

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
DEGREE OF ROYAL PURPLE
JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL**

HISTORY: The Degree of Royal Purple is the result of the dream of the late Ellen Stinson Amick, PHQ of Wyoming and PSBHQ. Ellen and a group of Nebraska Job's Daughters determined the guidelines for nomination and developed the ceremony for the conferring of the degree. The first degrees were awarded at the Nebraska GGC Session in June of 1974. Mrs. Amick was the first individual to receive the degree. The degree was first conferred upon Daughters under Supreme Jurisdiction at the 1977 SGC Session in Hershey, PA.

**ARTICLE I
TITLE**

Section 1.

- (a) A Majority Member who is chosen to receive this honor shall be known as a recipient of the Degree of Royal Purple.

**ARTICLE II
OBJECT**

Section 1.

- (a) The Degree of Royal Purple is awarded in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service by a Majority Member to JDI. It is intended to recognize a Majority Member who has given to the Order in a capacity above and beyond the normal call of duty: an outstanding contributor to the organization.

**ARTICLE III
QUALIFICATIONS**

Section 1.

- (a) To be nominated for the degree a Majority Member shall have made major contributions toward the good of the Order and/or to a specific Bethel.
- (1) The Majority Member shall have accepted an appointment as a member of a BGC and have made an outstanding contribution to that BGC above and beyond the usual BGC responsibilities.
- (b) Service as a Bethel Majority Member shall not be considered in making the selection.
- (c) Service to other Masonic organizations and to the community are support material only; specific criteria is for outstanding service to the Order.

**ARTICLE IV
ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1.

- (a) The nominee must be a Majority Member of JDI.
- (b) At the time of nomination, she must be at least twenty-five (25).

**ARTICLE V
NOMINATION AND SELECTION**

Section 1. Nomination

- (a) Nomination shall be made by Executive Members of the BGC without the knowledge of the nominee.

- (b) Nomination shall include specific examples of outstanding service to the Order. In addition to the nomination, recommendations in writing from four (4) adults not related to the nominee who have first-hand knowledge of her contribution to the Order, shall be submitted. Bethels under Supreme must include one (1) recommendation from either the Supreme Deputy or the Assisting Supreme Deputy.
- (c) Nominees who have been with the Bethel for less than four (4) years require additional recommendations from their previous Bethel and/or Jurisdiction.
- (d) Nomination may be by the nominee's home Bethel or by a Bethel to which she has contributed outstanding service to merit the nomination.
- (e) Completed nomination and recommendation forms must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee by April 15.

Section 2. Selection

- (a) The members of the Committee shall review the nomination and recommendations. A majority shall be necessary to approve (or disapprove) the nomination. The decision of the Committee shall be final.
- (b) The recipient and the BGC nominating her shall be notified of her selection on or before May 15 by the Chairman of the Committee.

ARTICLE VI CONFERRING OF DEGREE

Section 1.

- (a) The recipient shall attend the Annual Session of the SGC to receive the Degree.
- (b) In the event that it is absolutely impossible for the recipient to attend an Annual Session of the SGC, other arrangements for presentation of the Degree may be made by the Supreme Guardian and the Committee.
- (c) A fee amounting to the cost of the medallion shall be paid by the recipient's family, a Bethel or anyone else who wishes to contribute. Payment shall be made to the Chairman of the Committee by June 1.
- (d) The Committee shall be responsible for providing the recipient with a rose and a certificate and for having her name, date of ceremony and jurisdiction, engraved on the reverse side of the medallion.
- (e) The Chairman of the Committee shall cooperate with the Supreme Bethel Guardian, who will oversee the Supreme Bethel Officers in the conferring of the Degree.

ARTICLE VII DEGREE OF ROYAL PURPLE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Members

- (a) The Degree of Royal Purple Committee is appointed by the Supreme Guardian (B-SGC, Art. XI, Sec. 4).

Section 2. Duties of the Committee

- (a) The duties of this Committee shall be to:
 - (1) Publicize the Degree of Royal Purple by distributing information to the Bethels under Supreme and the Supreme Deputies regarding the nomination process.
 - (2) Distribute nomination forms when requested.
 - (3) Receive nominations and recommendations from the Executive Members of Bethel Guardian Councils under Supreme.
 - (4) Determine the recipient(s) of the award in accordance with the eligibility as outlined in Articles III, IV and V.
 - (5) Make arrangements for the conferral of the degree at Annual Session of the SGC.
 - (6) Maintain a permanent file which the Chairman shall turn over to his/her successor.
 - (7) Destroy all nominations and recommendations following determination of the recipient(s).