

Order of Job's Daughters

For teen-age girls between twelve and twenty years, the International Order of Job's Daughters gives varied opportunities in character-building through its cooperative activities, its ritualistic work and lectures. The greater portion of its ritualistic work is based on the book of Job in the Bible, indicating that through life from early childhood to old age, people encounter trials and tribulations which must be met and overcome.

The purpose of the Order is to band together girls of Masonic relationship for moral and spiritual development by teaching them greater reverence for God and the Holy Book, love of country, and deeper respect for parents and elders. They gain training in working together through their meetings in the bethel, in work projects, in charity work, and in fund-raising for such charity work. They also gain experience in social contacts through their entertainments which are in keeping with the high ideals of the Order. All their activities are supervised by adult members who compose the Bethel Guardian Council.

The Order was founded by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick in Omaha, Nebraska on October 20, 1920 by authority of Mrs. Anna J. Davis, Grand Matron, and Mr. J. E. Bednar, Grand Patron, of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Nebraska. Mr. J. B. Fradenburg, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska, also authorized the organization of the Order. Mr. T. L. Coombs and Mr. B. F. Thomas, both 33° Masons of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdic-

tion, U.S.A., helped greatly in the founding of the Order.

The basic organizational unit of the Order is the Bethel, which at present as in Biblical times means "holy place". A bethel is composed of daughter-members and adults which belong to the guardian council. Membership in a bethel is limited to girls with Masonic relationships: sisters, daughters, grand-daughters, great-grand-daughters, nieces, and grand-nieces, of Master Masons. At the time a girl applies for membership in the order, the Master Mason on whom the relationship is based must be in good standing; or, if gone to his reward, must have been in good standing when he went ahead.

There are other higher or bigger organizational units of the Order. The Grand Bethel which roughly corresponds to a Grand Lodge, is composed of ten or more bethels which decide to organize a grand bethel in a state, territory or country. The highest body of the Order is the Supreme Guardian Council which is composed of grand bethels and bethels not yet under grand bethel jurisdiction. At this writing, Supreme Guardian of the Order is Mrs. Sylvia K. Benedict, PHQ, and the Supreme Secretary is Mrs. Sharlot Avery Swem, PHQ, PSG. Headquarters of the Order is in Berwyn, Illinois.

Possibly the youngest bethel of the Order is Bethel U. D., Manila, which was instituted at Plaridel Temple on February 15, 1959 with Mrs. Benedict, Supreme Guardian, as the instituting and installing officer. The youngest grand bethel is the one in Australia



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which was instituted in Brisbane in March 1959, also with Mrs. Benedict as instituting and installing officer.

Since the Order was founded some thirty-nine years ago, thousands upon thousands of women have been in its rolls and presently they hold positions of importance in their communities or country, to say nothing of the wonderful work of the Order among its present members. There are now twenty-six grand Bethels in the United States, three in Canada, and one in Australia. In addition, there are Bethels under supreme Bethel jurisdiction. There are fourteen in the United States, ten in Canada, two in Hawaii, and two in the Philippines.

MASONIC TEMPLES; CORNER-STONES LAID, DEDICATED

The Grand Lodge Year, 1958-'59, saw the Grand Master pleased with the building program he prescribed when he was installed in April 1958. Two Lodge temples were dedicated; Baguio Lodge No. 67 in Baguio City in September 1958 and Mayon Lodge No. 61 in Legaspi, Albay on January 30, 1959. In spite of pressing business in the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master took time to go to these places to help in the dedications.

Two lodges in Okinawa, No. 118 and Coral No. 142, decided to build an appropriate lodge hall for the two lodges and the Grand Master flew to the island to lay the cornerstone or as he put it, "to slip the cornerstone in a building that is half-finished" on January 10, 1959, and in a few weeks it will be ready for dedication at least before the Annual Grand Lodge communication this month. Grand Master Hick also flew to Naga City to lay the cornerstone of the lodge hall of Mount Isarog Lodge No. 33 on January 22, 1959.



BIRTHDAY FOR TWO

It happens once in a great big while. The birthday of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, ten inches shorter but ten years older, was celebrated on March 8, 1959, in the Jose Abad Santos Hall of Plaridel Temple with a literary-musical program. A big crowd of Masons and their families attended the affair and representatives of blue lodges and related Masonic organizations gave greetings to Most Wor. Bro. Howard R. Hick and Rt. Wor. Bro. Macario Ofilada, who shared the honors and thanked the greeters and participants in the program.

Among those who participated are: the Welfareville All-Girl String Band, DeMolay Quartet, the Masonic Glee Club, Wor. Bro. Demetrio Quintana, Mr. Lucio Pineda, Bro. Jose Luis Archilla (Chino Santos) and his Band, Miss Sonya Ortiz, Mrs. Celerina Cayabab, Mr. Mario Cabreza, Mrs. Andrea Ofilada Veneracion, Wor. Bro. Alvaro Martinez, Wor. Bro. Pedro Francisco, Sister Pilar R. Gonzalez, Wor. Bro. Thomas Loft, the Quintana Sisters, Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Miss Dolores A. Laconico, II and others.