

GRAND SESSION - 2024

The 5th Annual Session of the Grand Guardian Council of DelMar will be held in Ocean City, Maryland, beginning on Thursday, May 9, 2024 and ending on Sunday, May 12, 2024. We have made arrangements with the Holiday Inn Oceanfront Hotel located at 6600 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842 to provide a very attractive package plan covering meals and overnight accommodations. We encourage you to take advantage of this package plan; however, you may request room only reservations.

ALL reservations are to be made through Chris or Emily Candler, Session Chairs, on the google form [linked here](#) and below. To guarantee your reservations, a check for payment in full must accompany your reservation requests. **ALL reservations must be submitted no later than Monday, March 18.** Receipt of reservations will be confirmed via email by March 23. If you do not receive an emailed confirmation by March 23, then you need to contact Chris & Emily Candler. Reservations received after the **deadline of March 18** will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee and accepted pending room availability, with no exceptions. **NO REFUNDS will be given after April 1 as we have to lock into our room and meal guarantees as of that date.** If you wish to attend Grand Session virtually you must register as "Session Fee Only" and pay the \$45 session fee in order to receive access to the zoom links, **they will not be publicly accessible.** If you wish to attend for only 1 day or part of a day for a specific activity including but not limited to Grand Bethel Installation, GGC Installation, etc., day passes will be available for purchase.

In accordance with the JDI Youth Protection Policy, **THERE MUST BE ONE CERTIFIED ADULT VOLUNTEER (CAV) CHAPERONE FOR EACH FIVE (5) PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY (20).** This applies to all persons under the age of twenty (20) regardless of where you are staying.

2024 Session Package Plan Rates: (per person):

	4/rm	3/rm	2/rm	single
Plan A: Thursday-Sunday (4 meals)	\$237	\$279	\$364	\$617
Plan B: Friday-Sunday (3 meals)	\$194	\$228	\$296	\$500

For Example:

4 people in a room on Plan A would cost a total of \$948 because each person would be paying \$237.

4 people in a room on Plan B would cost a total of \$776 because each person would be paying \$194.

3 people in a room on Plan A would cost a total of \$837 because each person would be paying \$279.

3 people in a room on Plan B would cost a total of \$684 because each person would be paying \$228.

2 people in a room on Plan A would cost a total of \$728 because each person would be paying \$364.

2 people in a room on Plan B would cost a total of \$592 because each person would be paying \$296.

Note: Payment by PayPal will be available on the website for those individuals not registering with a Bethel. There will be an ADDITIONAL fee of \$7 to cover the fees associated with using PayPal. If paying by PayPal and you need to cancel, your refund will be issued by a check from the GGC – not PayPal. Just because you paid by PayPal does not mean that you are registered. You must still submit your reservation form to Chris or Emily Candler. If you do not submit a Reservation form, you **WILL NOT** have a room.

Bethels are still encouraged to register together and send in a Bethel check. If you are actively working with a Bethel, you are encouraged to make your reservation through the Bethel. This allows the Bethel to know who is in attendance.

Included in the session package plan rates are lodging, breakfasts, awards banquet, session fee (\$45), resort fee, gratuity, and all applicable taxes. There is nothing else to pay except personal expenses. The session fee is charged to help cover the cost of meeting rooms, printing of session booklets, and all planned events.

No Bethel Ways & Means items may be sold in or around the Hotel. GGC of DelMar Ways and Means items will be available for your purchase.

Registration Form Link: <https://forms.gle/qGP6ho3R5aPPx93R6>

Please direct any questions regarding this session to the session chairs:

Chris & Emily Candler, Session Co-Chairs

(410) 377-4142 (no calls after 9 PM)

Email: grandsessiondelmar@gmail.com

Approved: Mom Cindy O'Neill, Grand Guardian and Dad Tom Leone, Associate Grand Guardian

**“Let Hope Be Our Anchor Session”
Session May 9-12, 2024**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Location** Holiday Inn Oceanfront Hotel
6600 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842
410-524-1600
- General** Registration upon check-in will be in the **Conference Center Lobby** of the Holiday Inn. Check in time is 4:00 p.m. *Do not check in at the Front Desk of the Holiday Inn*, unless you arrive after our Registration is closed for the evening. The location of the Formal Opening and the Installation of Grand Officers and all meals will be included in the Session Book.
- Reservations** All forms must be submitted via the [linked google form](#) and full payment should be mailed to Chris Candler, Session Co-Chair, 2024 or paid via PayPal. **ALL** reservations must be received on or before Monday, **March 18**. Reservations received after the deadline will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee and accepted pending room availability. There will be **NO REFUNDS** after April 1 as we are locked into our room and meal guarantees as of this date.
- Meals** The Grand Guardian and the Session Committee will make every effort to provide menu selections that will appeal to, and accommodate most dietary needs. **If you have special dietary needs, gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, etc. Please note those on the registration form, and we will do our best to accommodate those with the catering manager. Upon registration you will need to choose your entree for the Saturday Night Banquet, this selection will not be alterable after March 18.**
- Chaperones** One Certified Adult Volunteer (CAV) chaperone per five (5) Daughters and guests under 20. Chaperones must know the whereabouts of their Daughters and all others they are responsible for at all times! It is helpful if the chaperones are not directly involved with Installation, Formal Opening, and/or Planned Activities.
- Dress Code** The dress code for all meals at the Holiday Inn is casual, with the exception of the Awards Banquet on Saturday, which is formal/semi-formal. Footwear is required by the health department and must be worn to all meals. Our GGC dress code for Bethel meetings will be followed for the Formal Opening and Installation meetings as well as the Awards Banquet. **NO pajamas** are to be worn to meals. Appropriate beach attire is required at the pools and on the beach, with cover-ups inside the hotel. Appropriate beach attire includes **No Bare Midriffs**.
- Curfew** Curfew times will be posted in the Session Book. All session attendees must be in their assigned rooms with the door closed at curfew.
- Security** One adult representative from each Bethel and all gentlemen are requested to attend the Security meeting on Thursday evening at 11:00 p.m. and Friday evening at 11:30 p.m. locations to be announced.
- Medical Forms** Each Bethel Guardian is responsible for obtaining signed medical information forms for all persons under the age of 20 attending the session. These forms can be downloaded from our website, an event specific form is also included with this communication. The Bethel Guardian (or a designated adult, if the Bethel Guardian cannot attend) is responsible for these forms at Grand Session. This is for your protection as well as our Daughters. Medical treatment may be withheld if this information is not available.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR “Let Hope Be Our Anchor” Session 2024

The rules and regulations for the Grand Session made by the Grand Guardian Council will be included in your packet for Session. All packets will be distributed at the Holiday Inn upon your check-in at the Conference Center Lobby of the Holiday Inn. Each Bethel Guardian Council will be responsible to see that their Bethel, adults, Daughters and guests, follow these rules and regulations for the entire Session.

You are responsible for the condition of your room. Please inspect it upon arrival and notify the Session Chairs if there is a problem. Any damage to the room is your responsibility. There is a \$10 lost key fee and a \$50 lost remote-control fee. All room phones will be turned off to outside calls unless the hotel receives a \$20 deposit or credit card for payment. This can be taken care of at the time of arrival **through the Registration Chairs, not at the front desk.**

Four rules need to be emphasized at this time:

1. The chaperone policy of one (1) Certified Adult Volunteer (CAV) chaperone adult for every five (5) persons (Daughters & guests) under the age of 20 **shall** be required. It is highly recommended that a CAV chaperone accompany all persons under the age of twenty while in the Holiday Inn, however, the **Buddy System, with groups of 3 or more, must** be used at all times. **ALL** persons under the age of 20 **must** have a CAV chaperone while in either of the Pool Areas and/or the Game Room, and whenever they leave the hotel. Bethel Guardians and Chaperones shall be responsible for ALL those assigned to their care. Security will strictly enforce the Chaperone policy.
2. Bethel Guardians and Chaperones are responsible for their Bethel Daughters' attendance and utmost courtesy during Formal Opening (Friday evening) and the Installation (Saturday evening). Please try to remain seated for the entire meeting and do not allow Daughters to leave the meeting room without a chaperone.
3. Bethel Guardians and Chaperones shall be held responsible for the curfew regulations and the conduct of ALL Daughters and guests in their charge AT ALL TIMES.
4. No Person, Daughter, Guest, etc. is to drop/throw/kick/slide any object off of their hotel room balcony. This includes, but is not limited to throwing food off of a hotel room balcony to the seagulls, it violates Ocean City ordinances. If you are found to be in violation of this or any Ocean City ordinance, you will be asked to leave Grand Session, you will be responsible for any penalties incurred (including, but not limited to financial penalties), and will not receive a refund for Grand Session.

ROOM AND SESSION FEE

The room only rate is **\$170.00/night plus the Session Fee of \$45.00 per person**, provided reservations are made through our Grand Guardian Council. If “room only” is obtained directly through the Hotel, all taxes will be applicable and the cost may be higher. All electing this option **MUST** complete the registration form "ROOM AND SESSION FEE ONLY" and submit to the Session Chairs no later than **March 18**. Make checks payable to “GGC of DelMar” or pay via PayPal.

SESSION FEE PER PERSON - \$45.00

The Session Fee includes badge, program, meeting rooms, a/v costs, and admission to all Job's Daughters activities for members of all Masonic youth organizations (Job's Daughters, DeMolay, and Rainbow), excluding cost of hotel reservations and meals. This fee is paid by everyone, including virtual attendees, to take care of the expenses of the Session. It is included in the "Package Plan" of those registering for rooms and meals at the Holiday Inn. All electing this option **MUST** complete the registration form "SESSION FEE ONLY" and submit to the Session Chairs no later than **March 18**. Make checks payable to “GGC of DelMar” or pay via PayPal. If you wish to attend Grand Session virtually you must register as “Session Fee Only” and pay the \$45 session fee in order to receive access to the zoom links, **they will not be publicly accessible.**

For those not staying in session, ALL reservations must include the name, address, and cell or hotel phone number of where you will be staying in Ocean City during Grand Session. This is requested so that should an emergency occur, we will be able to reach you.

CHILDREN: Children between the ages of 4 to 9 will be charged the Session Fee of \$45.00. Those children under the age of 4 must be registered and have a badge. The Session Chairs should be advised if there are any children under the age of 4 attending the banquet so that the seating arrangements can be made.

DAY PASSES

The Day Pass rate is **\$15/day** per person, all day passes must be registered with the Grand Session Committee. They may be purchased in advance or at the door. Day passes are only valid for 1 day and will be color coded. If you are found with a day pass not matching the day you attend, you will be required to purchase a new one. Day passes are required to attend any and all events at Grand Session including but not limited to Grand Bethel Installation, Awards Banquet, GGC Installation, etc. if you are not attending the entire session. Make checks payable to "GGC of DelMar" or pay via PayPal.

AWARDS BANQUET

This year we will again be holding an Awards Banquet on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The banquet is included in the "Package Plan," both Plan A and Plan B. Individual tickets may be purchased at a cost of **\$45.00** per person on a first come first served basis. Please include these funds on your ROOM AND SESSION ONLY, SESSION ONLY, or DAY PASS form when submitting to the chairmen. All banquet entree selections must be submitted at the time of registration and will not be alterable after March 18.

EVERYONE ATTENDING GRAND SESSION MUST ABIDE BY ALL SESSION RULES REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU ARE STAYING!

DEADLINE:

The Session Chairs, Chris & Emily Candler, must receive all reservations no later than 11:59 pm, **March 18**. Any late reservations will be charged a \$25.00 late fee and processed if space is available. If there is no space available, you will be notified and your check will be returned. REMEMBER - **NO REFUNDS can be issued after April 1, 2024** as we are locked into our room and meal guarantees as of this date. There will also be no refunds if you must leave Session early. Make checks payable to "GGC of DelMar" or pay via PayPal.

Registration Form Link: <https://forms.gle/qGP6ho3R5aPPx93R6>