

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE
Washington**

**ARTICLE I
ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1. This award shall be made in recognition of continuous dedicated service to the Order.

(a) A Majority Member who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age and not more than thirty-five (35) years of age at the time of her nomination.

**ARTICLE II
REQUIREMENTS**

Section 1. Nomination

(a) A Majority Member shall be nominated by any four (4) members of the Executive BGC without her knowledge.

(1) The members of the Bethel or a permanent member of the GGC may recommend her nomination to the Executive members of the BGC.

(2) A Majority Member need not be nominated by her original Bethel, but by any Bethel in which she has contributed.

Section 2. Recommendations

(a) Any four (4) Executive members of the nominating BGC must secure at least four (4) written recommendations from adults, other than relatives, who know the nominee personally. These recommendations shall include specific examples of outstanding service to the Order. (2001)

(1) At least two (2) of the recommendations shall be from members of the GGC or members of BGC (Executive and/or Associate).

(b) Type written recommendations are preferred, however, handwritten recommendations will be accepted.

(c) The recommendations must be dated and signed with a return address.

(d) In order to be considered as a recommendation from a member of the GGC, it must also show the proposer's office or title.

(e) Only those requirements described in the Rules and Regulations of this Degree may be used by the committee in accepting recommendations.

Section 3. Presentation

(a) The recipient shall receive the Degree of Royal Purple at Formal Opening of the Annual Session of the Grand Bethel. In the event that it is impossible for the recipient to attend the Annual Session, other arrangements for the presentation of the Degree of Royal Purple will be made by the Grand Guardian. (1998)

(b) The GGC shall be responsible for providing each recipient with a white rose, a certificate and for engraving the medallion with her name, the year and the jurisdiction.

Section 4. General

(a) The cost of the approved medallion may be paid by the Bethel, the family, or anyone who wishes to contribute. Checks should be made payable to the GGC of Washington and sent to the chairman of the committee by May 1.

**ARTICLE III
DEGREE OF ROYAL PURPLE**

Section 1. Members

- (a) The membership of this committee is defined in the Bylaws GGC Art. IV. Sec. 4.

Section 2. Duties of the Committee

- (a) Notify each Bethel in this GGC in September of the full particulars for a nomination.
- (b) Receive the nomination with a postmark of no later than March 1 from the Executive members of the BGC of the Bethel nominating a Majority Member. (1996)
- (c) Hold an annual meeting by April 1 to determine the recipients of this Degree.
- (d) Notify by mail the nominating Executive members of the BGC of the committee's decision by April 15.
- (e) The committee shall not discuss the nominations outside of the annual meeting. The decision of the committee shall be final. All nominations shall be destroyed.

Section 3. Duties of the Committee Chairman

- (a) Set the date and location of the annual meeting which shall be held in the area in which the majority of the committee resides.
- (b) Receive payment for the cost of the approved medallion by May 1.
- (c) Make a report at the Annual Session of the GGC.
- (d) Be the custodian of the Degree of Royal Purple Bible and of the permanent file containing the list of recipients and copies of all annual reports.
- (e) Turn all properties of the committee over annually to the new chairman.

**ARTICLE IV
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1.

- (a) Amendments may be made to these Rules and Regulations as defined in the Bylaws GGC Art. XI. Sec. 1 and Sec. 2.