#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

# The Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board Grand Guardian Council of Michigan, Job's Daughters International

The Grand Triangle of Honor was established and approved in 1952 at the request of the Grand Guardian Council. A committee chaired by Ralph Mapley authored the original Rules and Regulations, Ceremonies and Forms. The purpose of the Grand Triangle of Honor was, and continues to be, to give proper and appropriate recognition to those individuals who have given long, dedicated and distinguished service to our Order.

#### **SECTION I - ELIGIBILITY**

The Grand Triangle of Honor, under the auspices of the Grand Guardian Council, may be conferred upon:

- (A) A Majority member who has:
  - 1. Unquestioned character
  - 2. Been outstanding in her loyalty to Job's Daughters
  - 3. Reached at least 25 years of age upon nomination and served on a Bethel Council for three (3) years.
  - 4. Become conspicuous as a leader in a particular field of endeavor
- (B) Past Grand Guardian and Past Associate Grand Guardian
- (C) The Past Grand Bethel Honored Queen may receive the award at the age of twenty (20)
- (D) A Master Mason in good standing or a woman who has performed meritorious service toward the advancement of the ideals of Job's Daughters and has served for three (3) years on Bethel Guardian Council

#### **SECTION II - NOMINATIONS**

No one may nominate himself or herself for this distinction. Written nominations shall be in the hands of the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board by April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The responsibility for the cost of the jewel rests with the originator of the nomination

- (A) Bethel Guardian Councils may submit to the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board one (1) Majority Member nominee for each 30 members initiated in their Bethel. Such credits shall be cumulative. If a Bethel has a member who is deserving of this honor, but the Bethel no longer has sufficient initiated members to make the nomination, the TOH Advisory Board should be contacted and the situation discussed with them.
  - 1. Designated "B" for Bethel Nomination
- (B) The Executive Grand Guardian Council may nominate a Master Mason in good standing or a woman who has performed meritorious service toward the advancement of the ideals of Job's Daughters.
  - 1. Designated "G" for Grand Council nomination
- (C) In additional, the EGGC may nominate persons of distinction who have not served on a Bethel Guardian Council.
  - 1. Designated "H" for Honorary Members
- (D) After he or she has received the honor each Past Grand Guardian and Past Associate Grand Guardian shall have the right to submit only one (1) nomination.
  - 1. Designated "P" for Personal nomination
- (E) The Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board shall have the right to nominate a past member of the Grand Guardian Council for their loyalty and devotion.
  - 1. Designated "TOH" for Advisory Board nomination

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## SECTION III - REQUIRED VOTE

- (A) The unanimous vote of the members of the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board shall be required to elect a nominee to receive the Grand Triangle of Honor.
- (B) The unanimous vote of the members of the Executive Grand Guardian Council shall be required to elect a nominee to receive the Grand Triangle of Honor.
- (C) A majority vote of the members of the Grand Guardian Council at its Annual Session shall be required to approve the report of the Grand Triangle of Honor.
- (D) The originator of the nomination shall be notified by registered mail (return receipt requested) if their nomination is declined within 30 days of the Annual Session of the GGC.

#### SECTION IV - CONFERRING THE HONOR

- (A) This honor will be conferred upon a nominee in two (2) parts, according to the ceremonies as prescribed by the Grand Inspector General and the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board. The first part is Private and can only be witnessed by members of the Grand Triangle of Honor. The second part is conferred in a Public Ceremony.
- (B) This Honor may be conferred at the Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council, or at any other time provided approval is given by the Grand Inspector General and the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board.

## SECTION V - GRAND TRIANGLE OF HONOR ADVISORY BOARD

- (A) There are to be seven members, four (4) women and three (3) men on the Advisory Board, serving staggered terms of seven (7) years each.
- (B) An Advisory Board member must be a member of the Grand Triangle of Honor.
- (C) There will be only one replacement in any given year unless another is mandated by an emergency situation.
- (D) The GTOH Advisory Board Member, having served the appointed term, shall not be eligible for reappointment until one (1) year after his or her term has expired.
- (E) A letter will be mailed with the Annual Triangle of Honor Dinner Announcement (usually March) and published in the <u>Michigan Messenger</u>, or any other means deemed appropriate by the Grand Inspector General, requesting that any person interested in serving on the Advisory Board should send a Letter of Intent to the Grand Inspector General by April 15.
- (F) Individual Members of the Grand Guardian Council may recommend a holder of the Triangle of Honor for the Advisory Board, with the consent of that person. This recommendation must reach the Grand Inspector General by April 15 of each year.
- (G) Any hold of the Triangle of Honor may recommend a holder of the Triangle of Honor for the Advisory Board, with the consent of that person. This recommendation must reach the Grand Inspector General by April 15 of each year.
- (H) The Grand inspector General will present the Letters of Intent to the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board for review.
- (I) By a majority vote, the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board will select one person from the Letters of Intent to join the Advisory Board.
- (J) This name shall be submitted to the Executive Grand Guardian Council at the same time the current list of nominations to receive the Honor is submitted.
- (K) Announcement of the new Advisory Board Member will be made at the Grand Session each year as part of the Grand Triangle of Honor report.

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- (L) The Advisory Board has the authority to remove Board Members for good and sufficient reasons, which include, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Legal issues
  - 2. Proven criminal activity
  - 3. Removal from membership in any Masonic organization
  - 4. Failure to perform the responsibilities of the Board
  - 5. Loss of the Triangle of Honor, see below
  - 6. Loss of CAV Status for any reason

### (M) Communications:

- 1. In January of each year, the TOH Advisory Board shall send a letter to each Bethel soliciting nominations from their Executive Bethel Guardian Council.
- 2. In February of each year, each recipient announced previously shall receive written notification of their nomination, the time and place of their investiture and requesting who shall present them with their honor at the upcoming Grand Session.

#### SECTION VI - OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- (A) The Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board shall elect a Grand Inspector General, Deputy Grand Inspector General and Secretary, who are all members of the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board.
- (B) It shall be the duty of the Grand Inspector General to:
  - 1. Have general supervision over the Grand Triangle of Honor
  - 2. Obligate the Honored Members
  - 3. Be responsible for preserving the qualification for members and the continuance of the high ideals of the members after they have received the honor.
  - 4. Appoint an Appeals and Grievances committee
- (C) The Grand Inspector General may withhold the conferring of this Honor or ceremony if deemed to be in the best interest of the International Order of Job's Daughters, with the approval of the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board.
- (D) The Grand Inspector General, with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board, may revoke the Honor and recall the jewel for good and sufficient reasons,
  - A) The Triangle of Honor Member will be notified by Certified mail, return receipt requested.
  - B) The Triangle of Honor Member has the right to appeal this decision.
- (E) It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Inspector General to assist the Grand Inspector General in the performance of his or her duties.
- (F) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to:
  - 1. Keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Grand Triangle of Honor Advisory Board.
  - 2. Maintain all records of the Grand Triangle of Honor.
  - 3. Provide such information as requested by the Grand Inspector General
- (G) The appeals and Grievances committee shall be composed of three (3) members. One (1) new member shall be appointed for a three (3) year term each year. The Chairman shall have served on the committee for one (1) full year before being appointed Chairman.
  - 1. The duties of this committee shall be to investigate all appeals made to it by a member of the Triangle of Honor and to recommend disposition thereof to the Advisory Board.

#### SECTION VII - DAYS OF OBSERVANCE

- (A) Each member is requested to recognize the following important anniversaries of our Order:
  - 1. March 9 the birthday of our founder, Ethel T. Wead Mick
  - 2. August 29 the anniversary of the Chartering of this Grand Guardian Council
  - 3. October 20 the anniversary of the founding of Job's Daughters
- (B) The Grand Inspector General may, thirty (30) days before the Annual Session send to each member of the Triangle of Honor a memorandum for the purpose of reporting to the Grand Inspector General proper observance of the Annual Traditional observances. Failure to comply with this requirement within thirty (30) days may cause forfeiture of membership.
- (C) Proper observance requires breaking bread with a member of the Triangle of Honor or an active member of Job's Daughters or a member of a Bethel Guardian Council.

#### SECTION VIII - THE EMBLEM

- (A) Our emblem shall be a 10k solid gold triangle with the center forming a hollow triangle. The inscription shall read "Triangle of Honor Job's Daughters"
  - 1. Women shall receive a yellow gold pendant
  - 2. Men shall receive a white gold tie tac

#### SECTION IX - TRIANGLE OF HONOR SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

- (A) The Triangle of Honor shall be composed of all members of the Triangle of Honor
- (B) The Officers of the Triangle of Honor Social Club shall be elected from those in attendance at the Annual Dinner, normally held in March.
- (C) These officers shall be:
  - 1. President
  - 2. Vice President
  - 3. Secretary/Treasurer
- (D) The Triangle of Honor Social Club shall be responsible for the following:
  - 1. Collecting dues from the Triangle of Honor members
  - 2. Coordinating the Annual Observance Dinner, normally in March
  - 3. Maintaining an accurate membership roll.
- (E) The President shall appoint a Sunshine Committee to communicate with the holders of the Grand Triangle of Honor.

#### SECTION X – AMENDMENTS

- (A) Amendments to these rules and regulations are to be submitted to the Grand Triangle Advisory Board for their review and acceptance or decline.
- (B) Amendments accepted by the Advisory Board are to be presented to the Grand Guardian Council during their Annual Session for approval by the voting delegates in attendance.