithful - believing his loss of fortune and children was God's will.

FOURTH MESSENGER –

The triumph of Job when it seemed all was lost - the reward for his faith being worth all it cost.
Is the lesson unfolded by this message sincere - this faith brought Job happiness, joy, peace and cheer.

FIFTH MESSENGER –

The end of the story from ages ago - reminds us of spring roses starting to grow.
The beautiful blossoms that will follow the rest - is the reward that is better because of the test.

LIBRARIAN –

A tightly closed book is like the bud of a rose - until it is open what is inside no one knows.
Our Librarian will open and read it with care - and report to us what is written there.

MUSICIAN –

Harmony is a gift the Musician brings - softly playing while the Choir sings.
May her music echo through their life - to cheer them on and lessen strife.

CHAPLAIN –

As at the Altar our Chaplain kneels to pray - may your thoughts be guided Heavenward each day.
Reverently she asks on bended knees - that Pilgrims all will steadfast be.

RECORDER –

The Recorder approaches with the blossom of beauty - asking the ability to faithfully do her duty.
Plainly written for all to see - acts of joy, love and kindness she'll record honestly.

TREASURER –

As petal on petal each rose is made - so penny by penny our expenses are paid.
The Treasurer carefully dispenses our money on order - keeping her books in balance with the Recorder.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

The Custodians have task of love - caring for the Urn of Incense and Dove.
Their purity, truth and reverence of prayer - are things each and every Daughter should share.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

Guard every heart as you do the door - remind the Daughters o'er and o'er.
Allow peace and love to enter in - be watchful to keep out sin.

The last fragrant blossom has been carefully placed - forming a cherished Cross for all to see.
As the roses look upward for freshening dew - they will look upward for guidance too.

These Daughters of Job, "Fairest in all the Land" - are our promises of a future He has planned.
Faith, kindness and love that in them repose - will spread through the land like the scent of a rose.

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS**SUGGESTIONS:**

Christmas light may be placed in a star formation and turned on by each officer.

NARRATOR:

The story of Christmas is very old - and it's told anew each year.
It kindles again the flame of hope - that each one holds so dear.
The hope that the spirit of Christmas - will dwell in every heart.
And that our own acts of kindness - may help to do their part.
Tell us once more the story - of the birth of Christ, our King.
As new Officers of the Bethel - their love and gifts do bring.

"And she brought forth her first born Son - wrapped in swaddling clothes,
and laid Him in a manger;" - "And there were in the same country
shepherds abiding in the field - keeping watch over their flocks by night,"
And in the sky there was a great Star - shining for all to see.
Proclaiming the birth of the Christ child - who was born our Savior to be.

HONORED QUEEN –

Slowly approaches the Honored Queen bearing forth her light - like that star up in the heavens,
she reigns on high tonight.
At the top of the star her light she places - symbolic of the high office she graces.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRINCESS –

And now the two Princesses approach - like the beams of that bright Star.
They add their grace and beauty - to call Pilgrims from afar.
They place their light on either side of the light of the Honored Queen,
to show to all, their positions, their love, and their esteem.

GUIDE AND MARSHAL –

As the Guide and Marshal now bring forth their light, they recall,
How the star did journey through the night - and rest o'er manger stall
The last two points of the star now receive their lights.
Our star is gaining brilliance - as it did that wondrous night,

And now the story continues...
An Angel of the Lord appears saying,
"Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy,
for unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord,"

CHAPLAIN –

The Chaplain now comes forward - like the Angel who appeared,
 asking for God's blessing - to rest on all those here.
 "And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of heavenly hosts,
 praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will to men."

MUSICIAN –

The Musician places there her light - her duty one of pleasure.
 She praises God with music - and to the Bethel adds her treasure.
 "And it came to pass, even as the Angels were gone away from them to
 heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us go even now to
 Bethlehem to see this thing which has come to pass - which the Lord has made known to us.'"

MESSENGERS –

Five Messengers approach the East - like the Shepherds they do journey.
 To learn of God's own goodness, - His love, and of His mercy.
 Each one has a story - for the Pilgrims to unfold.
 To tell to all, God's story - as they themselves were told.

"And when the Three Wise Men came into the house, they saw the young
 child with Mary, His Mother, and fell down and worshipped Him,
 and presented unto Him their treasures - gold and frankincense and myrrh."

LIBRARIAN, RECORDER AND TREASURER –

Just as the Wise Men brought their gifts - these too bring treasures rare.
 The Bethel records they do keep - for all to read and share
 The Librarian, gives us literature - the Recorder, the minutes keeps.
 The Treasurer balances our books - our debt to them is deep.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

The Junior and Senior Custodians come as heralds for the King.
 Love of endless service - is the gift they bring.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

And now the Inner and Outer Guards - each night their watch do keep.
 To protect the Bethel from harm - as God's Angels protect His sheep.

"And when they had seen Him, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning
 this Child, and all those that heard it, wondered at these things which were told them by the
 shepherds."

See now our star shines brightly - may its light help point the way,
 to a world of peace and goodness - this is our earnest prayer today.

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

SUGGESTIONS:

Large Cross or Open Bible in East. Officers carry open book or Cross.

NARRATOR:

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

**Come then, enter now, Job’s Daughters - walking as you would walk by still waters,
Touched with the light that comes from above - bearing the symbols of the dear Lord’s love.
By His rod and His staff steadfast and true - in straight paths, eternally He will guide you.**

**You are young as the morning of one of God’s days - yet the gift is being given you to always keep.
A gift of remembrance, shining and bright - of friendship and faith, shared here tonight.**

**Time rushes on and very soon - you’ll be living the hours of God’s afternoon.
You’ll walk many paths from some friends you will part - but the memory of this hour will remain
in your heart.**

**You will overcome evil for the Lord will be there - In the presence of enemies, your table to
prepare
Gently life leads you toward God’s twilight - remember then well what you learned here tonight.**

**Your cup runs over, no fears shall you haunt - The Lord is thy Shepherd, you shall not want.
When your day is ended and ended the strife - You’ll know goodness and mercy have followed
your life.
When finally old, and from life you must sever - you’ll find morning again in the Lord’s house
forever.**

OUTER GUARD –

To close our gate against evil and sin - is the important task you will begin.

INNER GUARD –

With love and grace - guard ever faithfully this sacred place.

JUNIOR CUSTODIAN –

Seek peace, purity and love - ever mindful, it is you, who guards the Dove.

SENIOR CUSTODIAN –

Keep the incense burning bright - gilding the day, silvering the night.

MUSICIAN –

As hours go winging, drawn by the days - their flight is brightened when music plays.

LIBRARIAN –

Knowledge is the jewel in your care - God’s divine teachings, help us to share.

RECORDER –

Dip your pen in friendship - and in time can't resist.
And write the names of Job's Daughters - in an everlasting list.

CHAPLAIN –

Help us wrench free from evil's control - remind us 'tis God who restoreth the soul.

TREASURER –

Not only earthly wealth but noble treasures too - are given for safe keeping, trustfully to you.

MESSENGERS –

First Messenger, tells the Pilgrims how Job - restless and torn, with every breath,
wearily, yearningly, longed for death.

Second Messenger, tells the Pilgrims how one said to Job
"If pure and upright thou wouldst be - surely God would take heed of thee."

Third Messenger, tells the Pilgrims how one said unto Job:
"Behold, the fear of the Lord is wise - and understanding is evil to despise."

Fourth Messenger, tells the Pilgrims how the Lord
spoke unto Job and ended his strife - restoring faith, riches and peace into his life.

Fifth Messenger, tells the Pilgrims how throughout the land,
none were so fair as Job's Daughters - so all did declare.

MARSHAL –

Marshal, you have a wonderful part - to guard our Flag with all your heart,
Guard it with truth and love sublime - which will keep it unsullied to the end of time.

GUIDE –

Guide, lead the Pilgrims to the beautiful, to the good - guide them there in loving sisterhood
Nor slacken for a moment your heart's endeavor - to embrace the beautiful and the good forever.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

Junior Princess, remember that faith - love, purity and peace are not words alone
they are in the lights which have eternally shone.
In church, in school and home, we must keep them aglow - to light up the paths on which others
must go.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

Senior Princess, remember that life is splendid, if well fulfilled - if never the word of God is stilled.
If each hour is lived as He has willed - if with His teachings, the heart is thrilled,
then life is splendid and well fulfilled.

HONORED QUEEN –

Life, gathers a bouquet of special hours - laughter is the sunshine, tears are the showers
which make them grow...help them to be a part of remembrance until eternity.

This hour for you is such a one - earned by your efforts and work well done.
Parents and loved ones proudly share - this hour when a crown you'll start to wear.
New tasks have begun, ideals understood - ennobling young womanhood.

If when years hence all this will seem - like some shadowy half remembered dream,
 your heart will recall your own chosen theme - those Holy words, serene and calm,
 comforting all - the Twenty-Third Psalm.

YOUTH, THE HEART OF THE WORLD

NARRATOR:

Long after parents and children have parted - youth shall carry on what you have started.
 To sit where parents have sat - and do what parents have done,
 will be the responsibility of you - every daughter, every son.
 They shall one day rule your nation - doing what they think is best.

They will take over your corporations - and they, too must pass the test.
 Youth must grow up to be fair and strong - if they are to rule your land.
 They need adults to help them along - so lend a helping hand.

Teach them the great virtue, faith - to trust in the Lord on high.
 For like everyone else, youth must try its wings - before it learns to fly.
 For early in youth their tasks begin - when they first learn to talk.
 They must close their minds against evil and sin - as on through life they walk.

For cities and churches will soon be theirs - to run however they please,
 and what good are policies if no one cares - so it's good that youth can carry our creeds.
 Give them hope that never fails - and teach them to reach for the best,
 with truth forever spoken - our youth will stand the test.

Kindness to fellow men - and faith though it may be furled,
 will be forever carried on by - "Youth, the Heart of the World".

CHOIR –

Entering first is our Bethel Choir, their voices ring loud and clear.
 With youthfulness and love resounding - they assure us that God is always near.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

To guard their hearts, alert to win - lest outward sins press ever in,
 to mar the peace or cause disgrace - within the walls of this Holy Place.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

Custodians know just what is best
 in humble love each task is blessed,
 with prayer and incense burning bright
 they cherish truth, like the Dove so white.

FIRST MESSENGER –

Our First Messenger tells that the story, of Job to all of our lives should apply.
 That if we have humility and faith like Job - our standards should always be high.

SECOND MESSENGER –

The Second Messenger relates the trials of Job - how he steadfast and faithfully stood.
 And warns us that even when troubles do come - we should take the bad with the good.

THIRD MESSENGER –

The Third Messenger tells of the miseries of Job - and the friends who come to his aid.
She tells us that pride must be dragged - in the dust, and prayers for assistance be made.

FOURTH MESSENGER –

The Fourth Messenger tells the humility of Job - and God said he passed every test.
She teaches that if we have faith - we too will be happy and blessed.

FIFTH MESSENGER –

The Fifth Messenger says that the story of Job - holds a lesson we can all understand.
That we should be like the daughters of Job - who were the “Fairest in all of the Land”.

MUSICIAN –

Without her music to share - the days would seem too long.
We need her happy melodies - in harmony and song.

LIBRARIAN –

Our thirst for knowledge in the arts - is truly virtue rare.
Our Librarian answers all our needs - her wisdom beyond compare.

CHAPLAIN –

Who shall teach us how to pray - and put our trust in Him?
Our Chaplain kneels and bows her head - as Altar lights we dim.

RECORDER –

On spotless pages - our Recorder writes our every act and deed.
Her records tell of faith and love - for happiness is our creed.

TREASURER –

In terms of gold we count our wealth - but gold cannot compare,
with youth and beauty of one we trust - our Bethel Treasurer fair.

MARSHAL –

As Pilgrims seek to know the truth - and meaning of our creed.
Our Marshal fair is there to aid - she’s there to take the lead.

GUIDE –

Our Guide will surely point the way - to Pilgrims seeking the light of day.
With wisdom rare and noble deed - to peace and happiness she’ll lead.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRINCESS –

As in the Book of Job we read - there were three daughters fair.
Come now, two Princesses in view - their beauty to compare.
We know when God created man - he planned a beauteous face.
Here we see His work of art - in loveliness and grace.

HONORED QUEEN –

And now the fairest of the three - on yonder threshold stands.
She’s learned the lessons of His love, - heed well all His commands.
For she is truly fair of face - and walks with regal air,
we know that God created her - the fairest of the fair.

(After all are standing by chairs, the narrator continues)

Before you now these Daughters stand - in youthfulness and grace,
 they are the fairest in the land - and none can take their place.
 To you, my Daughters, have such faith - that when your work is through,
 you'll know that you have learned to live - as He would want you to.
 Always turn to Him for help - don't ever turn away.
 For He alone can give you strength - as you go on your way.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS

NARRATOR:

Hearts, minds and lives interlock as precious moments we share - reminding us always that we'll
 have sisters who care.
 We weave memories and dreams into a protective cloth - resistant to hurt and, yes, even the moth.
 When winds blow bitterly cold as often they may - Our Job's Daughters' moments bring warmth
 to a dreary cold day.
 As sisters, we work, play and cry – growing together as we learn, stretch and try.
 New challenges we face - as we plan and prepare,
 And years from now wherever I go - you'll always be there.

CHOIR –

Their songs of blessing abounding,
 Songs from their hearts - precious moments compounding.
 They enter our room - carrying symbols of love,
 Singing songs filled with messages - from our God above.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

They keep our Bethel moments pure - they watch and remind each Daughter demure.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

They care for both the Dove and the Urn - the white and purple colors will forever in our
 memories burn.

RECORDER –

She writes all our memories down - remembering all the good things we do all over our town.

TREASURER –

Her books are always kept in good order - for projects and money and for bricks and mortar.

CHAPLAIN –

She prays for blessing each day - lifting our hearts and our minds to follow God's way.

MUSICIAN –

She lifts us up with the music she plays - as we listen, our hearts come together in praise.

LIBRARIAN –

She quickens our minds with wisdom so rare - opens a book, spends a moment – precious beyond
 compare.

FIRST MESSENGER –

She brings news of Job's Daughters so fair - of his land and his flocks tended by his children with care.

SECOND MESSENGER –

She knows that truth cannot always be light,
Yet she shares precious moments of Job's trust through each plight.

THIRD MESSENGER –

She reminds us that Job suffered and lost - his friends tried to aid him but could not stand the cost.
Pride dried up all the leaves on a cold autumn day - still in humility Job knelt down to pray.

FOURTH MESSENGER –

With words of conviction she strongly proclaims
That the faithful are rewarded - as was Job, that's God's aim.

FIFTH MESSENGER –

She shows us what Job and we can do - if to God's plan we are true,
Dark days will turn bright - if we are patient, we will see the light.

MARSHAL –

She brings us memories of our land - with red, white and blue.
Placing hands over our hearts - we pledge to be true.

GUIDE –

As we stand side by side - our Guide lights the way.
Precious moments are finer - as she turns night into day.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

With the emblem of the pure white Dove - she watches over us
guiding and teaching us to love.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

With wisdom and truth - she loves and protects us
While we are yet in our youth.

HONORED QUEEN –

She more than all the others we look to every day
For love unconditional that will not go away.
She leads us, yet she serves us and shows us that she cares.
Each plan she unfolds becomes a precious moment to share.

Our hearts interlock with one another and you.
We grow as Job's Daughters in all that we do.

Each precious moment builds friendships that always will last.
Our hearts are locked together in both the future and the past.

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND**NARRATOR:**

**God created man, and with him came the need
of having someone close at hand - something we all need.
So God gave us a friend to help us through each day.
Someone very beautiful in a very special way.
This friend is always there - whenever you're feeling down.
It's nice to know she really cares - and will always be around.**

**She dares to dream your dreams with you - and shares your schemes in life.
She picks you up when you're feeling blue - when things just don't seem right.
The key to all this friendship, faith, trust and love,
Is the love that God has sent us from heaven up above.**

OUTER GUARD –

**You watch the doors - in you we put our faith.
You allow only members and friends to enter our Bethel gate.**

INNER GUARD –

**You smile as you greet our friends - as at the entrance you stand.
And as you welcome them in - you extend a friendly hand.**

SENIOR CUSTODIAN –

**Our Urn of Incense, symbolic of prayer, hope, faith and light - is under your special care
and we know that you will always be placed right.**

JUNIOR CUSTODIAN –

**Caring for our properties and our peaceful Dove.
Your aim is but to please with friendship and love.**

RECORDER –

**Truthful pages you write upon our every word and deed.
A true friend we count upon for everything we need.**

TREASURER –

**In you we trust to count our gold - our worth and wealth, too.
Nothing will every compare - with your faithful friendship, too.**

LIBRARIAN –

**Daughter of wisdom, always willing to share.
Your taste in arts, sciences and good literature – teach us to care.**

MUSICIAN –

**You bring harmony when you play upon the keys
Your Bethel sisters count on you and you try hard to please.**

CHAPLAIN –

**Your duty is to lead in prayer and see we follow, too.
Communicate to Pilgrims the Obligation they'll keep their whole life
through.**

FIRST MESSENGER –

You tell how Job enjoyed his life and family love,
How he taught his children to be constant in their faith in God above.

SECOND MESSENGER –

A messenger of trust and faith when things weren't going well,
He learned that we must accept misfortunes from God's hands as well.

THIRD MESSENGER –

Stricken with pain and suffering - he gazed on the lowering sun.
His friends said he was being punished, but he remained the faithful one.

FOURTH MESSENGER –

When evil was cast on this man - his faith would never fail.
You relate his steadfastness to God in this humble tale.

FIFTH MESSENGER –

The ending of this story is told by you, Daughter fair.
His life of truth, faithfulness and glory shall be known everywhere.

MARSHAL –

You help the Guide to conduct Pilgrims through the story of Job,
And display our national emblem in your beautiful white robe.

GUIDE –

You lead the Pilgrims as God leads us through life.
Teaching us to depend on Him even in our strife.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

The youngest of the Daughters of Job - friendly but meek,
The lesson she teaches all - to be careful before we speak.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

Cheerful and kind you teach us all that through prayer
We can receive true peace of mind - with faith in God who cares.

HONORED QUEEN –

And now the eldest of the three - she shall take the lead,
To guide these Daughters and do her best - as Honored Queen.
She will teach them to live as God would deem.

Here are these Daughters - before you they now face,
Eager to be taught the lessons of friendship and grace.
Each one shall learn to know how important it is
To be a friend to everyone - and to love and honor Him,
For God is the key to love - and it truly is a gift
To be able to share this love with Him - and to know you've got a friend.

LOVE AND PATIENCE

NARRATOR:

**We read in the Book of Old - that love is the best gift of all to behold.
 For through its strength and understanding - we will survive this worlds' demanding.
 Patience is a virtue that we should exercise - use tolerance and love to keep our faith alive.
 Be kind and merciful to others - for we all are really sisters and brothers.
 Through love and patience we shall learn - the light of God does brightly burn.
 For if we strive for these each day - then from our path we'll never stray.**

CHOIR –

**Our Choir lifts their voices in a song - to God's own choir they belong.
 They sing of His love for all to hear - and assure us He will always be near.**

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

**They guard the entrance to our doors - for our security they do implore.
 They strive to keep sin and suffering out - so there will be no doubt.**

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

**The keepers of our Dove and Urn - symbolic of the lessons we learn.
 The Dove of peace, symbol of God's love - the Urn, a symbol of God's patience from above.**

LIBRARIAN –

**The books of time our Librarian will read - to fill our minds with the knowledge we need
 For we will never grow too old to learn - and a love of knowledge we should never spurn.**

MUSICIAN –

**Our Musician plays with no discord - her music pays tribute to the Lord.
 She knows music is the key - to love and patience and world-wide harmony.**

RECORDER –

**Faithfully, she records each act and writes of every deed.
 She tells of hard work, effort, and records our need.**

TREASURER –

**The keeper of our hard-earned funds - she adds, subtracts and does all the sums
 She teaches industry and honesty and encourages us to be thrifty.**

CHAPLAIN –

**When she attends at the Altar we love - she asks for wisdom and guidance from above.
 She seeks strength from God's divine light - so we may walk the path of good and right.**

MESSENGERS –

**The First one tells of the beginning of Job's life - The Second one tells of misery and strife.
 The Third relates his temptations and trials - The Fourth how Job's faith has prevailed.
 The Fifth tells of Job's final reward - Because he believed and trusted the Lord.**

MARSHAL –

**Our country's emblem she carries aloft - a symbol for which our freedom was fought.
 Our love and respect for our nation - should also extend to all creation.**

GUIDE –

Enters our Guide on whom we depend - to teach us the value of the love of a friend.
Someone to lean on and share with, too - a friend who will always be loyal and true.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

Representing the youngest daughter of Job - she teaches that patience is precious as gold.
Be humble, pious and giving - and help mankind in this world where we're living.
Let's start in our own community - then try to achieve world-wide unity.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

Our Senior Princess implores us to do our best - never be satisfied with anything less.
Then our goals we will be able to reach - with patience and God's help we do beseech.

HONORED QUEEN –

Our Honored Queen now appears with regal grace - and shows love and patience with every pace.
She will ask God for His aid to see her through - in all the things that she must do.

For if we trust in Him - though our pathway's light be dim,
If we're patient and loving, too - God will be there to see us through.

A WALK IN THE GARDEN OF LOVE**SUGGESTIONS:**

The Bethel Officers and Choir members carry in flowers as designated in the ceremony.

NARRATOR:

Come walk with me in the Garden amid the flowers of love,
These special blossoms of friendship tended by the Gardener above.
It's peaceful here in the Garden, friendship and love in the air.
Let's walk down the path together where all the flowers bloom fair.
Perhaps Job, too, had a garden, a quiet place where he tended the flowers each day.
Their gentle beauty gladdened his heart and lightened his burden along the way.
Let's pause for a moment beside the Garden gate – close your eyes, look with your heart.
See all your friends as flowers and cherish their beauty - for all too soon your paths part.

CHOIR – (Violets)

Violets lifting their faces to greet the dawn - the freshness of the Garden in the early morn.
Here in the Garden of love their soft petals - of purple bring a blessing of a new day born.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS – (Tiger Lilies)

The time is early and the day is warm.
The dew glistens on the path before us - like raindrops in a spring storm.
Here, by the Garden gate - the tiger lilies were planted with loving care.
To stand guard at the entrance - and watch over the flowers so fair.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIAN – (Lilacs)

The wonder of the Garden is seen when we pass - no leaf uncared for, nor neglected a single blade of grass.
Lilacs in gentle shades of purple and white - help mind the Garden with loving care.
Each task undertaken is one made light - for duties of friendship and love they share.

TREASURER AND RECORDER – (Iris and Tulip)

Strolling slowly down the Garden path we pause
 where striving for honesty and working for truth - the lovely tulip and the iris grow.
 Their faithfulness to duty and a willingness to share
 with giving hearts and willing hands - their love for the garden they show.

MUSICIAN – (Bluebell)

Songs of friendship and songs of love - songs of reverence for the Lord above.
 The bluebell speaks of harmony carried on the gentle breeze.
 For all the songs played in this Garden - with loving hands she tends the keys.

LIBRARIAN – (Daisy)

The gentle daisy, white as snow - first of the flowers to greet spring's light.
 Quiet of nature, gentle in soul, nature's first flower is dressed in white,
 Imparting words of wisdom for all of us to share - shedding light to the rest of the flowers so fair.

CHAPLAIN – (Lily of the Valley)

Here in the midst of the Garden where peace and quiet reign - the Lily of the Valley is found
 singing God's praises in reverent refrain.
 Clothed in the whiteness of virtue, her head softly bowed in prayer,
 For guidance and wisdom and all whom she holds dear - she offers a solemn prayer.
 This lovely symbol of our Order blooming in God's pure, soft light.
 Stand for dignity and unity - personifying truth and right.

MESSENGERS – (Carnations)

Here near the center of the Garden - carnations grow in sweet harmony.
 Colors of violet and wine, white, mauve and pink - blend their soft shades in testimony.
 Respect, knowledge, responsibility, righteousness and love - each beautiful flower has a message to
 give.
 They teach us with gentle words - a thoughtful way to live.

MARSHAL – (Chrysanthemum)

The fair chrysanthemum grows by the garden wall - caring for the colors of our land.
 True and loyal with friendship toward all - helping to tend the Garden with a loving hand.

GUIDE – (Gladioli)

In the afternoon sun, the glad stands tall - shining with heartfelt love toward all.
 Reserved in her beauty, gentle in speech - concerned for all who are within her reach.
 Guiding the Pilgrims along the way – and showing kindness from day to day.

JUNIOR PRINCESS – (Magnolia)

The day's light is slipping by as we come to the end of our way.
 Here in the East three flowers grow warmed by the sun of a fading day.
 The magnolia sweet and lovingly nurtured with tender care.
 Teaching with kindness her lessons to all who come seeking to share.

SENIOR PRINCESS – (Gardenia)

Unique in beauty, its color like old lace - the gardenia stands proudly with grace.
 Her message of truth comes more precious than gold - wisdom and kindness and love untold.
 Be kind to all those who pass your way - the gift of love grows more precious each day.

HONORED QUEEN – (Rose)

Our day in the Garden is ending - our time spent here is almost done.
 One flower remains lifting her face to the sun,
 The lovely red rose with all her charms - belongs to the flowers here to keep.
 She'll always be part of the Garden - for the roots are planted so deep.
 Time will pass, and in tomorrow's sunny Garden - the sun will go down.
 Another leader will take her place - another will wear her crown.
 Be faithful to our Order - touch one and all with love.
 Accept the gentle guidance - from our Gardener above.

THE DAISIES**NARRATOR:**

High on a hill, on a warm summer breeze - the wild field daisies touched my knees.
 As they nodded their pretty heads to and fro - they whispered the secret sweet daisies know.
 One bumblebee growled - he sat at my feet on a red clover bloom, so fragrantly sweet.
 And he tried to decide which nectar was best - to carry home to his bumblebee nest.

I gathered a bunch of sweet daises that day - holding them close, I heard one daisy say,
 "Mother Nature gives to her children the best - but the creature called man, she doubly blessed."

CHOIR –

So like the daisies, our choir now enters the room - the sweet songs they sing dispelling all gloom.
 They sing of the story in the Book of Job - and each one is dressed in a snow white robe.
 They sing of God's blessing, they sing of God's love - with tender young voices as soft as the dove.
 So young and so fresh like the small daisy flowers - they bring joy to the Bethel at its meeting hours.

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

They watch at the door and remind our fair Daughters - o'er and o'er that only peace and love
 may enter within - they should ever be watchful to keep away sin.

CUSTODIANS –

They share in a task of great love - for they care for the Urn, they care for the Dove.
 The Dove, like the daisy is colored pure white - the Urn, like its heart, is of gold burning bright.

TREASURER –

She keeps Bethel funds in good order - and her books balance with those of the Recorder.
 As petal on petal each daisy is made - so penny by penny our expenses are paid.

RECORDER –

Approaches with a blossom of beauty - she will strive very hard to accomplish her duty.
 She plainly will write for all to see - acts of love and kindness she'll record honestly.

CHAPLAIN –

She will kneel at the Altar and pray - that each Daughter will live in a true Godly way.
 She will lead her sisters in true words of prayer, she will guide hopes and dreams cast on the air.

MUSICIAN –

She brightens all when her music she plays - just as the daisies blooming will brighten your days.
The rhythms of music, nimble fingers will make - the harmony in our very souls she will awake.

LIBRARIAN –

She gathers her knowledge with care - and tells what she's read to Job's Daughters fair,
Like a bud that's unopened, as everyone knows - a book gives no pleasure if it remains closed.

FIRST MESSENGER –

She tells of Job's Daughters fair - of his flocks, treasures and the joys he had there.
His daughters were known for their beauty and grace - in his fields God put daisies, to brighten his place.

SECOND MESSENGER –

She tells of unfaltering trust - through his trials he believed God was just.
Job suffered, his life was filled with great strife - but he believed that God would brighten his life.

THIRD MESSENGER –

She tells of his misery and pain - his friends come to aid him, returned once again.
She tells us that pride must be dragged in the dust - that prayers for assistance must be made by us.

FOURTH MESSENGER –

She tells of Job's humility true - how he passed every test that he was given to do.
She tells that we should be humble like he - who stayed true to his God through great misery.

FIFTH MESSENGER –

She tells a story we all understand - that the Daughters of Job were fairest in the land.
That the treasures of Job were to him restored - simply because of his trust in the Lord.

MARSHAL –

Our Bethel is always prepared with great care - by our Marshal, a Daughter whose beauty is rare.
She guards and escorts our National Banner - placing it in the East in a reverent manner.

GUIDE –

New Pilgrims enter as buds folded tight - they'll be cherished and loved and taught to do right.
Our Guide will direct their footsteps with care - so they may find peace and happiness there.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

Love and beauty are not words alone - but the flowers that grow from the seeds we have sown.
In all things you do, you must help them to grow - so they'll brighten the paths on which others must go.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

Life can be splendid if it's fulfilled - if never a word of God is stilled.
In your heart keep His teaching, and you'll be thrilled - for the daisies will bloom as He has willed.

HONORED QUEEN –

Now enters the Daughter you have chosen as Queen - fair of face, tall and stately, with manner serene.
This hour, Honored Queen, is a very special one - it was earned by your efforts and work well done.

You were chosen by your sisters who now want to share - this hour and the crown you proudly will wear.

As the daisy you carried sprang from the sod - the wisdom of your reign will be guided by God.

A Queen who loves in a very special way values - not just the love that is sent her way.

She values the givers whose friendships are true - for with love, they're giving themselves to you.

So now, Daughters of Job, the fairest of the fair. - in the years that will come, memories you'll share.

If, when in the years hence this will just seem - like a shadowy half-remembered dream,

Just look in a field and you'll see small and dear - Daisies and you'll remember the friendships made here.

THE FRIEND IN YOU

NARRATOR:

My days are bright with happiness. - My skies are always blue.

And life is always wonderful - for I have found a friend in you.

The kind of friend who's faithful in everything, it seems - who shares my fondest hopes with me and understands my dreams.

Who constantly inspires me to put my fears away - and trust in Him to live a more courageous day,

Who seems to read my every thought and knows just how I feel - and who is there to help me, though I utter no appeal.

The world is bright and colorful and life itself is new – and I am very grateful for the friend I found in you.

BETHEL CHOIR –

Daughters of the Bethel Choir - you must lead the way.

With strength, hope and lifted voice - you bring the song today.

Each note you sing must have its place - God hears your song above.

And blesses you with radiant grace - and showers you with love.

OUTER GUARD –

Yours is a jewel of purity - guard us against outward sin.

Guard our gates so closely - that only love may enter in.

INNER GUARD –

Watch over the entrance to our Bethel - and guard this sacred place.

Passing on to our Daughters fair - the peace and love that here we share.

JUNIOR CUSTODIAN –

It is your duty to care for and tell about the Dove - you must pass on its message of purity and love.

SENIOR CUSTODIAN –

You hold the gift of incense which tells the meaning of prayer.

Pass on the stories of its riches so all of us may share.

FIRST MESSENGER –

As Messengers of truth come they - to guide the Pilgrims on their way.
She tells of joy and peace and cheer - of happiness and trust sincere.

SECOND MESSENGER –

When sorrow comes to weigh us down - and life seems just a thorny crown,
She tells of steadfast faith and love - of God, and blessings that come from above.

THIRD MESSENGER –

“Who makes the sun to shine by day - the moon to walk in the silvery way?
Who caused the stars and earth to be - and calmed the waters of the sea?”

FOURTH MESSENGER –

“Tis He who knows every thought - of things to be and things that are wrought.
For He will lead you by the hand - Oh, yes the “The Fairest in all the Land.”

FIFTH MESSENGER –

A message you bring in words so true - on all these spotless pages through,
Inscribed in signs and pages there - a lesson learned of virtue rare.

LIBRARIAN –

What better literature can you seek - than that of God’s book of life.
It helps to guide you day by day - and gives you faith for daily strife.

MUSICIAN –

Your talent sent from heaven above - touches us all with peace and with love.
Care for it, nurture it, watch it grow - and all will hear the soft strain, feel the warm glow.

RECORDER –

Your scroll is covered with light from above - your honesty comes from God’s love.
Your hand is steady, your writing true - our acts of love will come shining through.

TREASURER –

This Daughter guards our precious coins - and a lesson she does hold.
She teaches us it is far better - to be rich in love than in gold.

CHAPLAIN –

Our Chaplain folds her hands in prayer - in reverence speaks with God.
She thanks Him for His love and care - and asks that He be with us everywhere.

MARSHAL –

Guard the flag of our country - and to it always be true.
Teach love, honor and respect - in everything we do.

GUIDE –

Our footsteps like a chain of gold - shaped in God’s perfect mold.
Each link a touch, a word or tear - guides us through our moments here.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

The jewels of your crown are the whitest white - the emblem of your reign the Dove.
You pass on to us the story of how Job was right - and teach us to seek God’s help from above.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

**Purple adorns the crown you wear - the Urn your emblem, tells of prayer.
The story of Job you pass on to all - teaching that God won't let us fall.**

HONORED QUEEN –

**The Honored Queen now lights her way - like a star shining from above.
She must be patient, kind and faithful - in seeking charity and love.
When charity is freely given - it's like the shining sun.
It's a special sign from heaven - that enlightens everyone.**

**A true friend is a friend who shares - whatever comes our way,
Who helps by thoughtful words and deeds - to brighten up our day,
Who knows the little heartaches that lie heavy on the mind - and tries to ease the hurt of each by
being extra kind.**

**A true friend helps to bring the sun - and takes away the rain,
And cheerfully convinces us - that our dreams are not in vain.
And if we traveled far and wide - to where the rainbow ends,
We'd find no greater riches - than the love of real true friends.
The world is bright and colorful - and life itself is new,
And I am very grateful - for the friend I found in you.**

OUR INHERITANCE**SUGGESTIONS:**

Black painted board with black velcro glued to form the Square and Compass. Styrofoam blocks, painted gold to form the Square and Compass and cut into number of pieces needed for the Officers to carry.

Velcro is fastened to each carrying piece. The Honored Queen carries in the gold painted "G". The Junior Princess carries the completion piece for the Square, the Senior Princess the completion piece for the Compass or a flower of a different color from the other Daughters. The Honored Queen places the blue or gold "G" in the middle of the Square and Compass. Choir may carry in gold blocks to put around edge of board or flowers.

The board should be a 4 'x 8' piece of plywood, if possible. Holes may be placed in the square and compass formation for the Daughters to insert their flowers. Suggested song: "The Builder"

NARRATOR:

**An old man, going a lone highway - came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide - through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim - the sullen stream had no fears for him.
He turned, when he reached the other side - and built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man", said a fellow pilgrim near - "You are wasting strength in building here.**

**Your journey will end with the ending day - you never again will pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide - Why build the bridge at eventide?"
The builder lifted his old gray head - "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There follows after me today - some youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught for me - to those fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
They too, must cross in the twilight dim - good friend, I am building this bridge for him."**

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Job's Daughters International is proud to be associated with the Masonic Fraternity. Without this Order, there would be no Job's Daughters. In the Book of Job, Chapter 42, Verse 15, it says, "In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren." So a Master Mason gives a Job's Daughter his inheritance for the Master Masons are the builders. Their fraternity is the cornerstone of Job's Daughters. Without the Master Masons all other related Orders would not be.

The Master Masons are builders of human character and moral conduct. They teach their beliefs through brotherly love, relief and truth. Job's Daughters molds young women into moral and upright adults with just thinking, right conduct and dominance over self.

As the trowel smoothes the cement of Masonic brotherhood with brotherly love and affection, so the triangle joins the Daughters of Job in truth, harmony and sisterly love.

The privilege of being related to the Masonic fraternity is not given to everyone, but those who have this privilege find it to be one that opens doors to many wonderful areas of life.

There are also responsibilities; responsibility to our Creator, to the Master Masons who give us our heritage, to our parents and guardians, to our sacred obligation, and to be the very best which is in each of us.

The Square and Compass identifies the Master Mason to all whom he meets, just as the Triangle identifies the Job's Daughter.

Tonight (today) we honor the Master Masons who give us our heritage and pay our loving tribute to them.

CHOIR –

Everything of value is built on a good foundation. So the Daughters of the Choir build a musical foundation for our ceremonies, for music is essential for the harmony it brings to our Order.

CUSTODIANS –

They watch over the Dove and the Urn of Incense and know that, "In thought we have truth." And that even the humblest task does not go unnoticed.

JUNIOR CUSTODIAN –

Guard the Dove. It is humble duty that teaches truth, purity and love. Your lessons lead to more important assignments and the knowledge of work well done and life well spent.

SENIOR CUSTODIAN –

Watch over the Urn of Incense. Remind all of the need for prayer. This is a task to be promptly and cheerfully performed with kindness, patience and willingness that is essential to noble character.

OUTER GUARD –

You protect our meetings to keep them untouched from outer cares. Open the door to those who enter the gates with love for our Order.

INNER GUARD –

As mortar works with bricks to form a firm foundation, you must work with the Outer Guard to form that protection and keep our Bethel pure.

TREASURER –

You bring honesty of purpose to build a bright future and to teach us that the riches of the world cannot buy true happiness.

RECORDER –

You write of acts of love, joy and the reward of deeds well done. You record with honesty for all to see and of the fun.

LIBRARIAN –

You tell of life and point to service. You teach us wisdom as a worldly necessity that with obedience and enthusiasm our service will multiply all good.

MUSICIAN –

You bring zeal and discipline to add harmony to link us to our foundation. Your talent is essential to all worthy Orders not just our Bethel.

CHAPLAIN –

You teach on bended knees at the Altar of the promise of the future when we walk in the light and path of God. You give to the Pilgrims who enter our gates the sacred Obligation which binds us as sisters.

In the Book of Job, messengers carry the word of disaster to Job. Today our five Messengers carry the message of Job's reward for his faith and patience to the Pilgrims who come to walk our path of service. These Messengers bring the story of an eventful life of pleasures, temptations and triumphant peace and a full reward after the trials of the Adversary.

FIRST MESSENGER –

You teach us prayerful obedience to God just as Job taught his family by regular hours of worship. Job's Daughters believe and live by this, so that they may be standards for their companions in obedience, enthusiasm and service.

SECOND MESSENGER –

You warn us of the pitfalls of life that may come our way and build upon the firm foundation and upon the Square that our inheritance might be pure and strong for all to see.

THIRD MESSENGER –

You tell us of the responsibilities to God and to all mankind, thus adding value to our suffering, misfortunes and trials.

FOURTH MESSENGER –

You show us the right path to eternal life with deeds that often must be deeds of faith and courage.

FIFTH MESSENGER –

You add a reviewing light and show that in forgetfulness of self we will earn victory and have a joyous triumph at last if we keep our trust that His divine hand guides us all.

MARSHAL –

You prepare for the future with good order, kind words and noble actions. You protect and care for the flag of our nation as well as the properties of the Bethel.

GUIDE –

You lead the Pilgrims and show the way to live uprightly as we follow the teachings and principles of our Order.

JUNIOR PRINCESS –

You now complete the Square and teach us in the First Epoch the lessons in our apprenticeship in the measurement of time. As Job taught his family to worship regularly so you teach to value the twenty-four hours given to us each day to do acts of kindness and love to those we encounter so that we may have a strong foundation upon which our conduct is laid.

SENIOR PRINCESS –

You complete the Compass that guides our way of life, our comings and our goings. You teach us in the Second Epoch of the sufferings and wisdom gained of Job through adversity and endurance through faith and trust in our Creator and love for Him. You teach us to carefully oversee all details set by the Master.

HONORED QUEEN –

You place now the “G”, an emblem of the one that is and always will be the center of all Masonic Orders. All revolves around our God, and the love the Master gives to each who follows His teachings and light. None can be admitted without a belief in the Creator. Our Honored Queen leads “The fairest in all the land” as God leads us to a pure and upright life if we follow His word from the guiding light on the Altar. By carefully following the words and teachings of our Master, so we master ourselves and life.

So it is complete. The Square and Compass that guides us from birth and gives us our heritage. We receive with grateful hearts our inheritance from the Master Masons.

THE “I AM’S OF JESUS”**NARRATOR:**

In the days of the patriarchs, God summoned Moses to His presence on the mountain. There He commanded Moses to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt by telling them, “The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you.” (Exodus 4:13) When Moses asked what he should say when the Israelites ask “God’s name, God said, “**I AM** hath sent me unto you.” (Exodus 4:14) Centuries later, God sent his only son, Jesus Christ, to liberate us all from the weight of our sins.

Jesus cured a man’s blindness, and when the Pharisees asked who was Jesus answered, “I am the door.” (John 10:9)

The Pharisees accused a woman of sin and Jesus warned them, “Let he who without sin cast the first stone”; and Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)

Jesus fed the masses through the miracle of the fishes and loaves, and said “I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35)

And when the Apostle John saw the revelation of the new heaven and earth, Jesus told him, “I am Alpha and Omega.” (Revelation 21:6)

At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. He commanded them to love one another as He loved them, and He said, “I am the way, the truth and the life. I am the vine.” (John 14:6)

And when Jesus explained a miracle, He said, “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

All of us are offered the opportunity to be new in Christ (2Corinthians 5:17). And yet, to do that we must try to fulfill His expectations of us by living up to Christ’s teachings. The final answer to the question posed by Moses is that we, as believers in God, and agents for God, are to take action on His teachings.

So, too, are the members charged with responsibilities in this Bethel that teach the lessons of the Bible. Let the members begin their journey learning God's lesson in life; just as He taught Moses, and just as He sent Jesus to instruct us.

CHOIR –

**“I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.”
(Psalm 104:33)**

**Providing melodies for us to hear - our choir reminds us we have nothing to fear.
With songs lifted high, praising His name - we learn that God will not look for blame.
The harmony of their voices remind us all - that we can find peace if on God we will call.
And when life is too difficult to proceed - Christ is always there, taking the lead.**

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS –

“I am the door’ by me if any one enters in, ye shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” (John 10:9)

**Our eyes are focused on the West where two daughters stand,
As they guard our Bethel doors at the Honored Queen's command.
Protecting our Bethel with watchful eyes, they warn our members of sin.
Just as when we trust in Christ He'll ward off evil that wants in.**

**Opening the doors to our pilgrims fair - our guards will defend the Bethel there.
Ever watchful, they let in only the pure - keeping our Daughters' lives secure.**

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CUSTODIANS –

“...I am the light of the world; ye that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

**We give these Daughters our emblems to safely keep - and from them there are many lessons for us to reap
The dove represents truth and purity - and our urn stands for prayer, which gives us security.**

**They care for the cornucopia which stands for reward - which we receive when faithful to our Lord.
As we impress upon the Custodians the duties of their station - may they shed their light upon our trail to salvation.**

MESSENGERS –

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto them that is a thirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.” (Revelation 21:6)

**The story of Job is our organization's base - it teaches us hope in whatever toll we face.
The Messengers share the story of Job's trial - and how people shunned him, lonely and in exile.
They portray Job's story from beginning to end - and teach that no matter your station, God is your friend.
Just as Job triumphed and found peace - so we can too, if evil we will release.**

LIBRARIAN AND MUSICIAN –

“...I am the bread of life; ye that cometh to me shall never hunger; and ye that believeth in me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35)

The Librarian and Musician hold the key to Music, Science and Art - those pursuits which appeal to the mind and heart.

They are the bread of life because they make us whole - and their gifts to our members feed the soul.

Hunger for knowledge is met by these officers - as their presentations provide many answers,
And the one truth they will know - is that the love of Christ will forever show.

TREASURER AND RECORDER –

“...I am the truth; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

The one great truth for which we all should strive - is that honesty in our lives must always thrive.
The Recorder and Treasurer speak to that virtue - for it is that value which drives what they do.
All actions of the Bethel, the Recorder must prepare - in the way that God watches over us, ensuring our welfare.

The Treasurer shows that through honesty we build character - and if we walk the straight path we will be the victor.

CHAPLAIN –

“...I am the life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

The Chaplain is a beacon whenever our days are dark - she asks for God to protect us no matter where we embark.

As our spiritual leader, she takes us from strife - and shows us there's a better way for our life,
Where Jesus stands ready to carry our weight - and His love for us He will always demonstrate.
Our Chaplain lifts up our earthly prayer - reminding us of His shelter that is always there.

GUIDE AND MARSHAL –

“...I am the way; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 15:5)

Along life's path we face many a trial - situations that can cause self-denial.

The way is easier if we place our trust - in someone who we know is just.

Jesus teaches us in everything be upright - our way is clearer if we trust in His might.

By example, the Guide and Marshal offer our members a course - a pathway true to the principles we endorse.

JUNIOR PRINCESS AND SENIOR PRINCESS –

“I am the vine, ye are the branches; Ye that abideth in me, and I in them; the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

The Junior and Senior Princesses represent honor and virtue;

Qualities that nourish the soul and direct us to grow true.

The vine, unchanneled, twists that way and this - searching constantly for a life that is faultless.

Each Princess carries the burden with every pace - of showing our members the virtues we embrace.

Those virtues become ours if in Jesus we abide - we will be always in His footsteps if we walk a forthright stride,

HONORED QUEEN –

“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

And now come among us, the fairest of the fair - like the good shepherd, she leads with great care. Ever bearing in mind it's the members she does serve - it is their best interests she is charged to observe.

As the Bethel leader she rules with wisdom and dignity - exercising her authority with understanding and humility.

And during her reign, to God she is true - relying on His teaching to make our lives anew.

Before us are the Bethel's new officers and choir, each providing an important contribution to make the Bethel successful. As they assume the responsibilities and privileges of leadership in this Bethel, may the words Jesus spoke when describing Himself through each of His "I Am's" serve as guide for all the members. During the coming term they will enjoy many happy times, as well as many challenges. The story of Job teaches us to treasure our joys and maintain our faith no matter what adversities we may face.

And now, as these Daughters wait to be instructed in another chapter in God's great love for mankind, let us remember that the description of Jesus that we heard in this ceremony is in the present tense. Nine times Jesus described Himself beginning with the word, "I AM." Jesus has always been, is now and will be forever.

As Jesus told the Jews, "Before Abraham was, I am." "I AM" means He is here among us right now and will continue to be in the future. He will be with us through all the ups and downs of the coming term and more importantly every minute in our lives.

As these Daughters continue their journey seeking a greater understanding of God's word and His will for each of the, may they:

be as an open door to those who long to understand His word;
 be as a light to those who cannot find their way;
 be the bread of life to those who need nourishment for their souls;
 be alpha and omega in their relationships with others;
 be truth to those who don't know of it;
 give newness to life when it seems so useless;
 provide a way to those who are lost;
 be a bountiful vine with abundant fruit;
 and like the shepherd, carefully watching for the welfare of others.

And may the "I AM's" of Jesus become the "WE ARE'S" for us all.