

Queen's Quarterly

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Passing the Torch

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."
-Phillipians 2:3 NIV

Passing the torch may not be easy, but easy or not, it is always necessary. As we move into the season of elections in both our subordinate and grand chapter, I am reminded that leadership transitions can look different for each of us. For some, the process feels natural, while for others it is more challenging. Open discussions, preparing others for roles, and even stepping aside all bring a mix of emotions. It may not be rocket science, but the journey can still be rocky.

What matters most is that we pause to recognize our chapters, their growth, their successes, and the ways each of us has contributed to that progress. We must also be honest about the challenges we have faced and the role we have played in meeting them. Change in roles is not an ending; it is a door to new opportunities. With every transition comes the possibility for fresh energy, new ideas, and different perspectives that keep us moving forward.

As I pass the torch to the next Grand Matron of Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter, I hold close three truths in my heart:

1. I received a Grand Chapter that was ALREADY operating in a GRAND way.
2. I loved and cared for Queen Beatrice to the absolute best of my ability, striving never to harm or break what was entrusted to me.
3. I now pass on a Grand Chapter that continues to operate in a GRAND way, strong and steadfast.

I believe in our future. We will continue to grow with every change in leadership at every level grand and subordinate. Stagnation has never been part of Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter's story. Mediocrity is not in our history. With each new season, each new leader, we keep rising— together, stronger than before.

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To the sisters, members, to the sitting matrons, past matrons, and grand officers, to the whole of Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter—thank you. Thank you for trusting me and trusting each other. Thank you for walking together, for encouraging one another and for holding me up and holding one another up when the road was not smooth. Every act of support, every prayer, every word of wisdom has helped us all to serve with love. I will always carry this season of service in my heart, and I will always remain grateful to each of you.

In Sisterly Service and Love,
 Sis. Lolita Godbold
 Grand Worthy Matron



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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 pm; Location: Temple

September:

- Saturday, September 27th, 2025
 - Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter ~ Third Quarterly Session Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: Temple

October:

- Saturday October 11th, 2025
 - Amaranth Degree Ceremony; Time: 11:00am Location: Temple
- Sunday, October 5th, 2025
 - St. James Grand Lodge 89th Anniversary Celebration; Time: 3:00 p.m. Location: T.B.D. Full Regalia
- Saturday October 25th, 2025
 - N'Zinga Grand Council of the Lady Knights Session; Time: 8:45 a.m. Location: Temple

November

- Saturday, November 15th, 2025
 - Rahab Grand Court Session, Heroines of Jericho; Time: 8:45 a.m. Location: Temple

December

- Friday, December 5th, 2025-Sunday, December 7th, 2025
 - St. James Grand Lodge & Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter 4th Quarterly Grand Session; Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Marriott Chicago O'Hare 8535 Higgins Road, Chicago, IL. 60631. Dress Code: Semi-Formal/Formal





SISTER SPOTLIGHT

SIS. AMANDA PATES

What chapter are you a member of:

Karen Chapter #4

How long have you been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star?

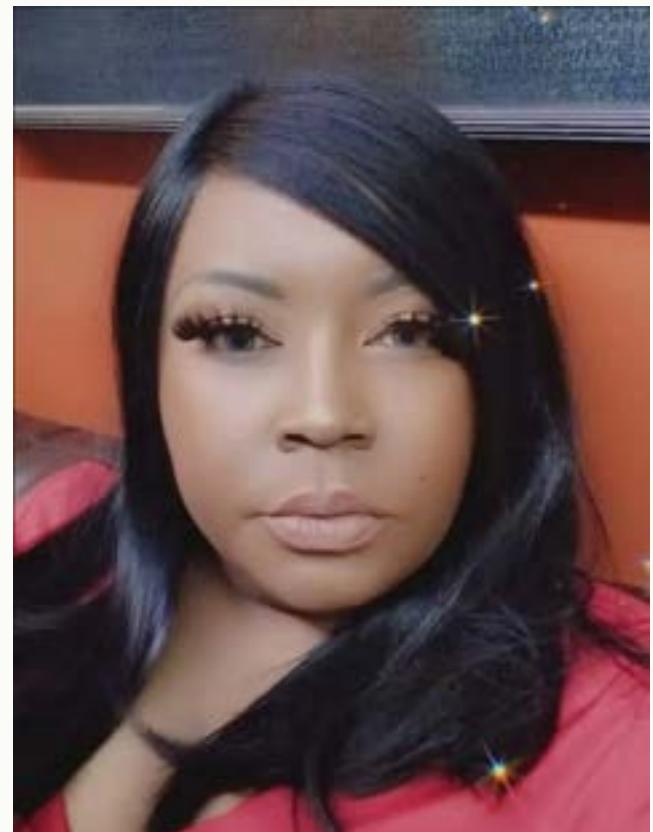
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What offices/positions have you held as a member?

Worthy Matron

What is your favorite OES memory?

My favorite OES memory was attending the Sneaker Ball.



The women of Queen Beatrice

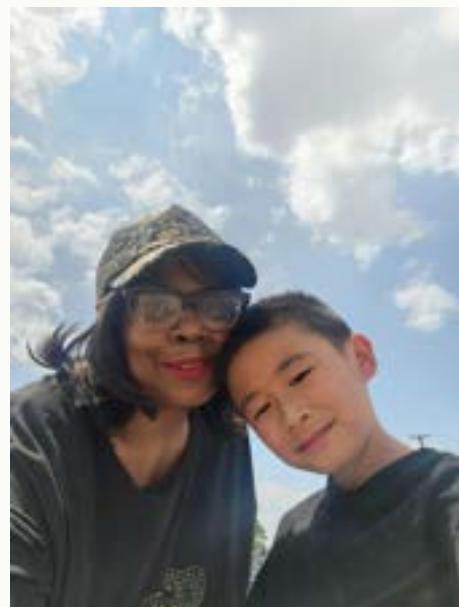
Grand Chapter wear many hats...but the role of a caregiver, a mother, grandmother, godmother, and aunt is VERY important to all of us! Check the collages on the following pages that

show our deep love for FAMILY.



**Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and HE PRAISES HER:
"Many women do noble things, but
YOU SURPASS THEM ALL."**

Proverbs 31:30



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noun [gran muhth-er]

the mother of your
mother or father;
a combination of
warmth and kindness,
laughter and love;
a person who overlooks
your faults, praises
your every success and
encourages your
dreams.





“YOUR LOVE
IS THE
THREAD
THAT
WEAVES
YOUR FAMILY
TOGETHER.”



Grandmothers and
roses are much the same.
Each are God's
masterpieces with
different names.
—Unknown





Met my mom and kids at church to thank god for letting me see another year! #Blessed

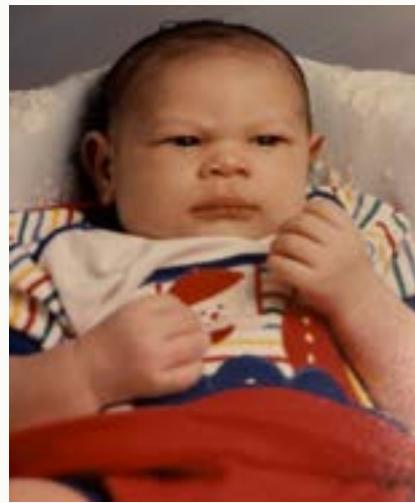


Godmother

[ˈgōdˌməthər] Substantiv

A woman that is both a friend and a mentor. With her you'll experience all the adventures that are too dangerous for mum. But in the end, it doesn't even matter if it's taming lions or going to the movies: Every second with her brings lots of fun and creates memories for life.

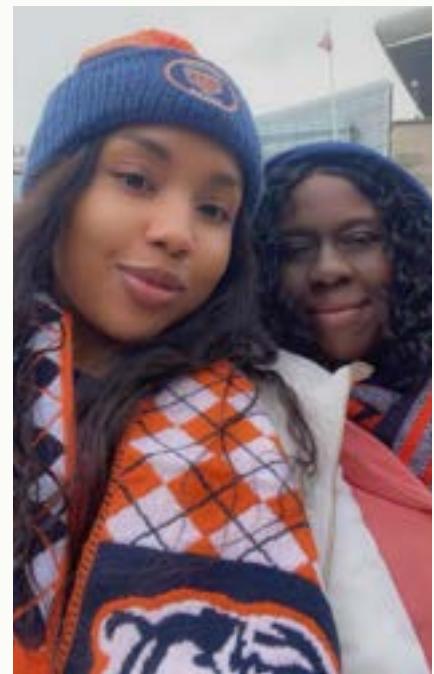




Honor her for all that
her hands have done,
and let her works
bring her praise at the
city gate.

PROVERBS 31:30







“Successful mothers are not the ones who have never struggled. They are the ones who never gave up despite the struggles.”
~ Sharon Jaynes





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TAKE THE PLACE
OF ALL THE OTHERS
BUT WHOSE PLACE
NO ONE ELSE
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**“An aunt is like
a whole package –
A mentor, a friend,
a partner-in-crime,
a cheerleader,
and a supporter.”**



LIYA CHAPTER #2

"Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain but a woman who fears the Lord is to be Praised."

- Proverbs 31:30

We seek prayers for community service! We come before you with a heart to serve and uplift our community. Grant us the wisdom to seek and serve others, and to help us to be instruments of your peace and compassion in the world. May our lives be a beacon of hope... shining brightly for all to see. Liya Chapter #2 served with love and kindness over the summer season. We began with QBGC Prayer & Worship as the Host Chapter. Our topic was Discernment and Following Christ.

We proceeded with three initiations. Liya also celebrated our birthday on a downtown boat ride. Next, we came together to create a memorable photoshoot to capture moments creating creativity and expressing connections. We donated to the Sweet Bingo event hosted by the Capital Campaign Committee, along with participation in the Annual College Basket Giveaway. We had an amazing time at the Grand Picnic, all while continuing to give back by serving at the Creative Chicago Reuse Exchange.

Liya also participated in the Harvey Strong Community Cleanup and Bingo at Our Savior's Senior Housing. Our Matrons attended the QBGC Matrons Retreat, while other sisters traveled out of state to show support. We served with Elizabeth Chapter #8, our sister chapter, with one of their charitable events. We also did many other individual charity events. Additionally, we had the privilege of having our Deputy, Sis. Kristina Lawson to join us at a couple of our events. Thank God for all the Great things he has done and all Great things to come.

In Sisterly Love,
WM. Smith-Lee



TRINITY CHAPTER #3

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

Trinity Chapter #3 has been busy the past few months embodying the tenets of Charity, Truth & Loving Kindness. The chapter hosted an Ice Cream and Bingo Social for residents at The Monclair Senior Living Facility in July, shared a meal and laughed at chapter SGT celebrating quarterly birthdays, and fellowshipped with MWSTJGL/QBGC brothers and sisters at the annual Friends and Family Picnic in August.

The chapter also held two successful fundraisers in September "Keep on Scratching Lottery Ticket Basket Giveaway" and our annual Pretty N' Pink Game Night Breast Cancer Awareness event! Special congratulations to Associate Grand Worthy Matron Carmen Warren-Tate on winning the Lottery Ticket Basket Giveaway!

Trinity Chapter #3 looks forward to finishing the year out strong guided by this year's theme from WM Cherie Barnes, "Guided by Faith, Service with Love"!



KAREN CHAPTER #4

Karen Chapter #4 has completed the following charities:

1. Ronald McDonald's Oak Lawn

Upcoming Charity Event

1. October - Breast Cancer Stride Walk
2. November - Hot Chocolate Run

Star Recognition Award

Sis. Eva Sturgies was recognized for her unwavering dedication and commitment, consistently going above and beyond what is asked of her. Her selfless spirit, tireless efforts, and willingness to step in wherever needed have left a lasting impact on those around her. Whether through her leadership, support, or acts of kindness, she exemplifies what it means to serve with excellence and humility. Sis. Sturgies' recognition is a true testament to the difference one person can make when they lead with heart and purpose.



Sisters Bonding Time

July Karen enjoyed a day out at the movies to watch Superman Metropolis. Afterwards we head over to Pepe's for more fellowship, laughter, and bonding time with delicious food.

September we are having sisterly bonding time for Football and Fellowship.

Humbly Submitted,
Sis. Amanda Pates, WM



MORNING STAR CHAPTER #5

During 3rd Quarter, Morning Star Chapter 5 was on the move. We supported a student with the Grand College Trunk Party, volunteered at Ronald McDonald House and Deborah's Place.



In September, we volunteered at Catholic Charities, Ewing Annex Hotel and South Wood Intervention..



ESTHER CHAPTER #7

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Esther Chapter #7 continues to demonstrate a charitable spirit. We gave, celebrated, and loved one another. We contributed to Cradles to Crayons, successfully completed our 1st annual book bag drive, providing 94 bags to children at Primo Center on the Southside, participated in the grand college basket giveaway, packed boxes with Feed My Starving Children for the 2nd year, and supported chapters and lodges during their fundraising efforts. It has been a great quarter, and we look forward to doing more.

Sincerely,
Sis. Lovea Smith, WM



ELIZABETH CHAPTER #8

Elizabeth Chapter #8 continues to give back with the assistance of our sister chapters Liya Chapter #2, Imani Chapter #11 and our brother lodge, Genesis Lodge #33. We supported the QBGC College Students Basket giveaway in August. in addition to hosting our semi-annual wine tasting named "Vibin in the Vineyard". Lastly, we had our First E8 Sisterhood Retreat in Union Pier.

Relax! Reset! Retreat



HANNAH CHAPTER #10

Quarterly Outreach & Fellowship Highlights

Community Service & Charity

- Chicago Fire Department (Engine 15, Truck 59): Snack bags and handwritten thank-you cards were delivered to show our gratitude. The firefighters were deeply appreciative, asking about our Grand Chapter and Chapter names, and expressed their excitement for our support.
- Feeding My Starving Children: Hannah Chapter packed over 30 boxes of food for those in need. Special thanks to our niece, Ayanna Jackson, who assisted before heading off to college.
- Anna's Angels – Lupus Society of Illinois: In August, we joined the GovState Jaguar 5K, 1-Mile, and Kid Dash virtually. Our chapter goal is to help reach 300+ participants on behalf of Anna's Angels.



Fellowship & Celebrations

- Wilson-Hannah Annual Picnic: A joyful day of fellowship with our brothers. Special thanks to DJ Bro. McGahee, who had us *Jacked Out* with music well into the next day!
- College Send-Offs:
 - Niece Kayla Noelle, celebrated with a well-attended trunk party before heading to North Carolina A&T University.
 - Nephew Milo, relative of Sister Tonia, received support from Alpha Lodge's trunk party donations.
- Honorary Member Celebration: We honored Marvela C. Singleton with cake and flowers for her birthday. Her brother donated a commemorative brick recognizing her as a beloved teacher and friend of Hannah Chapter.
- Birthdays & Milestones: We joyfully celebrated sisters' birthdays, encouraged our children heading back to school, and continued to uplift one another.



Chapter & Sisterhood Support

- Ohio Grand Session: Eight sisters traveled to attend and represent Hannah Chapter in support of the Grand Chapter.
- Supporting Sisters: Sisters Charice Davis and LaShawn James were uplifted during the transitions of their loved ones.
- Capital Campaign – Sweet Bingo: Our Treasurer, Latrice McGahee, was a big winner and graciously donated her last two prizes back as blessings to others.



Special Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to Sister PWM Tonia Evans for faithfully reaching out to the Chapter with daily spiritual messages of encouragement. Her words continue to cover our sisters spiritually, medically, mentally, financially, and with peace of mind.

Hannah Chapter No. 10 continues to live by service, fellowship, and love – making a difference in our community and among our sisters and brothers.



IMANI CHAPTER #11

Fraternal Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

This quarter, Imani Chapter #11 had the opportunity to once again support one of our sister chapters, Elizabeth #8, in their Adopt-A-Highway clean up charitable event in July. Although we got a little damp, the rain did not stop us from leaving a positive impact on our community! In August, we adopted our own student, Daniel Brown, to provide dorm and academic essentials for the Education and Scholarship Committee's College Basket Giveaway.

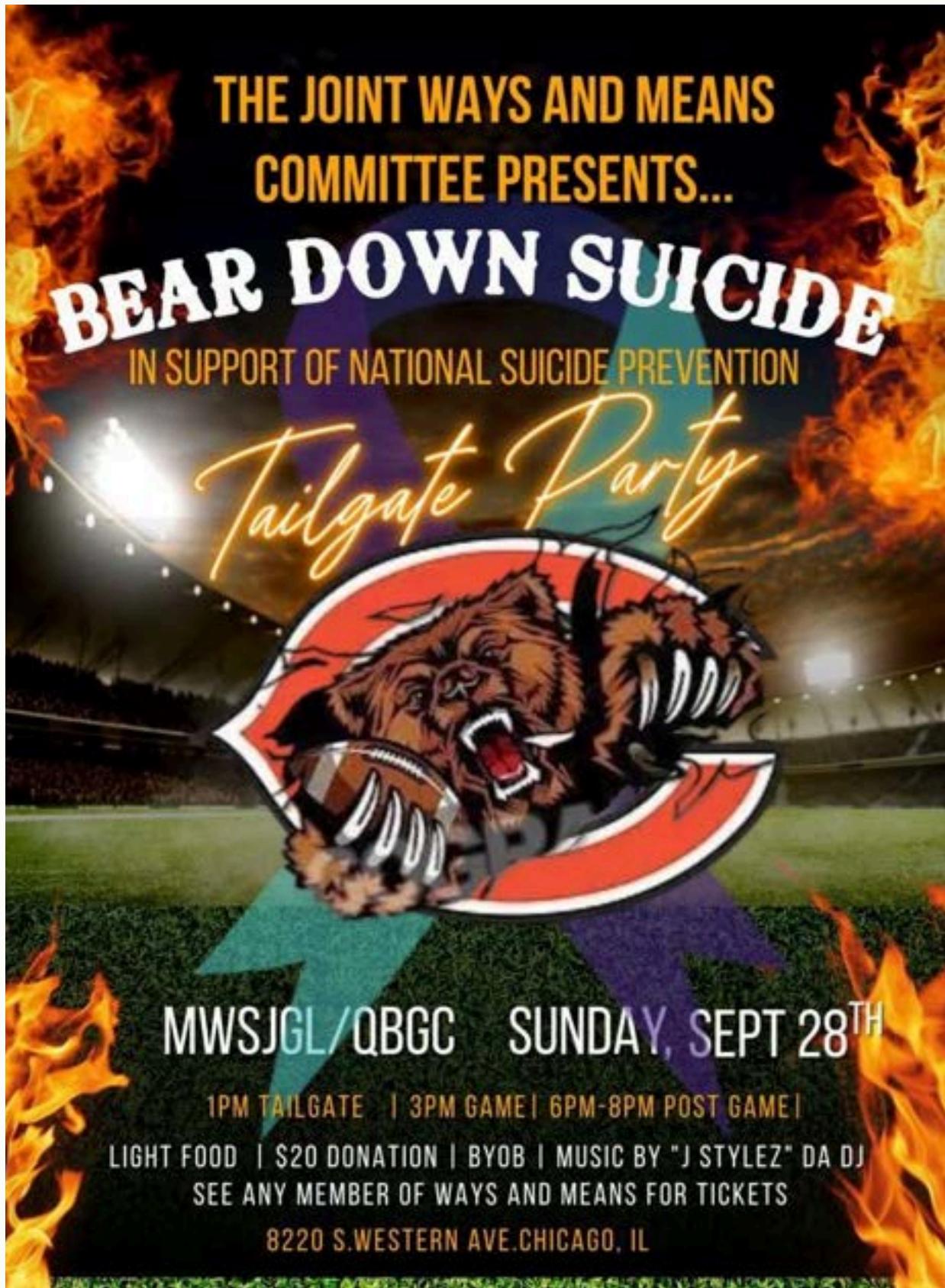
During this quarter, we also got the chance to fellowship with current and past worthy matrons while attending the biennial QBG Matron's Retreat in September. We will be hosting another fundraiser, A Day at the Juke Joint, on October 12th. It's going to be a real ring-a-ding time, so come out and let the good times roll!

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 send us an email at imani.oes@gmail.com.

Fraternally yours,
Worthy Matron Sis. Jeanna Brown



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