

GRAND GUARDIAN COUNCIL OF MISSOURI



Journey To Reconnection



2021 GRAND SESSION Q & A

Since the initial Grand Session and Grand Session Competition packets were distributed, we have received some questions. The hope is that this document will answer the questions that others may have or to clarify questions that haven't been asked yet.

- Q – The May 20th deadline seems really early and we don't have enough meetings to get the information out and receive it back by the deadline.

A – We understand that this is a tight timeframe but unfortunately the hotel still needs our information. These dates are set based upon communications and dates they set with the Grand Secretary. We understand that the packets went out later than usual, but we are currently still in unusual circumstances and are working with the SGC BOT in order to provide the in-person Session that the Daughters have indicated that they want.

As long as you communicate any issues in advance to the Grand Session Committee, we will do our best to work with you on any issue that may arise.

- Q – The Waiver referenced in the Grand Session packet was not included.

A – Correct! This Waiver, and the Accommodation Form also referenced in the packet are coming from the SGC BOT and unfortunately, we have not received them to date. We will send them out as soon as we receive them.

- Q - What do we do in an instance where all girls have at least one (1) parent going but we end up with one (1) girl that her parents are not? Do we pull a member from the room with her parent to pair her in a room with the girl without a parent in attendance? Or do we put that girl in a room with a mom/daughter duo?

A – While we cannot say what is best for your Bethel’s individual situation, our recommendation would be to try not to leave a Daughter in a room by herself. If possible, that Daughter could move into a room with a mother/daughter duo only if a) the Accommodation Form is signed and submitted; and b) the non-related Daughter stays in her own bed and the related mother/daughter duo share the other bed. OR A mother could stay in a room by herself and two (2) unrelated Daughters could room together only if the Accommodation Form is signed and submitted for both Daughters.

Please remember that these are unusual times and quite honestly, the overnight part of our Session is the most difficult to plan for when trying to follow the SGC recommendations and keep everyone safe.

- Q – Are three (3) or more family members allowed to share a room or are we suggested to keep a max of two (2) people per room?

A – Yes three (3) or more family members are allowed to share a room. Previously we allowed four (4) girls in a room together but due to COVID safety precautions, it is recommended that each girl have their own bed. If a family desires to all stay in one (1) room, since they are related, that is their prerogative.

- Q – Are Jobie-to-Bees (JD2B) the same cost as a Bethel Daughter?

A – Great question! Not knowing how many JD2B would be attending this year, we did not put together a separate package for them. We will honor the same cost as a Bethel Daughter since they will be receiving the same amount of meals; no additional discounts will apply.

- Q - If we have one (1) adult in a room their cost is \$160 for the package deal?

A – Yes. This is shown in Section 2 on the Registration for Meals and Lodging page. The amount would be the same if the adult did not wish to stay overnight but wanted to attend BOTH days events and receive three (3) meals each day.

- Q – Usually there is a room assignment page to show who is in what room and that isn't part of the packet.

A – Great catch!!! We missed that on our first distribution of the packet but it has been added and can be found on the website and in the email from the Grand Secretary sent on May 9th containing the Revised Packet.

- Q – Will the Promotion incentive ‘Three for Free’ from the 2019-2020 GGC year still be honored?

A – Yes.....**HOWEVER**...it will only be honored if the Bethel filled out and submitted the appropriate forms by the previously communicated deadline.

Since there were no changes or additions to our Promotion material/incentives for 2020-2021, if a Daughter has brought in three (3) new members during this GGC year, AND the forms have been submitted prior to May 31, 2021, we will honor the Promotion incentive.

If you have a Daughter that has earned or won a FREE Grand Session (i.e., Masonic Youth Day), please indicate that with your registration and include any paperwork they may have received so that we can receive the appropriate credit.

- Q – Can a Dual Member compete on a team competition representing one (1) Bethel and then compete in individual competitions for the other Bethel?

A – No. A Daughter may only compete representing one (1) Bethel.

The Bethel Bylaws, Article II, Section 3(c) provide that ‘She shall be afforded all rights and privileges in each Bethel.’ It is the interpretation

of the Grand Guardian that these rights and privileges are afforded within each local Bethel and include such items as voting, discussion and honors and do not apply to Grand Session competitions.

The competitions held at the state level/Grand Session, are not specifically set out in our Constitution and Bylaws and fall under the Grand Guardian's duties to "Appoint committees as necessary for the transaction of the business of the GGC." (ARTICLE III, Section 2(h)). Any Daughter that is a Dual Jurisdiction member would follow the same rules when competing at Supreme Session and would need to pick one (1) jurisdiction to represent.

We appreciate all your questions as we continue to prepare for Grand Session. Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you so much for your flexibility and understanding!

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