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To Bethel Guardians, Councils and Daughters,

Update on School of Instruction

For those that were unable to attend School of Instruction in July here is a synopsis of what was discussed. We are changing the way that Official Visits of the Grand Guardian happen. The Grand Guardian must visit every Bethel every year. This does not require a formal meeting to be held. So, we made the decision that Official Visits (OVs) for Bethels under reorganization have the choice of conducting a meeting, either open or closed, or inviting us to some other type of event. It also includes the ability for me to just attend one of your regular stated meetings. Please know that if you choose to do a mid-week event you may not have as many Ambassadors, Grand Officers or daughters available to attend. Bethels not under reorganization will have the traditional OV but it can be either an open or closed meeting. Because we are offering this change this year all inspections by the Grand Deputies must include initiation work. If you need to change the date of your official visit please let me know as soon as possible.

I would also like the daughters to be empowered to learn how to find the answers to their questions on their own. There is a copy of the Illinois Business Book on ILJD.org and a copy was given to each Bethel Guardian at session. This book will help you find the answers to your most common questions. Do you look in ritual or in by-laws for your answers? It is important that daughters, especially the older ones are able to find out information on their own.

Never ever scold or yell at any daughter during a meeting. Please take them aside after the meeting and explain how things could have been handled differently. This should still not involve yelling. Daughters please make sure that everything you are presenting during your meeting has been cleared by your Bethel Guardian and/or Executive Council. We need to be polite and courteous to each other at all times.

As far as dress code that will be left up to the Bethel Guardians. This year's Ambassadors have been told all OVs are formal unless otherwise stated.

Katie, Maddie, Kyra, Alexandria, Anna, Rusty and I are so excited to see what we can accomplish this year. We hope to see all your smiling faces on the Jobie trail. Let's get started.

Aunt Brenda & Uncle Rusty