

Appendix A

Grand Bethel Regalia Protocols

The Grand Bethel of Oregon has a rich tradition that includes distinguished regalia for its officers and royalty.

History:

At Grand Session 2014, the Daughters of the Grand Bethel enthusiastically endorsed the concept of changing the Grand Bethel robes from the traditional white Bethel robe to a deep purple robe made from the same pattern as the official Bethel regalia robe. Within a month donations had been received to furnish the Grand Bethel with at least 35 new purple robes.

Fabric has been purchased and the new robes will be available for all Grand Bethel Officers and Choir before statewide initiation in early March.

Additional fund-raising efforts will continue to provide for other Grand Bethel paraphernalia.

Initially, fund-raising efforts will provide for a matching set of Grand Bethel traveling crowns for the royalty. It is also a goal of the Youth Committee to provide for an on-going paraphernalia fund for replacement of capes, crowns, robes and other Grand Bethel paraphernalia as deemed necessary by the Youth Committee.

With the adoption of a new robe project, it is prudent that specific protocols be put in place to outline the proper care and use of Grand Bethel regalia, including all royalty regalia.

General Provisions:

1. Grand Bethel regalia is property of the Grand Bethel and under the care of the Grand Bethel Guardian (or an appropriate designee) and the Youth Committee. Unless specific written authorization is granted, the official Robes, headbands and royalty regalia will be kept by the Youth Committee between Grand Bethel events. Grand Bethel Officers and Choir members are responsible for providing their own slip, nylons and slippers.
2. No alterations may be made to the Grand Bethel robes or Grand Bethel capes without the express written authorization of the Grand Bethel Guardian AND the Youth Committee Chair, after consulting with the Grand Guardian and Youth Committee. Crowns may only be replaced or repaired upon approval of the Youth Committee.
3. The Grand Bethel Officers and members of the Grand Bethel Choir will be privileged to wear purple robes when attending official Grand Bethel functions when robes are appropriate. The following activities are considered to be Grand Bethel functions at which robes may be worn:
 - a. Grand Bethel Installation
 - b. Formal Opening for Grand Session, if requested
 - c. Grand Bethel Weekend if appropriate for meeting or ceremony
 - d. Statewide Initiations (Official Regalia shall be worn at all Initiations)

- e. Heritage Day
 - f. Grand Bethel Majority Ceremony
 - g. Grand Bethel Degree of Royal Purple
 - h. Supreme Session Opening and Flag Ceremony (Supreme Bethel Meeting??)
 - i. Any other event approved by the Youth Committee
4. All Grand Bethel regalia and paraphernalia taken by a Daughter or adult shall be returned in the same good condition it is provided or they shall be responsible for replacing same in the event of loss or damage. The Daughter and her parents, or the adult who had the regalia or paraphernalia shall pay the actual cost for repair or replacement.

Specific Protocols for Grand Bethel Robes, Capes and Crowns

1. The robes of floor officers and choir will have purple cords attached at the bottom of the yoke. The Grand Bethel Royalty shall wear official Grand Bethel capes with the Grand Bethel purple robes. All official Bethel robe guidelines shall apply:
 - a. Cords shall be secured on the bottom of the yoke with matching thread. The cord should be measured in equal lengths. Stitch beginning at the center back working to 3" from the center front.
 - b. The hem shall be three (3) inches from the floor with a four (4) inch hem when the robe has been tied with cords according to custom.
2. The Grand Bethel Officers and Choir will wear headbands of white on purple (reversed of official Bethel regalia).
3. All Grand Bethel robes shall be worn with a long slip, which should fall within the hem of the gown (4-6" from the floor). White flat slippers (nothing fuzzy... white nylon or leather ballerina style are preferred) with white nylons or white nylon knee-highs are also to be worn as official Grand Bethel regalia.
4. Grand Bethel Royalty Regalia
 - a. The Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Princesses shall be privileged to wear official Grand Bethel capes provided by the Grand Bethel.
 - b. There are two sets of capes for each royalty officer: the formal official regalia cape and a traveling cape. The Grand Bethel also furnishes official Grand Bethel crowns from Doc Morgan for use when the official Grand Bethel Cape and Grand Bethel robe are worn. The Grand Bethel Honored Queen will also have her choice of two (2) additional crowns and a coronet provided by the Grand Bethel to be worn with the traveling cape. The Grand Bethel Princesses will be provided a single crown for use with the traveling capes. The traveling capes and crowns are only to be worn with Official Grand Bethel dresses or with an appropriate long formal. Traveling crowns may be worn with tea-length or shorter gowns or dresses, however capes may only be worn with long formals.

- c. Each Grand Bethel royalty will also be furnished with a sash signifying her office and Grand Bethel of Oregon. The Grand Bethel Princess sashes shall be handed down from one year to the next. Upon election as Grand Bethel Honored Queen-Elect, the incoming Grand Bethel Honored Queen is privileged to have a personalized Grand Bethel Honored Queen's sash made for presentation by the Youth Committee at the Grand Bethel Installation.
- d. Sashes may be worn with formals, tea-length and day dresses, as well as with dress pants. Crowns may be worn with dresses, but never worn with pants. Crowns and tiaras may NEVER be worn in a vehicle. NO exceptions to this rule!!! Sashes, crowns and tiaras may not be worn with jeans or grubby clothing.
- e. The Grand Bethel Honored Queen and Grand Bethel Princesses shall be privileged to keep the traveling capes, crowns and sashes for use throughout the year at appropriate events. The official ceremonial regalia capes and crowns shall only be worn at official Grand Bethel events. With special permission, the Grand Bethel Honored Queen when representing the Grand Bethel at meetings of other Grand Masonic family organizations may wear the official ceremonial GBHQ cape, upon the approval of the Grand Bethel Guardian.
- f. If the Grand Bethel Honored Queen is unable to attend an event for a Grand Masonic family organization, she may request the Grand Bethel Senior Princess, and if she is unavailable the Grand Bethel Junior Princess to represent the Grand Bethel. The Grand Bethel Honored Queen shall consult with the Grand Bethel Guardian when arranging her schedule to represent the Grand Bethel and when asking a Grand Bethel Princess to represent the Grand Bethel. Additional travel requirements are addressed in the Grand Bethel Policies and Procedures.
- g. The Grand Bethel Guardian shall see that the Grand Bethel capes are cleaned as deemed necessary. An inspection of the Grand Bethel Capes will be done annually at Heritage Day.