

Report of Supreme Session 2011

After four years of fundraising, organizing and planning, the 2011 JDI Spirit Session had finally arrived. The session was held at the Millennium Hotel in Downtown St. Louis and many members of the Missouri Delegation arrived on Friday afternoon to help with loading, setting up the office and packing the session bags. I arrived Friday evening, checked in and got a look around the hotel as I had never been there before. Saturday and Sunday were spent helping with session, catching up with old friends and getting things ready for the performing arts competition on Monday. I was the Chair of Performing Arts and was excited to hear about our talented Daughters.

Sunday morning was the Worship Service and Necrology Ceremony. A wonderful service shared by all. The necrology ceremony was especially moving as Mom Idakatherine Schenck, PSG, PBG #12, PHQ had passed away earlier in the year and she along with others were represented in a slideshow. Sunday night our Missouri girls along with MIJD Aline and SBHQ Courtney performed at the ritual exemplification. Special thanks to all the Daughters who helped and learned the new work for that evening. You did wonderfully and I am very proud of you all.

Monday I was up bright and early getting the rooms set up for the different competitions and finalizing my score sheet packets. I saw many of our Missouri girls for performing arts but wasn't able to visit much with folks as I and my committee member, Jan Boyer of Utah, were busy tallying score sheets and answering questions. Monday night we had the "Spirit Showcase" where girls were selected to showcase their talents. Missouri was represented by the following ladies:

Brianna Hall, #47 – Master Vocal
Lydia Aiken, #49 – Piano (6+ Years)
Brittany Hall, #47 – Sign Language (Ages 10-14)
Claire Gibbs, #49 – Instrumental (3-5 Years)
Bethel #49 – Small Bethel Choir

They, along with all the Daughters, did an outstanding job. I know everyone was really impressed with the talent of these young ladies.

Tuesday was spent with ritual competitions and talking with members and adults of other jurisdictions. I was able to see our Missouri Team as they went in for competition. We cheered them on as they left and I was very excited for them and all our Daughters as they had been working so hard. Congrats to Kiley Whitton, #7 – 1st Messenger, Becca Hairer, #49 – 2nd Messenger, Amy Bush, #49 – 3rd Messenger, Kaarin Hoogstraten, #33 – 4th Messenger and Brianna Hall, #47 – 5th Messenger for an outstanding job. Tuesday night was the HIKE Spirit Dance. Missouri was able to make a HIKE presentation to a very deserving little boy. It was so awesome for the Daughters

to see a family helped by their fundraising efforts. We were treated to a cheer competition by different jurisdictions. They were all awesome. That night was also the Men's Dinner and Masonic Meeting held at Tuscon Lodge. After the meeting we had a treat from the men of the Supreme Line performing their Ozark Mountain Hillbilly skit.

Wednesday morning, members of your EGGC sat with their Supreme Counterparts for breakfast. Dad Joe and I were able to eat with Mom Bobbie, VSG and Dad Randy, VASG. They went over their year and their itinerary. Missouri's Supreme Visit will be held during Ashley's Mini Session, March 31st through April 1st. After breakfast was the start of the business session. Mom Toni and Dad Rick opened the meeting bringing greetings and making introductions. This was Dad Joe's first Supreme Session and I had sat in two other business sessions before. I knew this one was going to be a little different as we were discussing the ritual revisions and didn't know if we would be able to get through everything that had been gathered from a few years of work to vote on in just a few short days. The Royalty Luncheon was held that day and I was able to sit with Mom Karen Jordan along with members and adults from Ohio and Michigan. By luck I had already met one of the Daughters from Michigan, Miss Sarah Bloch, a few years earlier. Her father lives in St. Louis, a few blocks from me actually, and she had visited some of our Bethels before. It was great talking with her and others at my table. After lunch we got right back to the business session and started on the ritual revisions.

Wednesday night was the formal opening. Mom Diane Haywood led our Missouri Choir. Thanks to the Daughters who participated, I heard you were fantastic. I was in the waiting area and unfortunately couldn't hear you all. Dad Joe and I helped lead in the other Grand Guardians and Associate Grand Guardians for the 2011-2012 year. We were also asked to welcome everyone to the session. We sat next to Ron Miller, Grand Lodge Secretary and Gail Turner, Grand Master. The stage was very hot and we were trying to use different items to blow some cooler air on us – programs, speeches, gift bags-anything to catch a breeze. We managed through it and while the evening was nice, it was nicer to get away from the stage lights. The flag ceremony was directed by Mom Patti Reardon, Supreme Marshal and the Missouri Grand Bethel was very generous in letting Supreme use their jurisdictional flags for the ceremony. Jasmine Gunter, HQ #12, carried the Missouri Flag. The \$1000 HIKE Awards were presented and Missouri had two Daughters who joined the \$1000 Club this year. Brooklyn Childs, #12, with her 5th year in a row receiving the award and Caitlyn Washington, #43, with her 3rd year in a row. Congratulations to them and all of Missouri for raising just over \$9000 during the 2010-2011 Supreme Guardian Council year. That night we also heard the winners of the Team Competition. Mom Toni announced that the winning team would perform the Story of Job for SBHQ Courtney at her meeting the next morning. Our Missouri team placed 3rd this year and I, along with the rest of Missouri, were super excited for them. Nebraska placed second and British Columbia

placed first. The evening was complete with the Supreme Bethel Officers, escorts, Grand Bethel Honored Queens and Princesses and Honored Queens and Princesses in the closing formation. It was such a beautiful site to see so many Daughters on the floor. After the formal opening, Missouri held a pizza party in honor of our Miss Missouri, Kaarin. Dad Joe and I, along with Ashley wished her luck and gave her words of encouragement for the pageant.

Thursday morning brought the Supreme Bethel Meeting where it began with the Degree of Royal Purple. Mom Toni Underwood was selected as one of the recipients this year. Congratulations Mom Toni! The process for the SBHQ selection was different this year as Daughters had to write a letter of intent plus take a test. All the Daughters names are then placed in a bucket and drawn instead of jurisdiction first and then Daughter. The new Supreme Bethel Honored Queen is Kristi Frazier of Oregon. Missouri is lucky to have three Daughters as Supreme Bethel Representatives this year: Lydia Aiken, #49 – Supreme Bethel Rep to Acre (Brazil), Kynnedi Childs, #12 – Supreme Bethel Rep to California Regions 9 & 10 and Kelly Weber, #5 – Supreme Bethel Rep to Roraima (Brazil). Kelly was actually SB Rep to Roraima during the 2008-2009 Supreme Bethel Year, so it's cool she received this Rep again. The Supreme Bethel Rep to Missouri is Scarlett Hill of Iowa. The Supreme Guardian Council meeting reconvened that morning and more ritual revisions were talked about and voted upon. That night was the final Missouri/Idaho Dinner where we said thank you and good bye to our Idaho friends. Then came one of the highlights of the week, the Miss International Job's Daughter Pageant. We all had our signs (Hugs for Hoogs!), banner and screams ready for Kaarin as she was escorted into the room. Missouri was very excited as Kaarin was announced as one of the semi-finalists. We had amazing entertainment with jokes from Aline and Dad Ashley and a musical presentation from Miss Katie and Miss Susie. The stage was beautiful as the pageant had a working Ferris wheel, made by Dad Ralph Schmidt and a wonderful backdrop, made by Mom Stefanie Rowland. It was all amazing! Then came the moment of the night, the announcement of the new Miss International. Kaarin was announced as 1st Runner Up and we were extremely proud of her. The new Miss International is Brianna Richards of Alberta. Kaarin was greeted after the pageant by the Daughters of Missouri with hugs, smiles and words of love. Later in the evening, Mom Toni held a thank-you gathering in her room for the folks of Missouri and Idaho.

Friday was more ritual revisions and election of officers. The new Supreme Line is as follows:

Bobbi Hoglund, MD – Supreme Guardian
Randy Hansen, UT – Associate Supreme Guardian
RoseMarie Short, CA – Vice Supreme Guardian
Ron Johnson, MI – Vice Associate Supreme Guardian

Patty Reardon, WA – Supreme Guide
Gary Semaniuk, AB – Supreme Inner Guard
Barb Cooper, IL – Supreme Marshal
Mike Allen, WI – Supreme Outer Guard

We also elected two new members of the Board of Trustees. They are Janine Cooley, PSG, of Wisconsin and our very own Ashley Underwood. Congratulations to all members of the line and the BOT.

The Awards Luncheon was great as we heard all of the winners in the various competitions. Missouri was once again well represented in the awards ceremony and I congratulate everyone on their awards.

Lists of all the winners from the various competitions can be found on the Job's Daughters International Site at the following link:
<http://www.jobsdaughtersinternational.org/SupremeSession/SupremeSession.htm>

After lunch and before the meeting started, the jurisdictions of Maryland and Utah gave their presentation on Supreme Session 2012 in Baltimore. The session will be held from August 8th through August 11th, 2012 with pre-session activities in the beginning of the week. Also, the jurisdictions of Washington and Alberta presented their Supreme Session 2014 proposal of the session to be held in Spokane. This session will be held from August 6th through August 9th, 2014.

We were able to complete all ritual revisions by Friday afternoon. Daughters, I took your words to heart after our workshop a few weeks before Session and tried to recommend changes to the voting delegates that you felt were needed. Special thanks to Amy Bush for typing out all of the comments made at the workshop as it was a huge help to Dad Joe and I in conveying just what the majority of the Daughters wanted in making decisions in how to vote. A list of final ritual revisions will be listed soon as I want to make sure all phrasing and wording is correct before sending to the Bethels.

Friday night was the installation of Supreme Bethel Officers and Reps. Caitlyn Washington, #43, was selected as Supreme Bethel Installing Recorder the day before and represented Missouri wonderfully. Congrats again to our new Supreme Bethel Reps! After the installation, everyone gathered in the south tower of the hotel to hear the Daughters sing "Nearer My God To Thee". Any tiredness I felt melted away and I closed my eyes and just listened. To hear so many Daughters sing brought tears to my eyes and joy to my heart. It was so beautiful that we were able to get the Daughters to sing it a second time.

Saturday brought on packing, saying goodbye to some friends and the Supreme Guardian Council Installation, complete with its own FlashMob! Congratulations to

Bobbie, Randy and all the Supreme Officers. I hope your year is a successful one. I was able to help present Mom Toni with her Past Supreme Guardian's jewel, one I know she wears with pride.

Sunday was again filled with packing, multiple trips to the car and finally the "long" ride home. It was exciting to have Supreme Session in St. Louis after 30+ years. I am so glad that so many of our Missouri Daughters were able to attend. This was an exciting Supreme Session and I hope everyone had fun and that each Daughter was able to meet a new Jobie Sister. Ladies, keep in touch with the sisters you met as you may become friends for a lifetime. I still keep in contact with many Jobies I met at my various Sessions and hope all of you are able to attend a Supreme Session again to meet up with your new friends.

Thank you again for everyone's help these last four years in making this a fantastic Supreme Session. It was an amazing time and an experience I hope everyone remembers.

Kim Underwood, PHQ
Grand Guardian