

Summit Speech

Good Afternoon!

It is my pleasure to speak to you today about my wonderful organization. Job's Daughters International was founded in 1920 by Ethel T. Wead Mick, known as Mother Mick to all Job's Daughters, in Omaha, Nebraska. The organization was founded to provide an opportunity for young women to work together, to learn about themselves, and to help others. Our membership is open to any girl that is 10-20 that has a Masonic heritage. Job's Daughters is found in 5 countries the United States, Australia, the Philippines, Canada, and Brazil. The order is based off of the Book of Job in the Holy Bible. By having all of our lessons come from this Book reminds our members that through life we encounter trials and tribulations which must be met and overcome. It is said that "In all the land were no women found so fair as the

daughter of Job and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren" This passage from the bible teaches us that we are all daughters under one God, who is related to the Masonic fraternity. As a Bethel we strive to learn and practice reverence to God, loyalty to our flag, respect for our parents and elders and love for all the world. In addition to these lessons we provide a safe place for young women to grow and experience the world. We offer many different activities that are fun for the youth and that remain safe at all times. Not only do we offer fun activities we also band together with the other Masonic Youth Groups. In Colorado, the idea of Tri-Youth is very popular. This term refers to the way that the Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay work together to promote themselves in the community. Job's Daughters is very community service project orientated. The official service project of Job's Daughters International is HIKE. HIKE stands for

Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund. Job's Daughters strives themselves to raising money for this charity in order to purchase hearing aids for children that cannot afford them. Colorado Job's Daughters strives themselves in participating in this charity. We have 3 sign language choirs throughout the state. 2 of them are the HIKE choirs and the other is called Sound Waves. These choirs practice year round and they perform songs in sign language. They hold annual concerts where all of the money that is raised goes to HIKE. During our first Grand Guardian Council meeting the Sound Waves choir presented a donation to the HIKE fund of \$900. In the past we have raised a huge amount of money for the charity and I have personally attended many hearing aid presentations to children in Colorado. In addition to the HIKE fund there are benevolent projects on the state level that is supported. These projects change every year

depending on the state officers. This year the Grand Guardian and Associate Grand Guardian have chosen HIKE and the Job's Daughters Scholarship fund as their benevolent projects. The scholarship fund was established in order to help the Job's Daughters of the world pay for a very expensive thing we call college. The Grand Bethel Honored Queen also chooses a benevolent project. So this year I have chosen Relay for Life as my benevolent project. This year we will raise money in order to help fight the struggles of cancer. Throughout the state the individual Honored Queens of the bethels choose their own benevolent projects where they will run their own fund raisers to be able to donate anything they want to the project. In Colorado we have 10 bethels, but our memberships in these bethels are not as large as what we would hope. So this year the Colorado Grand Team is putting a big influence on gaining more members for

Colorado Job's Daughters. In the effort to gain more members our Associate Grand Guardian, Mr. Larry Bottolfson has challenged all of the bethels of Colorado. He has said that if the Colorado Jobies initiate 75 new members by Grand Session in June, he will allow the Grand Bethel Honored Queen, the Miss Colorado Job's Daughter and the Jobie who initiates the most members throughout the year shave his head at Grand Session. Now for all of you that do not know Mr. Bottolfson. His hair is very long and goes past his shoulders in length. He told me that he has not had short hair since he was a kid. Now this is where you all and the rest of the Masonic Family can be involved with Job's Daughters. We ask that you encourage all of the young ladies that you know to join this awesome organization. Our membership starts with you since you all provide us with our Masonic Heritage. We also ask that you show bethels your support. In many instances the girls start to lose interest in

the meetings because it is the same thing all the time. As a state we strive in mixing things up so that they stay interested. One of these events is our annual Estes Park Retreat. This retreat is in March of every year. While we are in Estes the girls of Colorado stay for the weekend in order to build a stronger relationship with their own bethel and the girls of other bethels in the state. The weekend is filled with fun activities and competitions. Some of these include a door decorating contest, Jobie Olympics and much more. This year at the Retreat we are very excited to have the Supreme Team for the whole weekend. This event is probably the biggest event that we have. It is organized and ran by the ladies of the Grand Bethel and it has always been a success. Even though we have these fun events they still need to feel supported. A big part of our order is our ritual. We have the young ladies memorize their parts so that they can gain that skill, while gaining the skill of public

speaking. If they feel that they continue to perform their work to a room with empty sidelines then they start to not work on their parts. All of the girls of the state feel so much better when they have an audience watching them. I hope that you all will bring your support to a local bethel near you. If you would like to attend a somewhat fun meeting to be able to see Job's Daughters in action please feel free to attend my first Grand Bethel meeting. It is on October 29th in Fort Collins Colorado at 2pm. Make sure you dress in your best Halloween costume for the meeting.