

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
DEGREE OF ROYAL PURPLE  
JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL  
GRAND GUARDIAN COUNCIL OF COLORADO**

**HISTORY:** The Degree of Royal Purple is the result of the dream of the late Ellen Stinson Arnick, PHQ of Wyoming and PSBHQ. Ellen and a group of Nebraska Job's Daughters determined the guidelines for nomination and developed the ceremony for conferring of the degree. The first degrees were awarded at the Nebraska GGC Session in June of nineteen seventy-four (1974). Mrs. Arnick was the first individual to receive the degree. The degree was first conferred upon Daughters under Supreme Jurisdiction at the nineteen seventy-seven (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 of 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) The Daughter must be a Majority Member.
- (1) The Majority Member to be eligible for the Degree shall have served a minimum of five (5) years on either the Executive or Associate Bethel Guardian Council and have made an outstanding contribution to the Bethel Guardian Council above and beyond the usual BGC responsibilities.
  - (2) The service can be accumulated from no more than two (2) Bethels – the recommending Bethel and one (1) other Bethel.
  - (3) There can be no breaks in service. The five (5) years must be contiguous.
- (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) years of age.
- (c) There is no upper age limit for a nominee.

**ARTICLE V  
NOMINATION AND SELECTION**

**Section 1. Nomination**

- (a) Nominations shall be made by Executive Members of the BGC or by a majority vote of the Daughters of a Bethel - without the knowledge of the nominee.
- (b) Nomination shall include specific examples of outstanding service to the order. In addition to the nomination, recommendations from four (4) adults, not related to the nominee, who have first-hand knowledge of her contribution to the Order, shall be submitted. At least two (2) of the four (4) recommendations must be from individuals officially connected with Job's Daughters. If the nomination is from the Daughters vote, there shall be one (1) additional recommendation.
- (c) Nominees who have been with the Nominating 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) The Bethel Guardian must complete a special nomination form provided on request from the Grand Secretary.
- (f) Nomination and recommendation forms shall be typed or printed and forwarded to the Grand Secretary by March first (1st) of the nominating year. The Grand Secretary shall record all names, addresses, phone numbers and Bethel numbers for all nominees and forward all forms to the Chairman of the Degree of Royal Purple Committee for consideration.
- (g) Individuals who haven't yet received the Degree of Royal Purple may be nominated again by the same Bethel or a different Bethel. A person may be nominated each year until she receives the Degree.
- (h) The Degree of Royal Purple is only given one (1) time to any individual person. You cannot get it a second (2nd) time.

**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 Bethel Guardian Council shall be notified of her selection by the Committee Chairman on or before April first (1st). The recipient shall not know of her nomination or her selection until that time.

**ARTICLE VI  
CONFERRING OF DEGREE**

**Section 1.**

- (a) The recipient shall attend the Grand Guardian Council Annual Session within three (3) years of her selection to receive the award in a ceremony presented by the Grand Bethel Officers.
- (b) In the event that it is absolutely impossible for the recipient to attend the Grand Guardian Council Annual Session, other arrangements for presentation of the Degree may be made by the Grand Guardian.
- (c) A fee amounting to the current cost of the Grand Guardian Council's approved medallion shall be paid by the recipient's family, a Bethel or anyone else who wishes to contribute. Payment made to the Grand Guardian Council must be sent to the Chairman of the Degree of Royal Purple Committee by May first (1st).
- (d) The Grand Guardian Council of Colorado shall be responsible for providing the recipient with a rose, a certificate, and for having the name, date of ceremony and the name of the Jurisdiction engraved or printed on the reverse side of the medallion.
- (e) The Chairman of the Committee shall cooperate with the Grand Bethel Guardian, who will oversee the Grand Bethel Officers in the conferring of the Degree.

**ARTICLE VII  
DEGREE OF ROYAL PURPLE COMMITTEE**

**Section 1. Members**

(a)-(d) See CO-Bylaws-GGC Art. IV Sec. 4 (c)

**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.
  - (2) Distribute nomination forms when requested.
  - (3) Receive nominations and recommendations from the Grand Secretary.
  - (4) Determine the recipient(s) of the award in accordance with the eligibility and considerations of recommendations on or before April first (1st) of each year. Minutes should be maintained of the discussions to determine recipients and kept for a period of not more than three (3) years by the Chairperson.
  - (5) The Committee Chairperson shall notify the Grand Secretary and the Bethel Guardian of the nominating Bethel on or before April first (1st), when their nominee has been selected to receive the Degree of Royal Purple. The Executive Bethel Council will make arrangements to notify the recipient of the Degree of Royal Purple in a manner of their choosing. No notification should happen if a nomination has been rejected.
  - (6) Maintain a permanent file of those who receive the Degree of Royal Purple which the Chairman shall turn over to his/her successor.
  - (7) Destroy all nominations and recommendations after holding this material for three (3) years.
  - (8) Committee members shall hold discussions on nominations in strict confidence. Reasons for not selecting someone for the Degree of Royal Purple are to be kept in confidence. There is no grievance process for Degree of Royal Purple.