

Queen's Quarterly



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

What are You Waiting For?

"The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail." Isaiah 58:11

Greetings Sisters,

Thank you so very much for six months of excellent work of love and charity. While it is good to celebrate in December, we must take the time to acknowledge and be grateful for all that God has allowed us to do in six months. Thank you to every member of Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter for loving God and each other. As we continue into the next six months of this annual journey, we would be wise to assess where we are and where we would like to be with personal goals, family, spiritual, work and the order. **What are you waiting for?**

Yes, we are now six months into the year, the halfway point. Pause for a moment of self-reflection, how is your checklist for this year coming along? Are there any items on your list that you have not given your attention to for any reason other than opportunity? Take a look at your list, search your heart and ask yourself about that one item that was high on your list of priorities, that somehow keeps getting moved down. Why are you procrastinating? **What are you waiting for?** Are you afraid? Whatever the barrier, seek guidance and wisdom from God. Pray and ask God for help, guidance or clarity. There are times when we seek His guidance yet His directions we don't follow. Maybe the directions felt too hard or maybe the directions felt impossible.

If it feels hard, don't give up or give in to what cannot be done, but dig deeper and pray incessantly for clarity and strength. Ask God to help you understand what is challenging you. Sometimes we miss the message and we don't understand.

Ask God to make it simple for you, let him know that you don't understand. Ask God to translate His message, send you a messenger, whatever you do; do keep the lines of communication open. Ask yourself, did you follow part of the instructions because you were not really willing to commit at that time? Guess what? As long as it is on your list, it is on His list. We are six months into the year. **What are you waiting for?** Revise your list, write it out, type it out; make it a physical, tangible thing. Make your list visible. Lastly, pray and ask God to move you out of your way because you still got some work to do.

In Constant Sisterly Love
Sis. Lolita Godbold
Grand Worthy Matron

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QUEEN BEATRICE GRAND CHAPTER



MATRON'S 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

Hey you!
It's tax time
Have you made your
Capital Campaign Donation?
For Payments use the link or contacts
below



<https://www.givecentral.org/location/1347>
Sis. Tonia Pace: 708.302.3504
Brothers may contact Bro. Coleman: 312.479.6335
Bro. Renard Bates: 708.935.2297



Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter

Prayer & Worship Committee Presents...



*The Joy of the Lord is your Strength
Nehemiah 8:10*

**Sunday, June 29, 2025
2:00pm -5:00pm**

Free event--Light refreshments provided

Register by June 21st


EventBrite link

**MW St. James Grand Lodge
8220 S. Western Ave
Chicago, IL 60620**

Questions? Contact Sis. Carmen Armstrong-T3 (708) 925-5142 or Sis. Angela Cooper
(708) 829-0729

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/qbgc-paint-praise-party-prayer-worship-committee-event-tickets-1370964843829?aff=odiffitcreator>



MWSJGL AND QBGC
JOINT GRAND CHARITY COMMITTEE
PRESENTS

A Fund Night Out

Saturday, August 23, 2025

6:10pm

Tickets are \$42

Purchase using the link or QR Code below!

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Fundnight22>



**TAILGATE WILL START AT
4:15PM IN THE RED LOT**

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

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: Temple

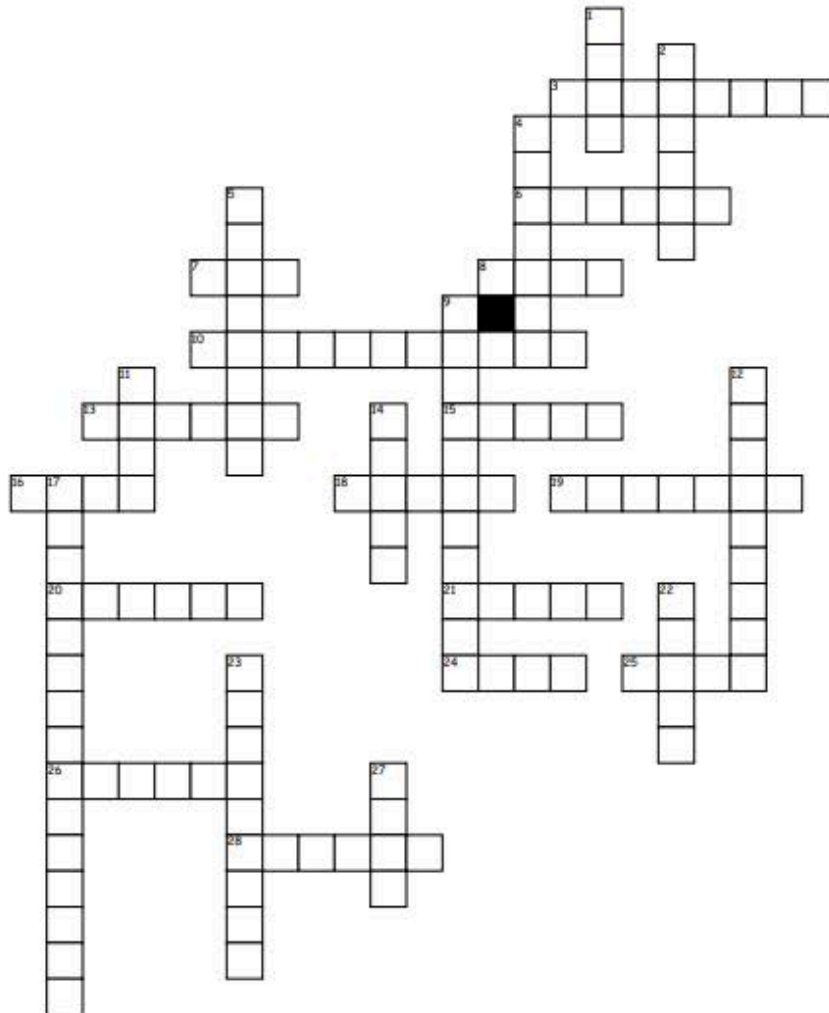
August:

- Saturday, August 16th, 2025
 - St. James Grand Lodge & Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter Family & Friends Day; Time: 9:00 a.m.- Dusk
Location: Dolton Park 721 Engle St, Dolton, IL. 60419

September:

- Friday, September 12, 2025 - Sunday, September 14, 2025
 - 2025 QBGC Matrons Retreat
 - Location - Michigan City, Indiana
- Saturday, September 27th, 2025
 - Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter ~ Third Quarterly Session
Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: Temple

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



Across

- 3. ADAH GEM
- 6. RUTH STATION
- 7. ESTHER CHRIST SYMBOL
- 8. ESTHER FLOWER
- 10. RUTH EMNLEM
- 13. RUTH SEASON
- 15. RUTH DEGREE
- 16. ADAH'S COLOR
- 18. ADAH STATION

- 19. ESTHER GEM
- 20. RUTH COLOR
- 21. RUTH GEM
- 24. FRIEND
- 25. ESTHER DEGREE
- 26. STAR
- 28. ADAH FLOWER

Down

- 1. JUDGES 11:35
- 2. ADAH SEASON

- 4. RUTH FLOWER
- 5. ADAH DEGREE
- 9. ESTHER EMBLEM
- 11. MATTHEW 5:8
- 12. ADAH CHRIST SYMBOL
- 14. ESTHER STATION
- 17. RUTH CHRIST SYMBOL
- 22. ESTHER COLOR
- 23. ADAH EMBLEM
- 27. MATTHEW 5:5

Word Bank

THIRD
YELLOW
WHITE
OPEN BIBLE
SWORDVEIL
PURE

ADAH
SECOND
RUTH
WHEATBARLEY
SAPPHIRE
MEEK

LILY
BLUE
VIOLET
DAUGHTER
JASMINE
WIDOW

WIFE
DIAMOND
SUN
FIRST
SPRING

ESTHER
LILYOFTHEVALLEY
SUMMER
CROWNSEPTER
TOPAZ

EASTERN STAR WORD SEARCH

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Y	E	I	A	G	B	B	F	C	W	O	Z	C	H	A	R	I	T	Y	Z

**HONESTY
DEPENDABILITY
TRUSTWORTHINESS
LOYALTY**

**CHARITY
FRIENDSHIP
KINDNESS
EASTERN**

**STAR
CHAPTERS
OES
FAMILY**

**MASONIC
LOVE
FAITH
CONSTANCY**

The Power of Sisterhood

by Makeda Pennycooke.

<https://makedapennycooke.com/the-power-of-sisterhood/>

Earlier this week, I shared with a group of women why I believe sisterhood is so important. I've been thinking a lot about sisterhood because I have recognized my own growing need for a more intentionally developed group of women to surround and support me through my current season of life. Over the years, I have had women who have walked with me through some of the hardest times of my life. Lately, I've been happily focused on building my business, but I've noticed something missing in my life. When I checked in with myself, I realized I was missing my sisters. I was missing the power of sisterhood.



What is it?

Sisterhood is a bond that goes beyond being family. It connects women to each other and in its most magical manifestations, allows each woman in the sisterhood to thrive in ways she could never do on her own.

Sisterhood provides a safe space for your truest self to emerge. It is a place where your tears are caught, not judged, where you are held, not ridiculed, and where it's okay to not be okay. Sisterhood is also a place to show up, share, and heal, especially when it feels like your entire world is crumbling around you because, at its core, sisterhood is where YOU are caught, held, and nurtured and where you get to do the same for another woman.

Why is it important?

We all crave connection. Not surface level connection but deep heart and soul centered connection if for no other reason but to know that we are neither alone nor are we the "only one". The single greatest lie most women believe is that we are the only ones going through or dealing with something. When we gather as women, we discover that it is not true; connection allows us to see that we are not alone.



Unfortunately, there are times when we gather as women and we use our time to gossip about or put other women down. But that is not what true sisterhood looks like. In true sisterhood, we hold each other up. We celebrate another woman's wins and sorrows with her when she suffers. True sisterhood helps us to share both the light and dark parts of our journey. It allows us to see the best of who we are in the eyes of another woman. The validation and affirmation that comes from being truly seen by another person are what make sisterhood so powerful and meaningful.

What gets in the way?

But things get in the way of us experiencing that kind of connection with other women.

Our own stories

Our own stories show up and prevent us from really hearing what another woman is sharing. We transpose our stories onto hers and unintentionally either shut her down or shut her out. When we hold onto our stories, they create filters, and we end up in judgment instead of freely being able to love the woman we are with.

Need to be in control

Sisterhood works best when each woman is able to move easily between giving and receiving. When we are used to being the giver, it can be a challenge to be on the receiving end. But something beautiful happens when we relinquish control and allow ourselves to be received by another woman, a woman who can provide a soft place for us to land. We lose that comfort and support when we choose to armor up instead of opening up. There is an energy that connects us as women, and if we can learn to tap into that energy, we truly will change the world. Here's to you embracing sisterhood and rising into your greatness!



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

Sis. Belinda Richardson, PWM

What chapter are you a member of?

Liya Chapter #2

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

9 Years

What offices/positions have you held as a member?

Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, and Secretary

What is your favorite OES memory?

My favorite OES memory is attending my first Grand Session.



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

Sis. Cassandra Anita Johnson

What chapter are you a member of?

Imani Chapter #11

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

1 year and 2 months

What offices/positions have you held as a member?

Trustee

What is your favorite OES memory?

My 1st Grand Session and getting to know people from different places/states.



LIYA CHAPTER #2

**“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord and he will repay him for his deed.”
- Proverbs 19:17**

A prayer for serving others can take many forms, but generally others express gratitude for the opportunity to help others and request guidance and fulfilling service, and strength.

Liya #2 continues to serve in the community and abroad we will always continue to give back. We served at the Ronald McDonald House. Other charitable activities included donating incontinent supplies to Pinecrest Nursing Center, along with offering prayer and words of encouragement to the residents and the employees. We also completed a 5K walk for Kidney Disease and donated to the Triple Negative Cancer Society. Lastly, we served a delicious Italian Beef dinner with all the trimmings for Liya's Kitchen Day. We will continue to work hard and be a blessing to others.

**Humbly Submitted,
Worthy Matron 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

2025 Chapter & Grand Officers

Worthy Matron Sis. Cherie L. Barnes
Assoc Matron-Sis. Sherri Richardson

Worthy Patron-Bro. Detrice Toney
33°/95°
Past Patron Leland Jones 32°

Secretary-PWM Sis. Sadonia L. Ruff
Treasurer-Sis. Jeannine Carter

Conductress-Sis. Mercedes Bryd
Assoc. Conductress-Sis. Carolyn Denne

Chair of Trustees-PWM Sis. Felicia Hill

PWM Sis. Dr. Carmen F. Armstrong-
Grand Chaplin
PWM Sis. Sadonia L. Ruff-Grand
Secretary

Trinity Chapter #3 is excited to continue the charity work we started this year, foster our sisterhood, and participate in QBGC Grand Chapter events. Here is a snapshot of our activities this quarter.



- Ronald McDonald House Donation
- Olive Brand Mission- Love Token Donation
 - Afterwork Work Out
- Hosted QBGC Prayer & Worship Call-May 2025
 - Greater Food Depository
 - American Cancer Walk & Roll
 - Gyrls In The Hood Donation
 - SiStar Get-Togethers



For more information on upcoming events or to learn more about Trinity Chapter #3, visit our Facebook Page

Trinity Chapter #3, Order of Eastern Star

In His Service,
Trinity Chapter #3



KAREN CHAPTER #4

Karen Chapter #4 has participated in the following events during the second quarter:

- QBGC Queen Esther Day Celebration
- Charity Events completed for the 2nd Quarter
 - Restoration Ministries
 - Little Rock Mission Center
 - Love Fridge
 - MS Walk
 - Wellness & Wheels

Karen Chapter #4 is hosting a White Day Party on Saturday, June 28, 2025. We hope to see you there!



FASS GLASS CORVETTE CLUB & THE PRICE FAMILY PRESENT:

WELLNESS & WHEELS

Honoring Vincent Price

June 7, 2025
9 am-12 pm

Nathan Hale Elementary School

19055 BURNHAM AVE
LANSING, IL 60438

We will be walking 5.8K for Vincent who will be turning 58. Get free screenings and information on:

- Blood Pressure
- Kidney Health
- Heart Health

Please let us know if you would be interested in becoming a kidney donor!




The Ultimate Party of the Year!

WHITE Day Party

Privilege Restaurant Bar
6947 S. South Chicago Ave
Chicago, IL 60637

Saturday, June 28, 2025
2:00pm - 6:00pm

Donation: \$20
See any member for a ticket

Music By: DJ Kaoss

Food | Drink Specials | 50/50 Raffles



MORNING STAR CHAPTER #5

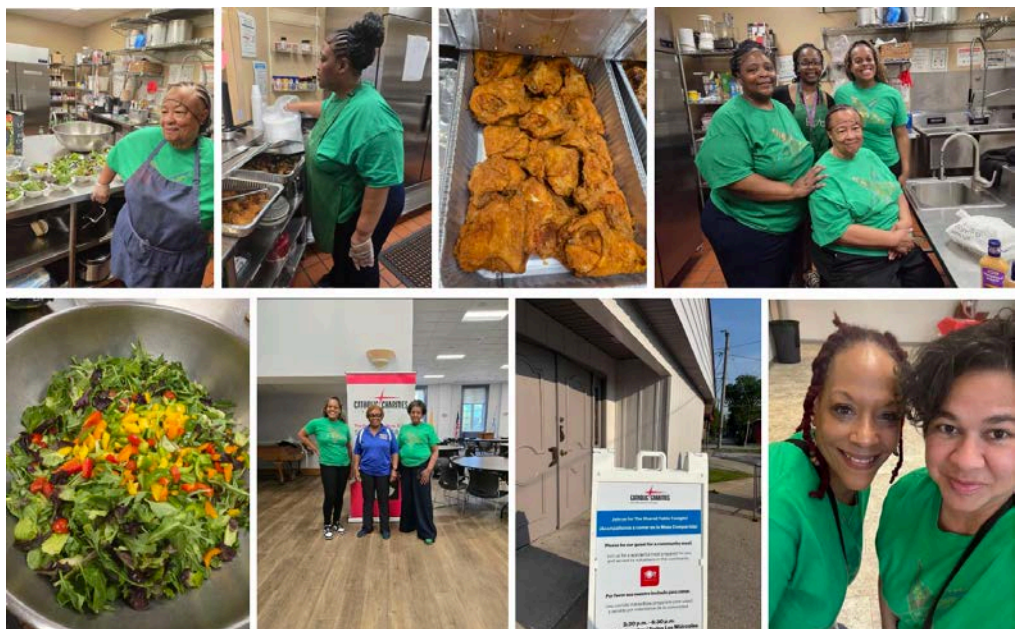
As defined, charity is an act of kindness. During the second quarter of this year, Morning Star definitely partook in its fair share of charity. In April, Morning Star #5 began the quarter by participating in the Richton Park Community Beautification Day.



In May, Morning Star celebrated its 56th chapter anniversary by volunteering at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora and donated food items for the Stamp Out Hunger food drive, a nationwide effort to combat hunger.



In June alone, Morning Star completed four charitable activities between Deborah's Place and Catholic Charities.



ESTHER CHAPTER #7

Esther is busy in the community giving back and bridging the gaps in food, clothing, toiletry resources, as well as connecting for emotional support through cards and gifts to our aging seniors.

- First pic: Memorial Day parade.
 - 2nd: Father's Day gift bags to 28 men in Esther's adopted shelter
 - Third pic: Stem program Chemistry Quest
- Monthly, Esther volunteers at the Chicago Food Depository, located on 55th and Dan Ryan. Esther's members love charity and one another.



ELIZABETH CHAPTER #8

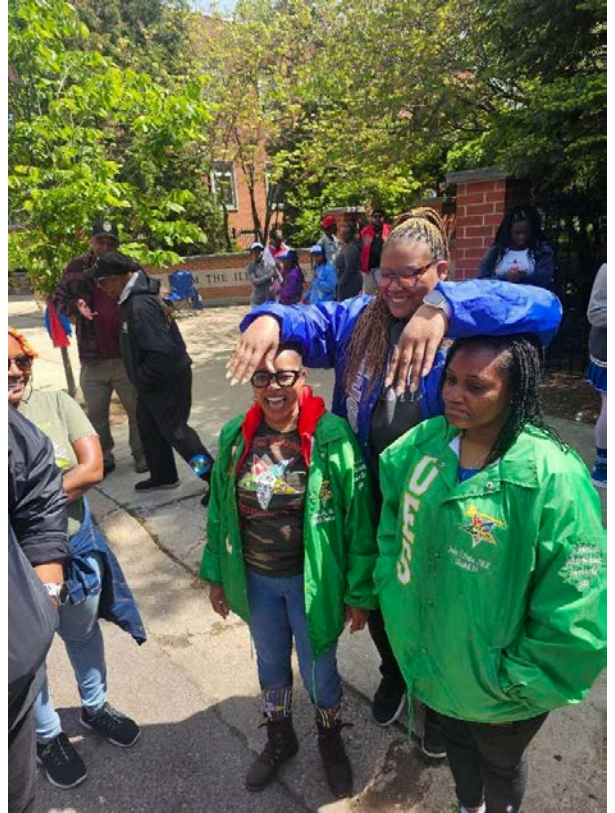
April 2025- E8 partnered with the Reigning Pearls Organization and volunteered at their 2nd Annual Prom Dress Giveaway.

We also supported our sister chapter, Imani #11 at their poetry event that took place in April.

May 2025- We donated 5 gift baskets to the mothers through the Catholic Charity WIC Program.

E8 Sisters fellowshiped in the park & we participated in the QGBC Sisterhood Brunch.

Lastly, we participated in the Memorial Day Parade.



HANNAH CHAPTER #10

This quarter, Hannah Chapter continued its mission of service and compassion through meaningful charitable efforts that touched lives across our community.

In April, we supported the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Oak Lawn by donating cases of water, boxes of muffins, and an assortment of protein, breakfast, and granola bars to help support families during critical times.

In May, our Sistar, Dr. Tammy Fields received her Doctorate Degree in Social Work from the University of Kentucky. She achieved this milestone on Mother's Day, making it an even more memorable occasion. Tammy embodies being a daughter, sister, wife, mother, therapist, social worker, teacher, leader, and many more hats. We are immensely proud of her. Ayanna Jackson, daughter of Sameka Gibbs, confirmed attendance to Texas Southern University on scholarship to play basketball. Please support her by cheering on her games.

Hannah Sisters proudly participated in the 2025 OSF Beverly Breast Cancer Walk on Mother's Day as Team Debbie's Daughters and Nicole's Sisters. Funds were raised in honor of our beloved Sistar Nicole Collins, who transitioned in 2024, and in memory of Debbie, mother of our Sisters Tammy Fields and Ashanta McKenzie. We also honored Orlantha Bennett, a two-time breast cancer survivor, with a heartfelt gift basket and monetary donation celebrating her courage and resilience.

PWM Tonia Evans received the Pen & Passion Award from the A.R.C.H. Foundations Scholarship Gala 2025 for being the leader whose words and work inspire educators and students alike. We appreciate your hard work and dedication. Hannah supports and celebrates this accomplishment.

On May 26th, Hannah Chapter, along with MW St. James and Queen Beatrice Grand Lodge, celebrated our very own GM Lolita Godbold as the Grand Marshal of the Southside Memorial Day Parade. Grand Matron Godbold is a mother, veteran, educator, clinical therapist, project director, published author of two books, and recipient of the 2018 Danny Davis Educators Award, among many other esteemed roles.. Grand Matron Godbold, mother, veteran, educator, clinical therapist, project director, published author of two books, and 2018 Danny Davis Educators Award, and many other roles.

In June, we donated over twenty box fans to Olive Branch Mission Shelter, where individuals and families receive vital wraparound services including shelter, food, resources, and spiritual support. Joshua, son of PWM Tonia Evans, graduated from Grays Harbor College with straight A's while playing basketball. He has exemplified hard work and perseverance.

Hannah Chapter is honored to continue serving our community. We remain committed to uplifting and meeting the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors with love, dignity, and purpose.



IMANI CHAPTER #11

Fraternal greetings, Sisters and Brothers!

This quarter, Imani Chapter hosted our second annual poetry showcase, The Speakeasy. This showcase showcased some dynamic talent! We were also engaged in multiple charity endeavors. During the month of May, we provided local support to a graduating CPS 8th-grade Student from Barton Elementary School. We also visited Cradles to Crayons and donated several large totes of various apparel items and over 200 books for various age groups. We also helped to clean and sort donated shoes that will be provided to local families in need. Imani also held a shoe drive and collected over 150 pairs of new and gently used men, women, and youth shoes. Many of these generous donations were from the brothers of St. James and the sisters of Queen Bee. Thank you so much for your valued support!

The footwear received in May was donated in June to Share Your Soles located on Chicago's south side. This non-profit organization with an international reach sends shoes to indigenous reservations in the United States and to poverty or war-stricken areas such as Ukraine and Haiti. In June, we also helped to sort through other shoe donations and complete beautification and repair efforts at Share Your Soles.

Although we were deeply invested in our communities this quarter, we also made the time to nurture and deepen our sisterly bond through monthly fellowship events and celebrating our achievements. We also had the opportunity to support our last "chapter baby," Daniel Brown, during his senior year events in high school.

As always, 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 yours,
Worthy Matron
Sis. Jeanna Brown



POOLE CHAPTER #18

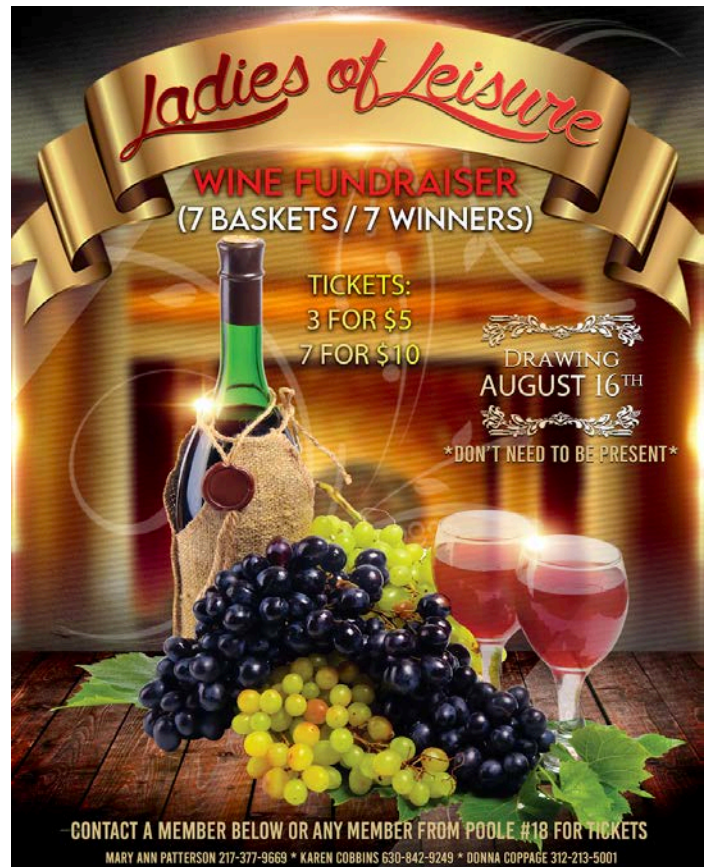
Greetings!

Poole #18's Theme And Goal This Year Is To EACH ONE REACH ONE BY Enhancing Membership And Membership Retention Through Fellowshiping And A Strong Emphasis On Charity And School Of Instruction, Including The History Of This Great Order.

Our Charities have included Bi-Monthly Food Pantry Volunteering, Weekly Food Delivery To The Elderly and Shut-ins, Open To Delivery on demand of Incontinent Supplies and Shoes and Clothing Donations To Shelters.

We Are in The Process Of Restarting Our Annual School Uniform Donation Program to include Boys and Girls Complete uniforms with socks and All Under garments. We Are Also Our Families And Sisters And Brothers Keeper And We Are Willing And Ready To Serve Upon Request And As Needed

Sincerely,
Sister Mary Ann Harris Patterson WMHGM



Ladies of Leisure
WINE FUNDRAISER
(7 BASKETS / 7 WINNERS)

TICKETS:
3 FOR \$5
7 FOR \$10

DRAWING
AUGUST 16TH
DON'T NEED TO BE PRESENT

CONTACT A MEMBER BELOW OR ANY MEMBER FROM POOLE #18 FOR TICKETS
MARY ANN PATTERSON 217-377-9669 * KAREN COBBINS 630-842-9249 * DONNA COPPAGE 312-213-5001

POOLE CHAPTER #18
WORKING UNDER
QUEEN BEATRICE GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
STATE OF ILLINOIS
ADOPTED BY M.W. ST. JAMES GRAND LODGE A.F.A.M.
8220 S. WESTERN AVE.
CHICAGO, IL 60620



MARY ANN HARRIS PATTERSON
WORTHY MATRON
HONORARY GRAND MATRON

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8

SIS. LINDA SHELL, PAST WORTHY MATRON - ASSOCIATE MATRON
BRO. LONNIE PHINNISEE - WORTHY PATRON
BRO. RICHARD THURMAN 33RD PGWM - ASSOCIATE PATRON
SIS KATHERINE HALL PAST WORTHY MATRON - SECRETARY
SIS. BARBARA HARVEY, PAST WORTHY MATRON - TREASURER
SIS. DONNA COPPAGE - CONDUCTRESS
SIS. KAREN COBBINS - ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS
SIS. BRENDA MILES - TRUSTEE
SIS. URSULA CHRISTIAN THOMAS - ADAH
SIS CAROLYN AUSBY - RUTH
SIS VALLENA JOHNSON AKINNSON JOHNSON - ESTHER
SIS. ANGELA HARVEY - MARTHA

Congratulations, Eliya Moore, on the success of your cotillion and the exciting journey ahead toward higher education! May this new chapter bring you continued success, growth, and fulfillment as you take on the future.

EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
ST. JAMES GRAND LODGE
QUEEN BEATRICE GRAND CHAPTER



EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS...

7th Annual COLLEGE BASKET GIVEAWAY

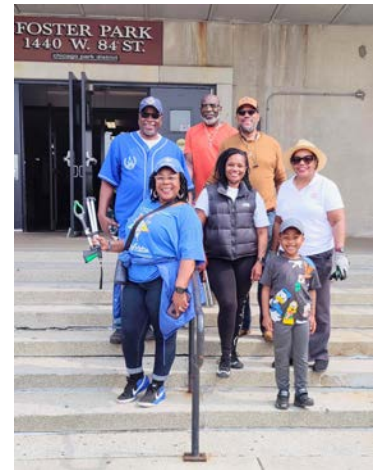
SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2025
12pm-2pm

ST JAMES GRAND LODGE
8220 S. WESTERN AVENUE
CHICAGO, IL 60620

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2025 at 9:00PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT: www.mwstjgl.org



JOINT CHARITY COMMITTEE



JOINT WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE



JOINT WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

JUN 28th
4PM-10PM

\$15
DONATION

LIP SYNC
REP YOUR LODGE/CHAPTER

BATTLE

**GRAND PRIZE: WEEKEND
STAY @DECEMBER SESSION**

PASS THE MIC KARAOKEE
BYOB/ NACHO BAR/ ICE/ WATER
MWSJGL&QBGC
8220 S WESTERN AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60620

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SOCIAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

It's easy to assume that things won't happen to us. In this day, it helps to be prepared for anything. ICE is detaining and deporting American citizens along with illegal immigrants. It's helpful to know what to do if you or someone you care about finds themselves in a tough situation.

We know that Black women are a part of the 92% that are taking their rest...however, with the protests happening all over the country, it helps to be prepared if you choose to participate or if you happen to be in the vicinity of a protest (a lot of people work downtown). Please feel free to use these infographics as a resource.

YOUR RIGHTS WITH IMMIGRATION

IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE) AND CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION (CBP)



YOU HAVE THE RIGHT NOT TO OPEN THE DOOR
COMMUNICATE THROUGH A WINDOW OR CLOSED DOOR. ICE AND CBP AGENTS CAN ONLY ENTER YOUR HOME EITHER WITH YOUR CONSENT OR WITH A SEARCH WARRANT ISSUED BY A COURT AND SIGNED BY A JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE. (SEE BACK FOR EXAMPLE.)



YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT & NOT TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENT
YOU CAN SAY OUT LOUD THAT YOU WILL NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS OR SIGN A DOCUMENT WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY PRESENT.



YOU HAVE THE RIGHT NOT TO CONSENT TO A WARRANTLESS SEARCH
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE THE AGENTS ENTRY TO YOUR HOME, AND YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO REFUSE WARRANTLESS SEARCHES OF YOUR BODY, YOUR CAR, OR YOUR HOME.



YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, & WRITE DOWN DETAILS
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PROTESTER SAFETY TIPS

1 GO WITH A GROUP

While you can go to a protest alone, it's usually better to go in a group. Your group can help you if they notice something wrong or if you're met by law enforcement. Bringing friends also adds to the number of people at the event, making the protest even more effective.



2 WEAR A MASK

Protesting safely in the age of COVID-19 requires that you wear a mask to protect yourself and your fellow protesters. Ideally, you should use a surgical mask or N-95 mask, if you can obtain them.



3 DRESS ACCORDINGLY

While protesting, you may be outside for hours. Make sure you bring layered clothing so you're prepared for both cold weather and tear-gas, which can irritate your skin. If you're worried there might be gas, bring goggles and heat-resistant gloves.

Wearing solid colors without logos or all black clothing, will make it more difficult for police to single you out in a crowd.



4 PACK A BAG

Once in a street protest, you may be unable to get necessities until the march ends. Make sure you have a day's supply of water and snacks, as well as a first aid kit.

You should also bring pocket change, cash, and your ID.



5 CONTACT A NON-PARTICIPANT

Before going to the protest, make sure you have a non-participant you can use as an emergency contact. Consider writing their phone number somewhere on your body so that it's easy to remember if your phone is confiscated.



6 MARCH IN FORMATION

While marching, stay close to the group and encourage stragglers to close in. Law enforcement may try to detain or arrest those who are on their own.



7 AVOID CONTACT LENSES AND MAKEUP

Never wear contact lenses when protesting. Contacts can absorb tear gas and cause direct irritation to your eye, even when the gas is gone.

Oil based makeups can also trap teargas and cause long-term irritation.



8 AVOID LOOSE ITEMS

Avoid wearing anything that can be grabbed or pulled. That includes jewelry, rings, and chains. If you have long hair, make sure it is tied back.

