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To: Grand Guardians, Associate Grand Guardians, Jurisdictional Guardians, and Guardians of Bethels under Supreme

From: Marilyn Olson, Chairman, Board of Trustees
Job's Daughters International, Supreme Guardian Council

Re: Texas Job's Daughters

Dear Guardians,

We just received word today that the Grand Lodge of Texas voted to remove recognition of Job's Daughters from their Bylaws. They also voted to remove Job's Daughters from the list of organizations that can use Texas Masonic Temples.

If you recall, the issue was raised at Supreme Session in Vancouver because the Grand Lodge of Texas wanted Job's Daughters to have a Youth Protection Program. Apparently this request had been made in 2003 and we only became aware of it as a Board of Trustees in June 2006. Since that time we gave this issue our undivided attention. We started a pilot program in Texas; we made two trips to Texas to train adults and Daughters; we performed background checks on the BGC Council Members and Adult Volunteers in Texas. Even so, our efforts were not enough to avoid the negative vote that was taken at the recent Grand Lodge Texas convocation. Needless to say we are very disappointed, but we are determined to go forward.

Our Bylaws currently allow for the Associate Bethel Guardian to be a female in jurisdictions where the Grand Lodge prohibits their members to be involved in our Order. And, the Bethels in Texas will continue to meet in schools, libraries and locations other than Masonic Temples. We pray that Job's Daughters continues in Texas and we pray that some day the Grand Lodge will once again recognize Job's Daughters as the youth organization that was founded on Masonic principals and the requirement of Masonic relationship.

In light of this I would like all of you to contact the Grand Master of your Jurisdiction and communicate with him that Job's Daughters International is still working on a Youth Protection Program. We want Grand Lodges to know that we feel the program is of paramount importance to our Daughters. If anyone has any questions call the Supreme Office 402-592-7987, Denise Noonan, Supreme Guardian 219-644-9314, or me at 307-532-6263 or 307-532-2207.

Jobie love,

Marilyn Olson, PGG WY
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Job's Daughters International