

Supreme Session Report

This year, the Annual Session of the Supreme Guardian Council was held in Middleton Wisconsin from July 27 – August 3, 2008. As of Wednesday, July 30 there were 1,159 registered as follows -- 268 Voting Delegates, 368 Non-Voting Delegates, 348 Daughters, 6 Youth and 14 Under 10. Maryland was very well represented by the 16 daughters who participated in various competitions, meetings, and ceremonies. There were 35 adults and guests in attendance from our state of which 18 voting delegates legislated the 31 amendments and 1 immediate amendment.

The following provides the results of the various competitions:

Competition	Participating Daughters	Outcome
Performing Arts Speech – Junior Division	Stacie Ross	1 st Place Original Oratory 3 rd Place Skit Humorous
Messenger Team	Rachel Lyons, Sara Haughee, Ashley Griffin, Caitlin Litzenberger, Victoria Russell	The Daughters did a near perfect performance with only 1 word point deduction. They received a score of 50 out of 50 on their regalia. The competition was extremely keen and every team that placed was word perfect. We are very proud of them for competing.
Individual Rit/1 st Messenger	Stacie Ross	3 rd Place
Individual Rit/2 nd Messenger	Sara Haughee	2 nd Place
Arts and Crafts Photography – Senior Division	Cathy Savoie	2 nd Place Black and White 3 rd Place Portrait
Arts and Crafts JD Related Items – Senior Division	Lacey Russell	3 rd Place Carrying Pieces
Arts and Crafts Photography – Junior Division	Stacie Ross	1 st Place Black and White
Arts and Crafts Needlework – Junior Division	Victoria Russell	2 nd Place Wall Hanging
Arts and Crafts Needlework – Junior Division	Stacie Ross	2 nd Place Plastic Canvas

At formal opening on Wednesday Naomi Hoglund escorted our own Dad Mike. Kim Regner escorted the Supreme 2nd Messenger Mom Dianne Regner. Vivian Burch carried the Maryland Flag and Cathy Savoie carried the Christian Flag during the Flag Ceremony. Grand Bethel Honored Queen Laura Lee and Grand Bethel Chaplain Caitlin Litzenberger participated in the Bible Ceremony. A number of Maryland Daughters (Caitlin, Rachel, Chloe, Kaitlynn, Meghan, Laura, Bethany, Christina, Ashley, Victoria) participated in the Necrology Service. We were honored to offer greetings on behalf of Maryland as one of the host jurisdictions. Stacie Ross was recognized for raising over \$1,000 for HIKE, for the 2nd year in a row. Meghan Schuessler was awarded the Susie Holmes Memorial Scholarship Award – Way to go girls on these tremendous accomplishments. Mom Kim and Mom T Regner were also announced as adults in the over \$1,000 HIKE club.

At the Supreme Bethel Business meeting on Thursday morning Dad John Regner served as the Supreme Bethel Associate Guardian, Vivian Burch and Cathy Savoie served as pro tem's for the Supreme Bethel Senior Princess and Supreme Bethel Inner Guard. Victoria and Lacey Russell participated as 2007-2008

Supreme Bethel Representatives to Washington and British Columbia. The Supreme Bethel Representative to Maryland is Jamie Poff from Indiana. We are proud to announce the selection of the following daughters as 2008-2009 Supreme Bethel Representatives: Arizona – Cathy Savoie (Bethel #35); Virginia – Caitlin Litzenberger (Bethel #16); South Dakota – Kaitlynn Tullius (Bethel #22); Espirito Santo – Chloe Litzenberger (Bethel #16).

Victoria Russell did an outstanding job presenting her representative report. The daughters also reviewed and voted on the proposed amendments that would add Masonic Sponsorship as part of the relationship for eligibility to membership. The members voted to reject the Masonic sponsorship amendment. The Supreme Bethel members also discussed and voted on the amendment to change the criteria for the selection of the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen. The members voted to adopt the new criteria for SBHQ provided that the amendment was revised to eliminate the election provision.

The MIJD pageant was held on Thursday, July 31 with Miss Brittney Utley Miss International Job's Daughter 2007-2008 presiding as hostess. There were 27 contestants and they all did an outstanding job representing their jurisdictions. We were very pleased and waved a lot of Maryland flags when our own Lacey Russell made her stage appearance. Thank you for representing Maryland in an exemplary manner. Mom Dianna Dodd was the co-chair for this year's pageant and she made sure things ran smoothly for the week's activities.

As noted earlier Maryland was very busy as one of the host jurisdictions. Mom Pat Pelham was the Maryland Representative on the Supreme Arrangements Committee. Dad David Lake was chair of the Credentials Committee. Dad John Lambert and Mom Gina Jordan coordinated security details. Mom Dianne Regner worked on supreme Ways and Means. Mom Bunny Russell was co-chair of the Arts and Crafts competitions. Mom Sandy Schlerf co-chaired while Mom Sandi Burch and Mom Bobbie Hogle assisted with the Ritual Competitions. Mom Barbara Ridge was the chairman of the Distribution Committee. Mom Lori Schuessler was co-chair of the All Job's Daughters Luncheon, Mom Gina Jordan was co-chair of the GG/AGG/PGG/PAGG luncheon. Mom Laura Bell served as co-chair for the Maryland/Wisconsin jurisdictional dinner. Mom Mary Lake and Mom T co-chaired the Daily Endeavor Newsletter Committee. Mom Bertie Ridenour served on the HIKE board and Mom Donna Fairley served on the Finance Committee. Mom T and Mom Dianne Regner served as coaches for the Maryland Messenger Team. While not everyone had formal duties, special thanks go to Mom Kim Regner, Mom Jackie Hogle, Mom Judy Stone, Dad Jimmy Russell, Mom Stacey Marley, Mom Kathy Morgan, Mom Rochelle Bell, Dad Mark Fayer, Mom Sally Fayer, Mom Pam Savoie, Mom Rebecca Streett, Mom Beth Griffin, Mom Laura Lee, and Mom Mary Lou Lee for everything you did to chaperone, sponsor sleep over's, save seats, take photos, distribute and collect flags and otherwise make our jobs easier and Maryland SHINE.

During the business meetings of the SGC, the Supreme Guardian Janine Cooley presented an eye-opening and thought provoking statistic that the number of text messages sent daily exceeds the population of our planet. She noted that the youth today are very different than those when the organization was established. She emphasized our values, the importance of retention and the need to achieve teamwork as key factors to help our organization thrive. She also reported on the immediate amendment for Queensland and the Vision 2020 Committee. The Supreme Guardian provided a little pouch of sand on all of the members' chairs and asked us to look at each grain of sand. She noted that each is unique, a crystal, asked us to look at the grains with a hand lens as the grains radiate different colors. Finally she stated that our Daughters are like those grains of sand, each unique, each different. The grains of sand easily slip through our fingers and that it is our responsibility to "play nice in the sandbox."

The Associate Supreme Guardian, our own Dad Mike Hoglund presented a slide show of his journeys which also thanked everyone for their hospitality, donations and support. His verbal remarks emphasized the modified lyrics he wrote based on the John Lennon Song “Imagine” and his analogy to Job’s Daughters. He stressed that this is a teaching organization and that the Adults need to set the example for the Daughters.

The Executive Manager, Susan Goolsby, gave some statistical data for our order as follows:

- Total Membership as of December 31, 2007: 11,508, which reflects a loss of 373 or 3.14 percent.
- There are currently 760 Bethels in JDI,
- 6 Bethels were opened in 2007 while 16 bethels closed or became inactive.
- 7 US and Canadian Jurisdictions showed an increase of membership, 38 bethels in Brazil showed an increase in membership

International representation is as follows: United States - 60.3%, Canada - 5.2%, Brazil - 31.6%, Australia - .6%, Philippines -2.3%.

Other reports were presented by the Finance, Jurisprudence, Board of Trustees, Youth Protection Program, Credentials, Miss International 2007-2008, 2007-2008 Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, Membership, Long Range Planning, Scholarships, Fraternal Relations, Leadership, Performing Arts, Ritual Competition, Supreme News Exchange, Web Site, Pageant, Supreme Bethel, Hike USA, HIKE Australia, Degree of Royal Purple, Arts and Crafts Competitions.

The following were elected into office and installed for the 2008-2009 SGC Year.

Supreme Guardian	Marilyn Olson	Wyoming
Associate Supreme Guardian	Bob Clore	Virginia
Vice Supreme Guardian	Elaine Gray	Queensland, AU
Vice Associate Supreme Guardian	Dave Roblee	Wyoming
Supreme Guide	Toni Underwood	Missouri
Supreme Inner Guard	Rick Holloway	Idaho
Supreme Marshal	Bobbie Hoglund	Maryland
Supreme Outer Guard	Randy Hansen	Utah

There were two positions on the Board of Trustees that became open this year. Denise Noonan, PSG and Robin Henderson (Oregon) were elected.

Presentations were given and the SGC delegates voted (when necessary) to hold future Supreme Sessions at the following locations: 2009 Richmond VA, 2010 Colorado Springs CO, 2011 St. Louis MO. Yes you guessed it – 2012 will be sponsored by Maryland – more details to follow. CONGRATULATIONS MOM BOBBIE ON YOUR ELECTION TO SUPREME MARSHAL. 8-)

There were 31 amendments that were sent out to all voting delegates in May of this year. In addition the Jurisdiction of Queensland submitted an immediate amendment. The following is a chart of the amendment number, bylaws that it pertains to, and whether it was adopted into law or not. A .pdf copy of the original amendments is available upon request.

Amendment Number	C/B Page/Article	General Description	Adopted or Lost
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1	C- SGC Art. VII, Section 1(a)	Election, Voting Privileges and Proxy Section – Board of Trustee Election Procedures	Adopted
2	B-SGC Art. 1, Section 1(g)	Duties and Powers of the Supreme Guardian Council – Ritual Revision	Adopted – The date for Ritual Revision is 2011 – not 2014 as originally printed.
3	B-SGC, Art. III, Section 1 General (a) 6(d)	Duties of the Supreme Guardian – New CAV Date 8/7/2010 to coincide with SGC Year	Adopted
4	B-SGC, Art. IV, Section 3(b)	Duties of Other Elected Officers – New CAV Date 8/7/2010 to coincide with SGC Year	Adopted
5	B-SGC, Art. X Section 5(b)(2)	Appointment and Duties of Standing Committees – Jurisprudence change to replace printing and mailing to distribution of the new amendments.	Adopted
6	B-SGC, Art. XII, Section 1(a)	Revenue – Change fiscal year from September 1 – August 30 to June 1 – May 31	Adopted
7	B-SGC, Art. XII, Section 3(3)(i)	Revenue -- change to replace mailing list to distribution list for the SGC directory.	Adopted
8	B-SGC, Art. XIII, Section 8(a)	Disbursements – eliminate need for delegate vote at annual session.	Adopted
9	B-SGC, Art. XIII, Section 8(c)	Disbursements – change provision of approved vacation for employees in the Supreme Office	Adopted
10	C-GGC, Art. VI, Section 1(a)	Eligibility – New CAV Date 8/7/2010 to coincide with SGC Year	Adopted
11	C-GGC, Art. VIII, Section 1(a)	Appointments – New CAV Date 8/7/2010 to coincide with SGC Year	Adopted
12	B-GGC, Art. III, Section 2(d)	Duties of Grand Guardian Council Officers – New CAV Date 8/7/2010 to coincide with SGC Year	Adopted
13	B-GGC, Art. III, Section 2(h)	Duties of Grand Guardian Council Officers – New CAV Date 8/7/2010 to coincide with SGC Year	Adopted

14	B-GGC, Art. III, Section 2(k)	Duties of Grand Guardian Council Officers – New CAV Date 8/7/2010 to coincide with SGC Year	Adopted
15	B-JGC, Art. II, Section 1(e)	Duties of Jurisdictional Guardians – New CAV Date 8/7/2010 to coincide with SGC Year	Adopted
16	C-BGC, Art. VI, Section 1(a)	Eligibility – New CAV Date 8/7/2010 to coincide with SGC Year	Adopted
17	B-BGC, Art. IV, Section 2(a)	Committee Chairman – New CAV Date 8/7/2010 to coincide with SGC Year	Adopted
18	C-Bethel, Art IV Section 1(a)(b)(c)	Membership – Eligibility change to add Masonic Sponsorship in addition to Relationship	Lost
19	SI-1, Section 2	Amendments – Change wording to clarify description of rules in years there is a Ritual Revision	Adopted
20	SI-1, Section 10	Amendments – Change references to printing and reprinting to formatting and distributing.	Adopted
21	SI-10-1 (a),(b) & (c)	Eligibility – Not voted on contingent on passage of amendment # 18	N/A
22	SI-11 Art. III, Section 1, (a)(b)	Membership – Not voted on contingent on passage of amendment # 18	N/A
23	SI-15, 2	Appeals and Grievances – add references to Jurisdictional Guardian Councils	Adopted
24	SB Art. VII, Section 1(d)	Eligibility and Restrictions – change selection criteria to include competitions and elections.	Lost – note: the SB officers suggested amendments to eliminate election provision.
25	SB, Art. VIII	Drawing – Not voted on contingent on passage of amendment # 24	N/A
26	SB, Art VIII, Section 1(a)	Drawing – Eliminate provision for electronic drawing.	Adopted
27	SB Art. VII Section 3(a)(1)	Drawing – Eliminate provision for Election -- Not voted on contingent on	N/A

		passage of amendment # 24	
28	SB Art. XII, Section 1(c)	Supervision – Revised to conform to new CAV provisions and 8/7/2010 date.	Adopted
29	Pageant, Art. III, Section 1(c)	Supervision – Revised to conform with new CAV provisions and 8/7/2010 date	Adopted
30	Pageant, Art. V, Section 1(c)	Contestant Eligibility – Change to allow for competition in more than one MIJD pageant.	Withdrawn
31	Glossary	Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations – change to add definition for Master Mason Sponsorship -- Not voted on contingent on passage of amendment # 18	N/A
Immediate Amendments	C-JGC Art, VII	Appointment, Voting Privileges and Proxy – Add new section to address incorporation requirements for Queensland to remain in JDI and operate legally under their state laws.	Adopted – 1 st immediate amendment to pass in JDI history

On Friday afternoon we celebrated all of Maryland’s accomplishments and handed out gifts to the daughters and “I Survived Supreme Session” Luggage tags to all of the Maryland participants which were made by Dianne Regner. Thanks to Mom Bunny for coordinating the lasagna and salad meal and room arrangements. Special thanks for our “Tree Root Dedication” at Supreme Headquarters in Nebraska – we will be visiting there in October and look forward to seeing the memento.

Finally, on Saturday, August 2nd the New Supreme Guardian Council Members were installed. Marilyn Olson of WY was installed as SG and Bob “Colonel” Clore of VA was installed as Associate Supreme Guardian. Mom Bobbie Hogle and the Jr. Past MIJD and SBHQ presented Dad Mike with his PASG jewel. Mom Bobbie was also installed as Supreme Marshal escorted by our own Sara Haughee. Supreme session 2009 room reservations will be accepted starting August 7, 2008. Maryland will be hosting Supreme Session in 2012.

We ended the trip with a late night meal with many of the Daughters at Denny’s before departing Sunday morning for home-sweet-home.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bell
Grand Guardian of MD

Charlie Hampton
Associate Grand Guardian of MD