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Notice to all Grand Guardian Councils, Bethels under Supreme, Supreme Deputies and permanent members of the Supreme Guardian Council regarding voting.

With the cancellation of the 2020 Supreme Session, election of the Executive Supreme Guardian Council Officers (ESGC) and the Board of Trustees (BoT) will be held electronically. The following information is provided to help any candidates for office and voting delegates prepare.

The JDI Supreme Voting System will be for qualified Supreme Guardian Council voting delegates. Voting opportunities will be for all ESGC Line officers, 4 open Board of Trustees positions, the 2020-2021 Budget acceptance and the location and dates for the 2023 Supreme Session.

Letters of Intent for Election

All candidates wishing to aspire to the Executive Supreme Guardian Council, or the Board of Trustees will be required to submit a letter of intent. Submission of a letter is an automatic acceptance of the office elected to. All bylaw qualifications for each office are still in effect and can be found outlined in the *Constitution of the SGC, Article VI, Eligibility* and also includes a current CAV qualification. Letters of intent are due via email no later than **June 30, 2020** to the Supreme Office (SGC@iojd.org). The letter should be a PDF format of no more than one page and contain:

- Photo of candidate (a headshot is recommended)
- First and Last Name
- State/Province of residence
- Indication of office aspiring to
- JDI qualification for that office (ie PGG, PAGG, PJG, PAJG) and jurisdiction (state/province) of where that qualification is held
- Narrative of goals, qualifications and pertinent resume for the office that will assist the voting delegates

With the 2019 legislation to expand the elected members of the BoT, there are 4 Board of Trustees positions up for election this year. Two 3-year positions, one 2-year position and one 1-year position. Delegates will vote for 4 BoT choices with the top vote total gaining a 3-year position, next vote total receives the second 3-year position, next the 2-year position and finally the 1-year position. Additionally, only one of these open positions could potentially be filled by a Past Supreme Guardian or Past Associate Supreme Guardian this year.

All letters of intent will be published to the Job's Daughters International webpage by July 2nd for voting delegates to study before the voting system opens. Any vacant positions will be filled by the incoming Supreme Guardian in accordance with JDI law.

Eligibility to Vote and Voting Fees

As usual, voting delegates include current and Past Grand Guardians, current and Past Associate Grand Guardians, current Vice Grand Guardians, current Vice Associate Grand Guardians, Past Bethel Guardians of Bethels under Supreme, Past Associate Bethel Guardians of Bethels under Supreme and one selected delegate from each Bethel under Supreme who has been elected by their local Executive BGC to serve as a delegate.

Voting fees are \$44.00 USD and are collected by the system via a credit card entry at the time votes are cast.

Voting credentials will be verified before votes are counted. Any illegal votes will be disqualified however, no refund will be issued of the voting fee.

Bethels under Supreme Delegates

Each Bethel under Supreme (BUS) is entitled to have one (1) voting delegate from the current members of their Executive Bethel Guardian. The selection of this delegate is to be done in advance and the *Bethels under Supreme Delegate Form* sent electronically to the Supreme Office no later than June 30th. This delegate is elected by the Executive Bethel Guardian Council members. This delegate is in addition to all Past Bethel Guardians and Past Associate Bethel Guardians of a Bethel under Supreme who wish to vote.

JDI Supreme Voting System Information

The link to the JDI Supreme Voting System and specific instructions will be sent out on or around July 2nd. The voting system is planned to be available July 6th through July 13th. Announcement of the voting results will be through the JDI website and social media accounts and should be expected no later than July 29th. Additionally, a virtual installation of the Supreme Guardian Council is planned for August 1st and information regarding that will be available via the Supreme website and our social media channels.

Thank you all for your patience while we navigate this opportunity for electronic voting and please contact us with any questions or concerns you might have.

Sincerely,

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