

# OK & KS MERGE - FAQ

**1. Why are we merging Oklahoma and Kansas Job's Daughters?**

This will allow OK Bethel's to become part of a Grand Guardian Council again and be able to be part of the Grand Bethel as well as many more that are decided upon by the GGC. For OK there will be additional training for Daughters and Adults that currently is not available from Supreme for Bethels Under Supreme (BUS). KS Bethel's will continue to be under the guidance of a GGC but this will allow for more Daughters within the Jurisdiction. Supreme is merging many BUS jurisdictions to create either JGCs or GGCs so there are more opportunities for the Daughters for activities, competitions and creating lifelong friendships.

**2. What will be the name of the Jurisdiction?**

Together we will choose a name that we can all agree on and be inclusive.

**3. What's the difference between a grand bethel and an honor bethel?**

The two are very similar in that each is intended to be a Bethel that represents the entire jurisdiction. How officers and representatives are chosen is up to us on how we would like that to be moving forward. Honor Bethels are not allowed per Supreme Law and historically an Honor Bethel has been allowed by the SG when the GGC charter is removed during the jurisdiction's GGC year. At the end of the SGC year the honor bethel term would have been complete Grand & Jurisdictional Bethels are the only state level bethel allowed by law.

**4. How long exactly would this process take? The timeline is fluid, but the jurisdictions are now merged.**

Together we will be working to write the bylaws before the Annual Session in June 2025 so the changes can be implemented for the new jurisdiction. This would include the new name and making sure all references to the new name are made throughout the new bylaws. The way KS does things as a GGC is not necessarily the way we will do it going forward. Those interested in helping rewrite the bylaws will come together and work on those laws. All the things that are currently in the law are open to change. This process will include everyone in KS and OK who is willing and able to help do the rewrite. Daughters' attendance is strongly encouraged. Daughters' voices will be listened to and considered.

**5. What events would be held in OK and what events would be held in KS?**

Your Bethel meetings remain the same. There is no reason to change meeting days, times or locations. The incoming Grand Guardian will take into account the OK activities and include them on her calendar. This process will take time to work out and we are sure there will be things that get changed on occasion. The thought and hope are that all major events will be held in a central location for OK and KS to travel. There might be some Jurisdiction events in OK and some in KS, taking in mind that we try to keep them convenient for all to travel to.

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6. How will Pageant be moving forward?

Pageant rules and regulations will be agreed upon with the group that rewrites the bylaws. The 2 pageant committees will come together to create a pageant under the rules and regulations and the ideas and wants and needs of the current Misses & Jr Miss. Both Misses will continue to hold their individual miss titles and will compete at the MIJD pageant. When the new jurisdiction's pageant is held is when the two Daughters will retire as Miss Kansas and Miss Oklahoma. Being a GGC will allow there to be Jr. Miss and Miss Congeniality programs.

7. How will this affect our Adults?

At the Bethel level the adults will work the same as they do today. Now the Adults can be elected to the GGC executive offices.

8. Council Recommendations –

The major difference is with Bethel Daughters and Adults will need to make their recommendations for council to the VGG. The Grand Secretary will send the communication with process and deadlines to the Bethel Guardian and Guardian Secretary.

9. Would all our Oklahoma stuff just be history? Would that just cease to exist?

Oklahoma History for the Bethels doesn't go away, the Bethels' charter dates etc. all stay the same, a letter will be sent to be attached to the back of the charter with the new GGC name. I'm not sure what Oklahoma GGC did with their history, but once the charter was removed all the Bethels became part of the SGC and the GGC did not exist any longer according to the SGC.