

QUEEN'S QUARTERLY

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF QUEEN BEATRICE GRAND CHAPTER
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR - STATE OF ILLINOIS

*"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."
1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV*

Greetings Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter. What an honor, what a joy, what an awesome experience to serve as Grand Worthy Matron for one final year, 2025. Thank you for the opportunity to continue this journey with you. Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter, we are and will continue to be Sisters who figure it out, work it out, and lay it out. This Grand Body works well together leaning on each other when the load gets heavy, continuing to move and produce.

The theme for 2025 is:

Our momentum, our motivation is a manifestation of our love...always love one another.

In 2024 Queen Beatrice attended the 102nd Supreme Biennial Session in historic numbers. Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter proudly returned with Past Grand Matron Tonia B. Pace as the 1st Associate Supreme Matron. **See our momentum, see how they love one another.** Every committee worked in harmony with achieving goals and setting goals for the future. 2024 was a year that not only were we charitable in our deeds, work, and scholarship, we were good to each other and for each other. The desire we share grants us the ability to maintain the strides made and charter new adventures. Momentum keeps us looking ahead with excitement for the future, joy in the present and comfort with our past.

In 2025 I encourage you all to tap into your "why." I am assured that most of us found and know our "why," yet we often forget to tap into our "why." First, may your "why" be present in the commitment we make to our family and loved ones. May your "why" provide the momentum needed to show up in great ways for one another. May your "why" result in you showing up consistently in your subordinate chapter and lend your talents to the Grand Chapter. May your "why" allow you to show kindness to you communities. Most importantly, may your "why" be evident in your dedication to Father God Almighty the provider of our strength and the fuel for our momentum. Let us move with a great but gentle force, because **our momentum, our motivation is a manifestation of our love, always love one another.**

As your Grand Matron, this year it is my intention to consistently demonstrate to You, that **You**, my sisters, this Grand Chapter are a large part of my "WHY."

In Constant Sisterly Love,
Sister Lolita Godbold,
Grand Worthy Matron



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CONDUCTRESS

“AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE: WHOEVER SPEAKS, AS ONE WHO SPEAKS ORACLES OF GOD; WHOEVER SERVES, AS ONE WHO SERVES BY THE STRENGTH THAT GOD SUPPLIES—IN ORDER THAT IN EVERYTHING GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. TO HIM BELONG GLORY AND DOMINION FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.”

1 PETER 4:10-11 ESV

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Administrative Council is held on every 2nd Saturday of each month, except August and October; Time: 11am Location: Temple

OES Grand School of Instruction is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month, except August and October; Time: 1:00 p.m. Location: Temple

March:

- Saturday, March. 15, 2025
 - 1st Quarter Grand Chapter Meeting @ 9am (regalia required); Location: Temple
- Sunday, March 16, 2025
 - Queen Esther Day @ 3pm; Location: Temple

April:

- Sunday, April 13th, 2025
 - Rahab Grand Court – Palm Sunday Religious Day @ 3pm; Location: Temple
- Saturday, April 19th, 2025
 - Rahab Grand Court Session, Heroines of Jericho @ 9am; Location: Temple
- Saturday, April 26th, 2025
 - N'Zinga Grand Council of the Lady Knights Session @ 8:45am. Location: Temple
- Sunday, April 27th, 2025
 - N'Zinga Grand Council of the Lady Knights Holy Day @ 3pm. Location: Temple

June:

- Saturday, June 21st, 2025
 - Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter Semi-Annual Session @ 9am. Location: Temple
- Sunday June 22nd, 2025
 - St. John's Day Service @ 3pm. Location: T.B.D.

GRAND SESSION MEMORIES




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Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter O.E.S.


December Session 2024



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Brothers may contact Bro.Coleman: 312.479.6335
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PRESENTS**




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ALONG**

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DONATION \$20.00 | LIGHT SNACKS & DRINKS

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Retreat**

Leadership
Fellowship
Building Bonds
Making QBGC
Stronger!

Cost: \$250
Retreat cost
covers lodging
and food
\$125 non-refundable
deposit due on April 12th
Final Payment of \$125
is due on August 9th

"God sent me an angel when he
gave me you as a sister."



SEPTEMBER 12TH - 14TH, 2025

**BEACHFRONT VACATION HOMES
MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA**

*** Matrons, please remember to submit the names of sisters attending by April's Administrative Council. ***

**BLACK PEARL
SOCIAL CLUB**




**CASINO
BUS TRIP TO
FOUR WINDS - NEW BUFFALO, MI**

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

ONE DAY OF FUN!

**\$50
DONATION**

FOR A \$50.00 DONATION, YOU RECEIVE:

- > \$15 CASINO GAMING CREDITS
- > \$10 CASINO FOOD CREDIT
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Jephthah's Daughter:

COURAGE AND LAMENT

By: Rev. Dr. Denise Kingdom

"When Jephthah makes an impulsive and rash vow to God, his daughter responds with both courage and lament. The story of Jephthah's daughter in Judges 11 urges us to consider the kinds of vows we make before God and the impact those vows have upon those around us."

Courage
and
Lament



Prayer

O God, you who call us to live lives of mercy, draw near to us as we study the story of a daughter who did not receive mercy. Through her courage and lament, teach us that you welcome our whole selves, our strength and our sorrow. May your Spirit inspire our study and come close to us as we grapple with this difficult story. In Jesus's name, amen.

Key Scripture

Judges 11:29-40

"She said to him, 'My father, if you have opened your mouth to the LORD, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the LORD has given you vengeance against your enemies, the Ammonites'" (Judges 11:36).

Introduction to Jephthah's Daughter

Jephthah's daughter lived in the times of the judges when the Israelite people "did what seemed right in their own eyes." Her father, Jephthah, was a mighty warrior with a conflicted past, cast out by his brothers and then drawn back in when the army needed a commander. Perhaps to prove his worth as a warrior, Jephthah bargains with God: "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, then whoever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return victorious from the Ammonites, shall be the LORD's, to be offered up by me as a burnt-offering" (Judges 11:30-31).

After Jephthah returned home from victory on the battlefield, his only child—a daughter—came out to greet him. Her act of celebration and joy confronts Jephthah with the rashness of his vow to God. Jephthah is heartbroken. But Jephthah's daughter does not resist. Instead, she asks for space to grieve. The story of Jephthah's daughter is a tragic one, one of a father who vows to give God something God never asked for or desired because it seemed "right in his own eyes." Jephthah's daughter's life would be cut short, along with the family bloodline forever—a huge cost to be paid for a vow.

Digging Deeper: What Happened to Jephthah's Daughter

After Jephthah's vow and a successful battle against the Ammonites, he returns to his home in Mizpah when, who should come out to meet him but his daughter, dancing to the sound of timbrels! She was his only child. "When he saw her, he tore his clothes, and said, 'Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low; you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the LORD, and I cannot take back my vow'" (v. 35).

Jephthah's daughter, who has no name in the text beyond her association with her father, speaks only once in response to her father's news: "My father, if you have opened your mouth to the LORD, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the LORD has given you vengeance against your enemies, the Ammonites. ... Let this thing be done for me: Grant me two months, so that I may go and wander on the mountains, and bewail my virginity, my companions and I" (vv. 36-37).

JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER - COURAGE AND LAMENT - 2

Jephthah's daughter goes off into the wilderness with her friends to grieve the life she would never get to live because of her father's foolish vow to God. We have no record of what those two months were like for her, but we can imagine the depth of grief she felt and the sorrow her father felt on account of his careless vow.

Because of a father's negligent vow to God, this young daughter of God would never get to live the flourishing life God created and intended for her to live. She would never get to fulfill her responsibility as the only child to carry forward the story and lineage of her father's house. Future generations would die in the womb of this maiden who was never given the opportunity to bear children. What's worse is she mourned and died with a distorted view of God. Through her father, she was introduced to a God who accepts unacceptable sacrifices because of human pseudo-piety. Sadly, Jephthah's daughter lives and dies without truly knowing the loving, compassionate, and forgiving God.

Jephthah's daughter watched her father keep his vow to the Lord. Perhaps she looked up to him with pride as she laid her young body upon the altar as a sacrifice. Perhaps she despised him for not repenting and asking God to forgive him just this once for making such a vow in the first place. Perhaps she made her peace with God believing that God would keep God's promise made to her and her ancestors. That God would embrace her with loving kindness and bring her into the ultimate promised land where she would be in God's presence forever. This kind of hope comes not from making rash or thoughtless vows, but from vows that please God.

She Is Called and We Are Called

Have ever made a vow to the Lord? Have you begged:

- "If you let my grandmother get out of the hospital, I will go to church every Sunday."
- "If you keep me from going to jail, I will never break the law again."
- "If you help me with this one thing, I will never ask for anything else in the world."

At some point, I'm sure we all have made some sort of vow to the Lord. And there's nothing wrong with making vows to God. In fact, we do so in the life of the church all the time. Deacons and elders make vows. Spouses make vows to each other and to God on wedding days. The congregation makes vows at the baptism of children. There is nothing wrong with making vows. But, the kind of vows we make matters. Are we making vows to God that God would never want us to make? Or, are we making vows that honor the Lord?

Jephthah made a vow to God that God would have detested, but Jephthah's daughter promised her father she would submit to him and honor him if he granted her space to grieve. Time and again throughout Scripture, God expresses horror at child sacrifice. In fact, the only time God asked for a child sacrifice was in Genesis 22 when Abraham was instructed to take his son, Isaac, on top of the mountain to be sacrificed. There on the mountain, the LORD provided a ram, a clean, unblemished, appropriate animal for the sacrifice, which spared the innocent child.



JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER - COURAGE AND LAMENT - 3

The church has long connected Isaac's experience with Jesus's sacrifice, but what about Jephthah's daughter as a Christ-figure? Certainly her story does not offer a picture of God as Father, but her willingness to submit herself to her father's violence, and her lament and courage in the face of it, can help us see Jesus's sacrifice with greater empathy and complexity. Perhaps her story ought to be remembered in our Communion liturgy and Good Friday services.

Jephthah's daughter responds to her father's careless vow with courage and lament. She sees the despicable thing he has done, and she faces it head on. She asks for time to grieve and lament what is being taken from her. In many ways, it seems she has considered the impact of her father's vow far more than he did when he made it.

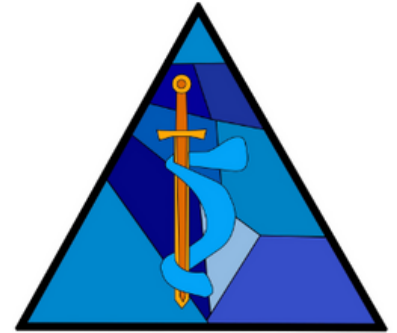
In the courage and grief of Jephthah's daughter, we are urged to think deeply about the impact of our vows and our choices. We are also encouraged to express the grief that we feel and to make space for lament. Our sorrows are not too much for God to handle. Perhaps, if Jephthah had approached God with grief over his misguided vow, he would have discovered God's grace and mercy encouraging him to walk away from foolishness and violence. Instead, he followed through with something God never wanted, and Jephthah's daughter offered lament and courage that showed far more spiritual maturity than that of her father.

Conclusion

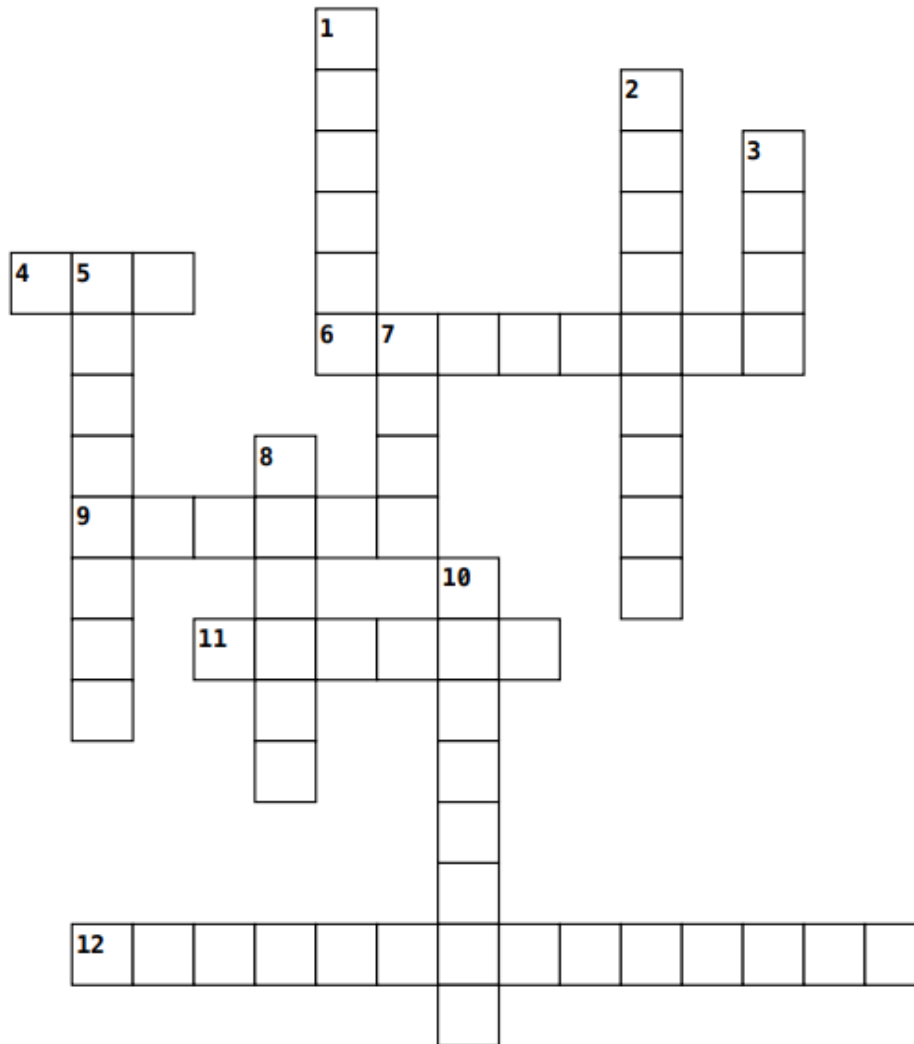
As we build God's church together as siblings in Christ, let us make vows that reject enmity and separation in the Body. Let us also make vows that are more inclusive than exclusive, and let us expect the unexpected in our lives together. These are the sacrifices God desires, born out of a broken heart and contrite spirit that centers God, who by the Spirit helps us keep our vows. Encourage elders and deacons to keep their vows to the church. Allow the church and parents to keep their baptismal vows to their children. Remember Jephthah's daughter's sacrifice when we gather at the Lord's Table. May her life and her death (and ours, too) find redemption and purpose in Christ as we keep the vows we make to each other and to the Lord.

Discussion Questions

- Consider the promises and vows you have made to God recently. Ask yourself these questions: Am I vowing to do something that pleases God? Are my vows consistent with God's character? Does God desire or require the offering I am making with my vow?
- Have you ever found yourself in Jephthah's or his daughter's shoes? Have you ever sacrificed your loved ones' well-being for your own rash decision? Or have you been sacrificed by one you love for what seemed to you a foolish reason? What can we learn from this story on how to process these experiences?
- Where do you find hope in this story?



ALL ABOUT ADAH



Across

- 4.** JEPHTHAH MADE THIS TO GOD TO WIN
- 6.** THE JEWEL USED TO REPRESENT THE VIRTUES OF ADAH
- 9.** WHERE ADAH AND JEPHTHAH LIVED
- 11.** THE FLOWER DEDICATED TO ADAH BECAUSE OF ITS ASSOCIATION WITH MEEKNESS AND HUMILITY
- 12.** ADAH'S EMBLEM

Down

- 1.** THE BOOK IN THE BIBLE WHERE THE STORY OF ADAH TAKES PLACE
- 2.** BLESSED ARE THE PURE AT HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD
- 3.** THE OFFICIAL COLOR DEDICATED TO THE FIRST STAR POINT; IT'S THE SYMBOL OF FIDELITY, LOYALTY, AND INTELLIGENCE
- 5.** MEANING OF ADAH'S NAME
- 7.** THE FIRST POINT OF THE STAR; HER NAME DOESN'T APPEAR IN THE BIBLE
- 8.** THE SEASON IN WHICH ADAH'S STORY TAKES PLACE
- 10.** ADAH'S FATHER

All about Adah

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SWORD AND VEIL
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DAUGHTER
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JEPHTHAH

THE ESTHER JOHNSON BIENNIAL QUEEN CONTEST

Here are the contestants for the Esther Johnson Biennial Queen Contest! The contestants are raising funds that will be donated as a scholarship in the name of Sis. Esther Johnson, PWM of Poole #18. The winner of the contest will represent the state of Illinois at the 2026 Supreme Session. Good luck to all contestants! Any questions? Contact Sis. Ashley Williams at ashley.nic.williams@gmail.com. (Not pictured: *Sis. Jamara Rogers, Karen #4*).



SIS. CASSANDRA JAMES-JACKSON, PWM

Cassandra James-Jackson is a dedicated Practice Manager in Healthcare with a passion for leadership and service. A proud and devoted member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 23 years, she is an active member of Imani Chapter #11. She has held numerous esteemed positions, including Warder, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Treasurer, Trustee, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Electra, Matron, Past Worthy Matron, Grand Deputy, and Associate Grand Matron.



For Cassandra, the most rewarding part of being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star is the opportunity to meet, fellowship, learn, teach, and give back alongside women from all walks of life. Inspired by her Worthy Matron, she embraces new challenges and opportunities to serve within the organization.

SIS. SONIA GUTHERIDGE

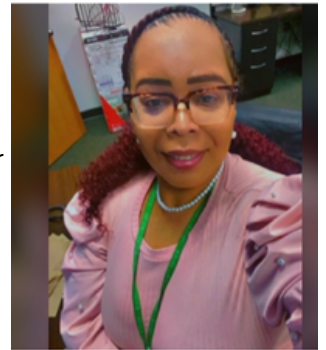
Sonia Guthridge is the Director of Clinical Operations for a non-profit organization serving the underserved population in Joliet, IL. She has been a dedicated member of the Order of the Eastern Star for nearly 12 years, holding positions such as Conductress and Treasurer within her respective chapters.



For Sonia, the most rewarding aspect of being in the Order is building lifelong friendships with like-minded individuals who uphold the values of charity, truth, and loving-kindness. She also takes great pride in the charitable work and noble purpose of the organization. She was inspired to join this contest out of a desire to contribute to scholarship fundraising and help support students in their educational pursuits. Additionally, she welcomes any assistance toward her Supreme Session expenses, making this experience both meaningful and beneficial.

SIS. MICHELLE CHAMBERS

Michelle Chambers is a dedicated Financial Counselor in the Transplant Department at Rush University. She has been a proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star with Hannah Chapter #10 for nine years and has served in several leadership roles, including Treasurer, Associate Conductress, and Conductress.



For Michelle, the most rewarding aspect of being part of the Order is the opportunity to serve others and the strong sisterhood she has developed. She was inspired to join this contest because of its true purpose—to uphold the legacy of Sis. Esther Johnson while ensuring that the funds raised support students who need extra help in achieving their higher education goals.

SIS. ANGELA COOPER, PWM

Angela Cooper is a financial expert with over 25 years of experience. She has been a dedicated member for 13 years. She is currently the Grand Treasurer. She has held the positions of Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Secretary, and Treasurer in her subordinate chapter. She has served as Grand Esther, Grand Chairman of Trustee, and Committee Chair and advisor of Prayer and Worship.



The genuine support, authentic connections, and ability to make a visual impact in the community are the most rewarding aspects of being a part of the Order of the Eastern Star. She decided to join the contest because of her connection with Esther Johnson. Esther Johnson had a great love and commitment to the Order of Eastern Star. Their friendship bond instilled in Angela a desire to help create a legacy in her memory that will go on for many generations to come. Also, they both share a love and commitment to further the education of those in need.

SISTER SPOTLIGHT

SIS. PRISCILLA “PRISSY” LEE, PWM

WHAT CHAPTER ARE YOU A MEMBER OF?

Karen Chapter #4

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR?

10 Years

WHAT OFFICES/POSITIONS HAVE YOU HELD AS A MEMBER?

Secretary

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE OES MEMORY?

Going to QBGC'S 50th Anniversary Celebration



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

SIS LATONYA M. MILES

WHAT CHAPTER ARE YOU A MEMBER OF?

Imani Chapter #11

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR?

13 Years

WHAT OFFICES/POSITIONS HAVE YOU HELD AS A MEMBER?

Conductress and Associate Matron

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE OES MEMORY?

The day I became a sister and I got a lot of sisters.



LIYA CHAPTER #2

Acts 20:35 *"In everything I did. I showed you that by this hard work, we must remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: It's more blessed to give than to receive."*

Liya #2 started 2025 with Powerful Praise we volunteered at Cradles to Crayons followed by a sisterhood lunch. We initiated our newest member, Sis. Denna Williams and we had a great time participating in Unity and Galentine's Day. We donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring at Mayo AME Church. Lastly, we filled the Love Fridge so that individuals had free food to eat and we assisted our E8 Sisters with senior bingo. Thank God for all the Great things he has done.

Sincerely,
WM Smith-Lee



TRINITY CHAPTER #3

"And let us not be wary in well doing in due season we shall reap, if we faint not". Galatians 6:9 KJV

Trinity Chapter #3's theme for the year is " **Guided by Faith, Service with Love**". These words will serve as our compass, reminding us to trust in the importance of God's guidance while showing compassion, especially in our communities.

Our guiding scripture, "**And let us not be wary in will doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not, Galatians 6:9 KJV**"

Trinity Chapter #3 is looking forward to completing service with love throughout the Chicagoland area.

During the 1st Quarter of the year, we had a New officers' meeting, participated in Galantine's Day in conjunction with our Sisterly Relations Committee, and provided toiletry items to Gyrls In The Hood in Englewood.

Trinity Chapter #3 continues to strive to make this year as we have in the past, one of remembrance and love.

Worthy Matron Cherie L. Barnes, Trinity Chapter #3



KAREN CHAPTER #4



KAREN CHAPTER #4 PROUDLY HOSTS QUEEN ESTHER DAY ON MARCH 16, 2025, FROM 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM. THIS SPECIAL GATHERING WILL HONOR THE LEGACY OF QUEEN ESTHER AND HER UNWAVERING FAITH, COURAGE, AND PURPOSE.

THEME: "FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS" – ESTHER 4:14

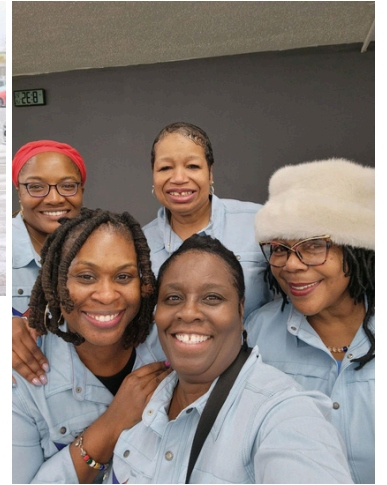
COME AND BE INSPIRED AS WE REFLECT ON QUEEN ESTHER'S STORY AND ITS POWERFUL MESSAGE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FELLOWSHIP AND CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

**HUMBLY SUBMITTED,
SIS. AMANDA PATES, WM
KAREN CHAPTER #4**

ESTHER CHAPTER #7

Esther Chapter #7 Participated in the following events during the first quarter of 2025:

- Greater Food Depository
- Unity Day
- Hoop Hard Charity
- Hoop Hard Fundraiser with our candidates (purple shirts)
- Go Red Galentine's Day event
- Chicago Greater Food Depository
- Valentine's Day at the Naomi Senior Home



ELIZABETH CHAPTER #8

- Elizabeth #8 Officers for 2025
- Our charitable work thus far:
 - January - QBGC Sock Drive
 - February - Valentine's Bags for 2 CPS classes w/Black History activity books and pencils
 - Black History Bingo and Dessert w/ Seniors
 - Thanks to our Brothers of Genesis Lodge #33 and Sisters Liya Chapter #2 and Imani Chapter #11 for donating and assisting in February
 - March - Donated and Served Sandwiches and Chips to CPD District 5 in partnership with our Brothers of Genesis Lodge #33



RUTH CHAPTER #9

The woman I call sister
Is someone who is there
The woman I call sister
Is someone who always cares.

The woman I call sister
Can make me smile when times are blue
The woman I call sister
Is someone very true.

The woman I call sister
By choice, is my best of friend
The woman I call sister
Will be there till the end

The woman I call sister
Is the blessing from God above
The woman I call sister
Is the sister that I'll always love.

~Marissa Gertmenian



HANNAH CHAPTER #10

Sister Spotlight

On February 12, 2025, **PWM Tonia Evans** and co-author Tamera Fair “ were featured on ABC7 Eyewitness News to discuss their children’s book “The Purple Turtle: Modi’s Magical Adventures” aimed at inspiring children to have imagination and creativity. Also, introducing the accessories “Modi” and “Grapie”. To learn more: <https://thepurpleturtlemodismagicaladventures.com/>



Upcoming Charities:

- April Charity: Ronald McDonald House Co-Chairs: Sis. McCray & Sis. Chambers
 - April 19th, 10 AM at 4410 W. 93rd
 - Support Hannah Chapter by donation of \$20 worth of items water, muffins, trail mix, protein bars, breakfast bars, and granola bars.
- May Charity: Breast Cancer Walk, Co-Chairs: Sis. Godbold, Sis. Williams
 - May 11th at 8 AM AT 9625 S Longwood Dr.
 - Support Hannah Chapter by joining or donating to our team, information will be shared once registering opens
- June Charity: Olive Branch Mission, Co-Chairs: Jeaneen Heaven and Roberta Shockley
 - June 14th, 10 AM at 6310 S Claremont Ave
 - Support Hannah Chapter by donating a box fan



Past Charities

- January Charity-Grand Chapter Charity Socks for the Homeless
 - Donated over 150 pairs of socks
- February Charity- Brainerd Park Senior Center, February 8th, Valentine’s Day Lunch and Bingo with seniors at Brainerd Park Senior Center. We share our love with our senior family playing Bingo, games, prizes, and fellowship, and food.
- March Charity- On March 8th, Hannah Chapter donated essential items with support from Wilson #3 to Vital Bridges Food Pantry. Vital Bridges is a no cost grocery center on the South side of Chicago. The donation of these essential items: soap, cleaning products, toiletries, etc. to low income patrons to support a comprehensive approach to address economic needs.



IMANI CHAPTER #11

Fraternal Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

Every year Imani Chapter #11 has a theme that we meditate and focus on for the year as we continue to do the work of The Order. This year our theme is "Remember why you started". This seemed to be befitting as we reflected on the achievements of 2024 and began to plan for 2025. We kicked off 2025 by donating proceeds from our Unarmed, Still Dangerous women's self-defense event to Anew Domestic Violence Shelter in Homewood, IL. In the month of March, we donated full-sized flat sheet set to the Primo Center, a homeless shelter located in the Englewood neighborhood, and supported one of our sister chapters (Elizabeth #8) with senior bingo at Tolton Manor.

Back by popular demand, we will be hosting our poetry showcase, The Speakeasy, on Saturday, April 26, 2025. We will have some amazing talent who will put on a great show! This is an event you do not want to miss!

Imani Chapter #11 would like to once again congratulate our very own PWM Sis. Shondra L. Cooper for being named 2024 Matron of the Year!! Sis. Cooper, your dedication to the work of The Order is unmatched and Imani is blessed to have you.

The sisters of Imani look forward to fellowshipping and working with Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter. If you need any information, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at Imani.oes@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
Worthy Matron Sis. Jeanna Brown



ELECTA CHAPTER #20



Please join us for

Electa Chapter #20
AUTISM
Fundraiser

SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2025



**Autism
Bracelets & Ribbons**



**\$5.00
DONATION
PER**

Proceeds support autism awareness
initiatives.



See Any member of Electa Chapter #20

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT: www.mwstjgl.org



HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Grand Sisterhood Committee
Grand Health & Wellness Committee

Sisterhood Stride



Join the Grand Sisterhood & Grand Health & Wellness Committees for a morning walk!

Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 9:30 AM
The Shrine of Christ's Passion, 10630 Wicker
Ave, St John, IN 46373

Enjoy a spiritual journey of fellowship, reflection, and wellness. Whether for fitness, faith, or community, experience the benefits of movement.

Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

For questions, contact Sis. Dorothy Braden or Sis. Ashley Williams

GRAND WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

JOINT WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

JUN 28th
4PM-10PM

GRAND PRIZE: WEEKEND
STAY @DECEMBER SESSION

\$15
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