

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE SUPREME GUARDIAN COUNCIL  
Year: 2018**

**AMENDMENT:     No. 23**

**Page:     SOP-BETHEL-16**

**Article      Section   1   Subsection   (k) (new)**

**NOW READS:**

**SOP-BETHEL-16 REORGANIZATION OF A BETHEL**

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  - (d) Bethel meetings shall be held according to the Constitution and Bylaws and the Ritual of JDI.
  - (e) The Bethel members shall dress in official regalia at least one (1) meeting a month.
  - (f) A Deputy or Assisting Deputy shall be appointed to monitor and assist the Bethel.
  - (g) Vacant stations in the Bethel may be filled by Majority Members and visiting members.
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**DELETE**

**ADD NEW TO READ**

**AMEND TO READ (Underline all changes or additions)**

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- (k) The fifth member named to the Executive BGC shall be Guardian Director of Promotion.

**REASON FOR CHANGE:**

Requires Bethels under reorganization to name a Director of Promotion as the fifth option Executive Member of the BGC. Aligns adult talent to focus on promotional work when the Bethel is most in need.

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