

# **Mother Nature Can't Stop Alaska Jobies**

## **By Members of Bethel #1, Anchorage, AK**

Mother Nature tried to foil Bethel #1 in Anchorage, Alaska but didn't succeed. The night before our Saturday meeting it rained and then froze making for some mighty slick roads which resembled ice rinks. But everyone arrived safely for an open meeting for parents and girls to learn about Job's Daughters. The Bethel received 6 petitions after the meeting for the initiation to be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

After the meeting the girls broke into groups and distributed flyers for the final day of Trick or Treating for the Troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. One of our Council members, Ms. Kelly Nichols PHQ, is serving in Afghanistan and we were also asked to help support a Stryker Unit in Iraq. The purpose behind the Trick or Treating for the Troops was to collect items they had asked for instead of ourselves. The flyers asked that on Sunday items would be left in grocery bags on the front porches to be collected.

On Sunday, Mother Nature decided that with the ice covered roads she would throw in a Severe Winter Snow Storm to really test the tenacity of Bethel #1. The Bethel Guardian received many, many phone calls from individuals asking if the girls were really coming out in the snow storm to pick up the donations. Of course, the Jobies were on a mission. We will have more news on how much was collected in another article.

Later that day the members of the Bethel and our Jobies-to-be met at the Masonic Center for our Annual Pumpkin Carving party and to turn in our Trick or Treat items. Almost every one was dressed in costume and all waded through the snow. Some of the pumpkins were so heavy they had to be rolled into the building. All were carved and either taken home or donated to individuals.

Mother Nature decided that she couldn't outdo the Jobies so gave us sunny skies and cold weather.



**It's amazing how cold the inside of a pumpkin gets during a snow storm.**



**Back Row Left to Right: Laura, Katie, Jenny, HQ Ti'eri, Casey and Charlene**  
**Front Row Left to Right: Mandy, Emily, Julie, Zoe and Thea**