

QUEEN'S QUARTERLY

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

Anchored in Purpose, United in Faith

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

— Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Sisters of Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter,

As I reflect on this incredible journey, my heart is full of gratitude. Serving as your Grand Matron has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Together, we have stood firm in our mission, uplifted one another in love, and remained anchored in the divine purpose that guides our work.

Our theme this year, "Anchored in Purpose, United in Faith," was not just a phrase—it was a lived experience. Through every meeting, every act of service, and every moment of fellowship, we demonstrated what it means to be women of faith, united in sisterhood and committed to the work God has placed in our hands.

I thank each of you for your trust, your prayers, and your unwavering support. You have inspired me, challenged me, and reminded me of the power of sisterly bonds. We are more than an organization—we are a family, woven together by grace and strengthened by purpose.

Though my term as Grand Matron comes to a close, my commitment to this work and to each of you remains steadfast. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside my sisters, walking in faith, and building upon the legacy we've created together.

May we remain anchored in purpose, united in faith, and always guided by love.

In Sisterly Love,
Sis Lolita Godbold,
Worthy Grand Matron



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The Esther Johnson Biennial Queen Contest

Here are the contestants for the Esther Johnson Biennial Queen Contest! They have been raising funds that will be donated as a scholarship in the name of Sis. Esther Johnson, PWM of Poole #18. The winner, who will be selected during the State Grand Session, will represent Illinois at the 2026 Supreme Session. Good luck to all contestants! *(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,

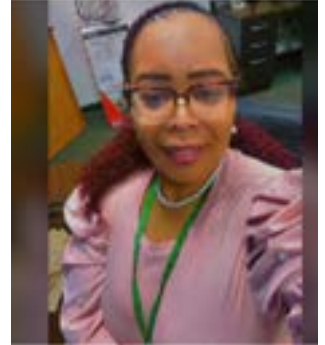


including Warder, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Past Worthy Matron, Grand Deputy, and Associate Grand Matron.

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. 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. 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. 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 & 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.

OES SCRAMBLE

1. HRESIPAP

2. LEYLWO

3. NSDOCE

4. OZTAP

5. WEFI

6. SRTFI

7. TDHIR

8. PSRNGI

9. USN

10. TOLEVI

11. LBEU

12. NWCOR

13. ESTPRE

14. AADH

15. NEAISJM

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22. ERUMMS

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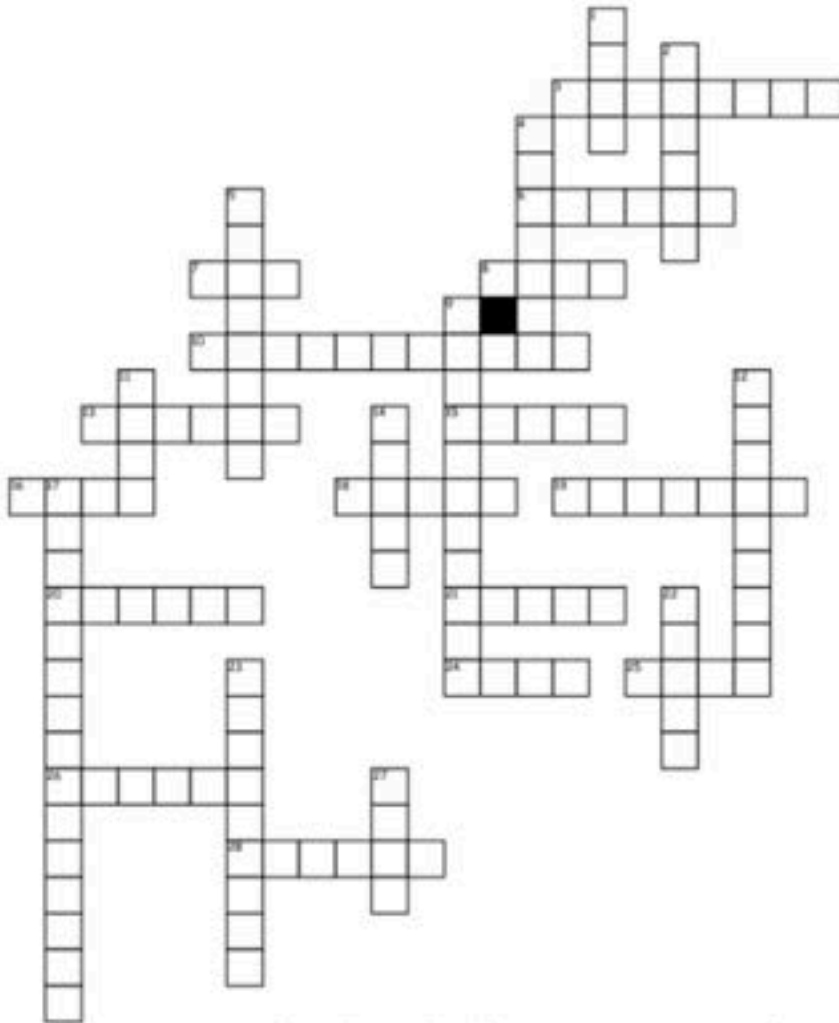
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25. EUDGRTHA

26. DRWOS

27. VILE

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



Across

- 3. ADAH GEM
- 6. RUTH STATION
- 7. ESTHER CHRIST SYMBOL
- 8. ESTHER FLOWER
- 10. RUTH EMBLEM
- 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

MEEK
WHEATBARLEY
CROWNSEPTER
RUTH
WHITE
TOPAZ

THIRD
SAPPHIRE
SPRING
ADAH
ESTHER
BLUE

JASMINE
SECOND
DIAMOND
LILY
SUMMER
SUN

DAUGHTER
FIRST
LILYOFTHEVALLEY
WIDOW
PURE

SWORDVEIL
WIFE
OPEN BIBLE
VIOLET
YELLOW

SISTER SPOTLIGHT

SIS. TONIA PACE

What chapter are you a member of:

Elizabeth Chapter #8

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

25 years

What offices/positions have you held as a member?

Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Associate Matron, Grand Treasurer, Grand Associate Conductress, Worthy Matron, Supreme Secretary, Supreme 1st Associate Matron

What is your favorite OES memory?

My favorite OES memory was the year Queen Beatrice opened for the Supreme Chapter at the 97th Biennial General Grand Masonic Congress in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our Past Supreme Matron, Sister Inez B. Hunt, applauded our opening and personally told me that it was flawless and that I should be proud. That same year, much to my surprise, I was elected Supreme Financial Secretary.



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

SIS. SONI B. DROZ

What chapter are you a member of:
Morning Star Chapter #5

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

What offices/positions have you held as a member?
Secretary

What is your favorite OES memory?
The warmth in which Queen Beatrice Grand Lodge Sisters received me when I rejoined the Order.



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

SIS. CARMEN V. ARMSTRONG

What chapter are you a member of:
Hannah Chapter #10

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

What offices/positions have you held as a member?
Past Worthy Matron

What is your favorite OES memory?
My favorite memory was November 16, 2007, when I became a member of Hannah Chapter #10. This was the best decision I made in my life to join the order and to serve wherever I'm needed.



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

SIS. STEPHANIE CUMMINGS

What chapter are you a member of:
Liya Chapter #2

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

What offices/positions have you held as a member?
Chartered Worthy Matron

What is your favorite OES memory?
My favorite memory was watching and living the goal of the next step in OES! Being the Nominator of Liya Chapter #2 in 2019 and winning Chapter of the Year with the entire chapter's participation. Sis. Mary Lathan was the Grand Matron at the time.



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

SIS. LOVEA SMITH

What chapter are you a member of:
Esther Chapter #7

How long have you been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star?
November 30th marked 9 years!!!

What offices/positions have you held as a member?
Worthy Matron

What is your favorite OES memory?
Hmm...my favorite memory (I might have three, sorry y'all know I'm extra sometimes) I think, is when I was being initiated. Alongside 6 candidates, I was chosen to hold on to that penny for dear life. AND DID!! lol the rest is history. The other was my first out-of-town trip to Tennessee. I became closer to my sisters in other chapters and developed deep relationships from that trip! My last one was in 2018. The theme was The Roaring 20s, and there was a grand piano. My matron and I were posing, and I had the great idea to try to jump up on the piano for a pose. Let's just say, I didn't quite make it and ended up with a bruise as big as Texas on the side of my thigh. I still laugh about that one!



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

SIS. EBONY J. GRISBY-TERRY

What chapter are you a member of:
Karen Chapter #4

How long have you been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star?
Since September 2009

What offices/positions have you held as a member?
Treasurer and Past Worthy Matron

What is your favorite OES memory?
Karen's 1st retreat in 2020 at Wild Rose, WI....mainly the brunch!



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

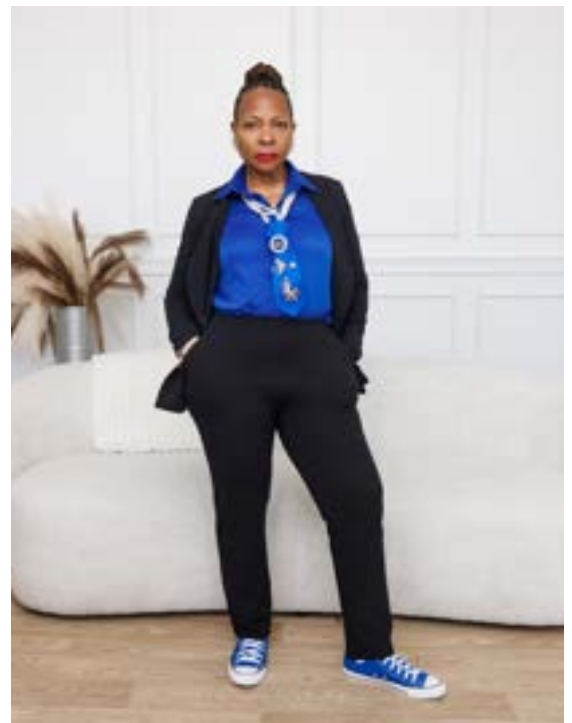
SIS. SYLVIA DAVIS

What chapter are you a member of:
Liya Chapter #2

How long have you been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star?
I have been a member for seven years.

What offices/positions have you held as a member?
Treasurer - 2022-2024; Associate Matron - 2026

What is your favorite OES memory?
My favorite OES memory is the day I was initiated. It was deeply meaningful because both of my maternal grandparents were part of this beautiful tradition—my grandfather a Mason and my grandmother an Eastern Star. Even after my grandmother moved to Chicago in the '70s and became disabled, she faithfully maintained her membership. Every year, she made sure her dues were mailed in, showing how important the organization was to her. Knowing her commitment made the moment of my own initiation incredibly special. It allowed me to feel closer to her and continue a legacy she cherished so much.



A Voice During the Women's Movement: The Order of the Eastern Star By Nancy Stearns Theiss, PhD

The years leading up to 1851, when Rob Morris penned the degrees for the Order of the Eastern Star (OES), were a pivotal time for women's rights. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was organizing the first women's rights convention in July 1848, and produced the Declaration of Sentiments. The opening of the American frontier provided new land and resources for exploitation and profit, and the railroad and steamboats began distributing goods far and wide. As manufactured goods started to supplant handmade and homespun items, women were afforded some "leisure time," once a foreign concept, particularly for women in rural and frontier areas. Women were also involved in anti-slavery groups and abolitionists, such as Frederick Douglass, supported women's rights. And although both movements gained momentum and support, their issues were not the same and required different directions.



Throughout his formative years, Morris was sympathetic to women and their contributions to society. He witnessed his own mother's hard work in raising a family without support when she separated from Morris' father. (She remarried in later years.) His mother valued education and made sure her children, Rob, Charlotte, and John were educated.

As a young man of 18, Morris left his Taunton, Massachusetts home to explore and experience the new American frontier. He taught at an academy near Memphis, and was inducted into Freemasonry at Gathright Lodge No. 33 in Oxford, Mississippi, on March 5, 1846. This was to become a milestone in his life that changed his career and interests. He quit his teaching job and started selling magazine and newspaper subscriptions across Mississippi and Tennessee, as well as giving lectures on Freemasonry at churches and lodges.

Morris's vision for the Order of the Eastern Star allowed, in a conservative fashion, for women to belong to an organization with a traditional and respected history, while giving them a voice.

AN ADOPTIVE RITE

As he learned more about Masonry, Morris saw the introduction of women into Masonic organizations as a way to improve it. Morris had visited many Masonic lodges and found that often they were in disrepair and members were not adhering closely to Masonic rituals. He thought women would help "clean up" lodges and bring a higher standard of protocol. In addition, Freemasons "inspire philanthropy" and Morris felt women were more empathetic than men to the causes of widows and destitute children.

Perhaps the most important part of Morris's vision for the Eastern Star was not just to strengthen lodges, but to broaden the opportunities for women in the workforce, as he stated:

"And there is another practical result of the Eastern Star movement, the credit of which I am in no wise inclined to give to others; this is the broader opening that is offered to females for self-support. The deadly needle, the unwomanly washtub, the unwholesome country school, the sinew-wearying kitchen, are not now the only fields on which women, old and young, who are wrestling with the perplexities of human life, can win bread. Thousands and tens of thousands of places, cleanly, womanly, easy, and fairly profitable, have been opened to them since the story of the "Five Heroines of the Eastern Star" was first disseminated in 1850. In almost every post office and courthouse throughout the lands—in a great number of banks and libraries—at the desk of cashiers of mercantile houses—behind counters—but the catalogue need not be extended. Long as it is, it is daily lengthening, and every year the salaries of women are brought more nearly to those of men, as it is found they are equally accurate and expert in business, and that the defalcations, forgeries, and general rascalities with which our morning papers are defiled are commonly the work of men, rarely of women. (Jean M'Kee Kenaston, 1917)"

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And while Morris was by no means the first to introduce adoptive Masonry for women, he may well have been one of the most successful. The influence of female masonry and various degrees that had been established before Morris' development of the Eastern Star Degrees certainly influenced Morris, but the manner and style is "distinctly original" and from Morris' hand. According to his biographer, Dr. Thomas R. Austin in *A Well Spent Life* (1876):

"One thing is known to all readers of Masonic literature in America: that numerous degrees in which both sexes are admitted were in use among us long before Dr. Morris' day. The Heroine of Jericho, The Secret Monitor, The Masons Daughter, The Good Samaritan, The Ark and Dove, and others. Dr. Morris merely used his privilege as a Masonic teacher to invent and put into use other degrees of the same class but far superior in merit."

The OES gave women a platform of visibility at a time when women had little opportunity in business, government, and education. It embodied the power of women as a force to make positive changes in their lives specifically, and for women generally.

A MOVEMENT FOR THE TIME

Morris was intuitive for the times and his efforts reflected the major initiatives of the objectives of the 1848 Declaration of Sentiments. Morris's vision for the Order of the Eastern Star allowed, in a conservative fashion, for women to belong to an organization with traditional and respected history, while giving them a voice. Women could use the local Masonic lodge to socialize, organize, and provide charity for the community outside of their church and home; a great asset particularly in more isolated, rural areas. The OES also connected women to the larger framework of a Masonic fraternity that had already established itself within a national and international network.

On May 4, 1851, Rob wrote his wife Charlotte from Trenton, Tennessee in Gibson County. In this letter, he mentioned that he conferred degrees on more than 50 ladies and would do the same for her when he returned home. Of course, Morris's enthusiasm for the Order of the Eastern Star was met with resistance by those who felt women had no place in Masonry and he was often dubbed "The Petticoat Mason." Morris stated: "Letters were written to me, some signed, some anonymous, warning me that I was periling my own Masonic connections in the advocacy of this scheme." But these threats were of no avail.

The Order of the Eastern Star was the first membership organization in the United States that gave women a voice on a national scale. This was an extraordinary accomplishment given the distance separating the frontier communities from the more populated areas in the United States. The OES gave women a platform of visibility at a time when women had little opportunity in business, government, and education. It embodied the power of women as a force to make positive changes in their lives specifically, and for women generally. It stood as a beacon for women to get involved locally as well as nationally and internationally to improve society.

Nancy Stearns Theiss, PhD. grew up in LaGrange, not far from the Morris home. She is the executive director of the Oldham County Historical Society. Her book "A Place in the Lodge: Dr. Rob Morris, Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star" [2018] is available from Westphalia Press.



Holiday Self Care Checklist



Be alone



Plan for
difficult family



Create a new
tradition



Make a DIY self
care kit



Treat yourself



Slow down



Schedule a
therapy appt



Make a holiday
budget



Set boundaries



Journal



Reflect on the
year



Holiday stress
is temporary

see the rest at ambitiouslyalexa.com

LIYA CHAPTER #2

"Where Jesus says for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Truly I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me..."

- Matthew 25:35-40

It is with gratefulness that I can share Liya Chapter #2's charity events for the 4th quarter, which are as follows:

- The Harvey Strong Community Build,
- Creative Chicago Reuse and Exchange
- Urban Growers Collective
- American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk
- After-School Cheer Volunteer
- Deborah's Place Domestic Violence Shelter
- Goodwill Donations
- Pay it Forward Thanksgiving Giveaway
- Fisher House
- Veterans Administrative Hospital
- Feeding our seniors Thanksgiving Meals

We also participated in the Dolton Park District Toy Drive, ending our charity events. We served many charity hours and donated funds to those that are in need. To God be the glory! We look forward to our end of the year event with a bowling party in Sisterly love.

Sincerely,
WM Smith- Lee



TRINITY CHAPTER #3

Trinity Chapter #3 – 4th Quarter Recap!

We finished the year strong and in service!

Hosted our annual Pretty N Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Event

Walked in Sista Strut to support Breast Cancer survivors & angels

Sis. Carolyn Denne received her Queen of the South & Amaranth Degrees

Hosted Ice Cream Bingo Social at Montclair Senior Center

Celebrated the legacy of our Past Grand Matron (Indiana)

Donated 59 hygiene kits to Hurricane Melissa survivors

Supported Gyrls In The Hood Foundation with Donations

285+ volunteer hours

Invested money into our community for charity

Hosted Bingo Social at Montclair Senior Center with our Deputy & other Chapters

And we're not done-next up: volunteering to provide Christmas toys to deserving youth!

Here are our ensuing officers for 2026 year:

Worthy Matron-Sis. Cherie L. Barnes

Associate Matron-Sis. Sherri Richardson

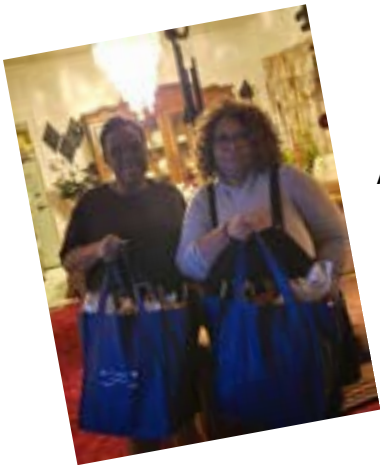
Secretary-Sis. Sadonia L. Ruff, PWM

Treasurer-Sis. Jeannine Carter

Conductress-Sis. Carolyn Denne

Associate Conductress-Sis. Kimberly Jones, PWM

Sis. Mercedes Byrd-Chair of Trustees



KAREN CHAPTER #4

Karen Chapter #4 completed the following Charities for the 4th Quarter:

- 1) Ronald McDonald's Oak Lawn
- 2) Breast Cancer Stride Walk
- 3) Hot Chocolate Run
- 4) Blaze Toy Drive
- 5) Zeta Phi Beta - Tau Xi Zeta Chapter
- 6) Dream Academy
- 7) NICU Christmas Outfits

Congratulations to Karen Chapter #4's newly Elected and Appointed Officers for 2026:

Worthy Matron - Sis. Amanda Pates
Associate Worthy Matron - Sis. Brown
Secretary - Sis. Priscilla Lee, PWM
Treasurer - Sis. Ebony Grisby-Terry, PWM
Conductress - Sis. Java Rogers
Associate Conductress - Sis. Cheronda Heard, PWM

Humbly Submitted,
Sis. Amanda Pates, WM
Karen Chapter #4



MORNING STAR CHAPTER #5

During the 4th Quarter, Morning Star Chapter #5 continued to serve the community. In October, we donated two grocery bags of non perishable items to Scouting for Food, donated to 4 bags of clothing and shoes to the Grand Charity Fun Drive and volunteered at Montclare Senior Homes Bingo with Hadassah #19, Liya #2 and Trinity #3.



Also in October, we fellowshipped with St. Matthews Lodge #11 for their 101st Anniversary.



In November, we participated in the Feed the Block event with Good Kids Mad City at Evening Star Baptist Church and Ewing Annex Hotel on Thanksgiving.



ESTHER CHAPTER #7

Esther Chapter #7 participated in the following for the 4th Quarter:

Supporting Imani Chapter #11's
Juke Joint Party



Bear Down Tailgate Party
for Suicide Prevention with our
Grand Deputy, Sis. Sadonia Ruff



Esther Chapter #7
supports suicide
prevention



Esther Chapter #7
fellowshipping
in St. Louis, Missouri



Thanksgiving Dinner Packing and
Distribution Event @ Covenant
United Church of Christ in South
Holland, Illinois



ELIZABETH CHAPTER #8

Elizabeth Chapter #8 supported QBGC, our Sister chapter Imani 11, and continued to give back to the community. We also participated in the Night Ministry with our brothers of Genesis Lodge #33, Food Drive with Trinity United Church of Christ, Cancer Patients and Deborah's Place. After our elections, we celebrated with lunch and our Secret Sister Gift Exchange.



HANNAH CHAPTER #10

This quarter, Hannah Chapter No. 10 continued our commitment to service and fellowship. We partnered with the seniors of Brainerd Park for a joyful afternoon of music, connection, and community. Our 70s-themed party brought fun, food, laughter, and lively bingo to our seniors. We also completed a outreach project with Vital Bridges, purchasing and donating over 300 essential items to support individuals on Chicago's South Side living with HIV/AIDS.

In December, we proudly adopted a family of five, providing Christmas presents and gifts to ensure they experienced a season filled with love and joy. Hannah Chapter remains devoted to uplifting our community with service, compassion, and light.



IMANI CHAPTER #11

Fraternal Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

During the final quarter of 2025, Imani Chapter continued with community outreach and support. Imani had the opportunity to help pack over 28,000 meals at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, IL. These meals were packed and sealed with love; they were sent to impoverished communities in Zambia and the Dominican Republic. We also helped pack over 3,000 Thanksgiving meals for families in need at Trinity United Church. (It was also great to see Sis. Kimberly Jones, PWM from Trinity Chapter #3 during this event!)



We also hosted A Day at the Juke Joint fundraiser in October, and did we let the good times roll! From the food and music to the dominoes and card tables going - a great time was had by all! As we look ahead to 2026, it is my pleasure to introduce Imani Chapter #11's newly elected officers:



Worthy Matron – Sis. Candice Peoples, PWM
Associate Matron – Sis. Cassandra James-Jackson, PWM
Secretary – Sis. Shondra Cooper, PWM
Treasurer – Sis. Nicole Coleman, PWM
Conductress – Sis. Tasha Staples
Associate Conductress – Sis. Cassandra Johnson
Chair of Trustee – Sis. Jeanna Brown

We wish everyone a blessed holiday season and a prosperous new year!


Fraternally yours,
Worthy Matron Sis. Jeanna Brown



DORA CHAPTER #14

Dora Chapter 14

 Ruth 1:16

Where you go I will go,
and where you stay I will stay.
Your people will be my people
and your God my God. 



Sis. Sabrina Dawson,
Worthy Matron

Sisterhood is the thread that weaves us together—through joys and trials, through labor and rest. It teaches us patience, compassion, and understanding. It reminds us that no Sister walks alone; that when one is in need, we all extend our hands in love.

There is no better friend than a sister!!



POOLE CHAPTER #18

Poole Chapter #18 celebrated our 29th Year Anniversary With Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter and 72 Years in existence as an active working order. This year was celebrated with a beautiful dinner at Smoke's Bistro Grill & Restaurant.

Our College Trunk Party Recipient, Madison Harris, is attending Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, majoring In Pre-Med. She is following in her maternal grandfather's footsteps on becoming medical doctor. She is enjoying her school experience and life in the south. She's extremely grateful for our gifts and love.

Poole Chapter #18's Associate Matron Elect Sister Brenda Miles and Associate Conductress Sister Carolyn Ausby, along with Poole, hosted a free Thanksgiving Dinner for the community of Pembroke Township on Thanksgiving Day because charity is what we do!

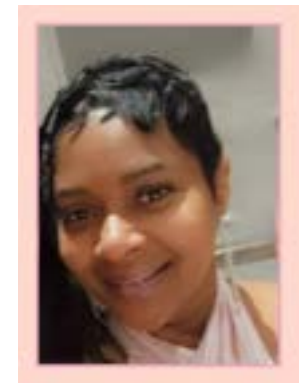


ELECTA CHAPTER #20



JOINT WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

The Joint Grand Ways and Means Committee proudly coordinated events and fundraisers throughout the year, allowing us the opportunity to fellowship - ensuring not only successful outcomes, but meaningful moments shared in unity. It has been a wonderful journey working alongside both the Grand Worshipful Master and the Grand Worthy Matron, as well as the brothers and sisters of our organization. We are truly grateful for the support and partnership shown this year. As we close out, we reflect on the work accomplished and the joy shared. Blessings and Happy Holidays to all.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Bingo with a Twist may be a simple game, but in this community, it did something extraordinary bringing people together. This event filled the room with laughter, friendly competition, and familiar faces. In moments like these, the capital campaign event became more than a fundraiser, it became a community movement. The Capital Campaign Committee extends its deepest appreciation to every member who has supported capital campaign initiatives over the past 3 years.

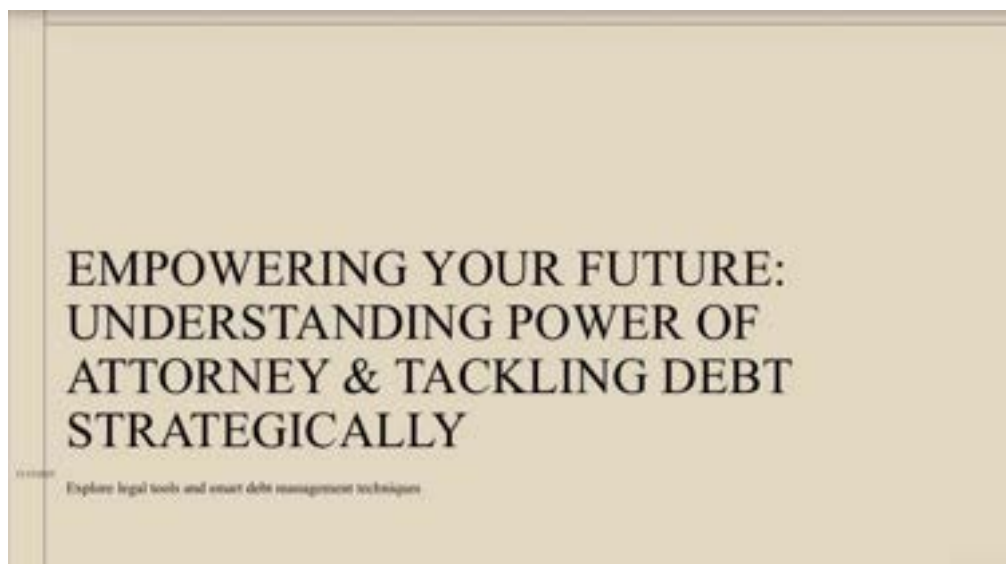


HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Greetings! The Health and Wellness completed two presentations for the month of November:

- Chasing the Sun & Running with the Blues
- Empowering Your Future: Understanding Power of Attorney & Tackling Debt Strategically

We would like to thank you for making this a successful year! We hope we were able to provide information and activities that will help you better understand all aspects of your health.



EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
ST. JAMES GRAND LODGE
QUEEN BEATRICE GRAND CHAPTER
EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

2025 Scholarship & Grant Recipients



Jayla Smith

3X Fred Daniels Scholarship Awardee



Journei Beal

Esther Johnson Scholarship Awardee

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kaley Perryman

Saniyah As-Salaam

Destiny Dixon

Mark Rodriguez

Noah Roberts

Aaliyah Eubanks

Chelsea Love

Sarah Tumbs

Saliyah As-Salaam

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Yazmere Bose

Autumn Bell

Philip Johnson Jr.

Destini Ballard

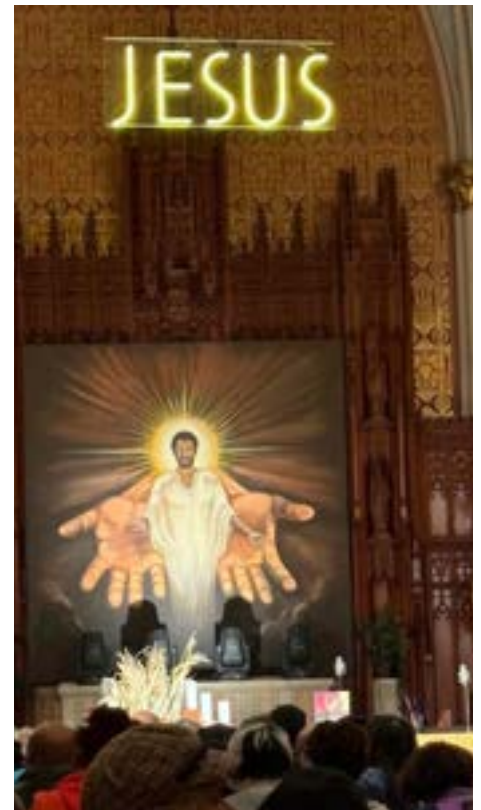
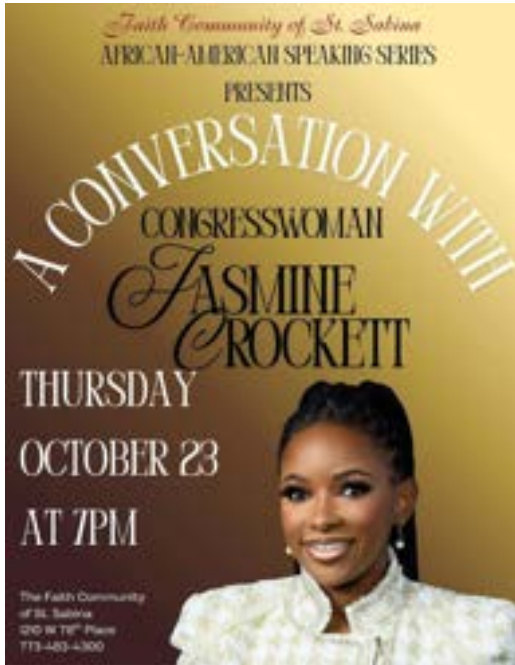
Kayla Jones

Kendall Pace

Karizma Gillespie

SOCIAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

On October 23, 2025, QBGC attended A Conversation with Congresswoman Jazmine Crockett at The Faith Community of St. Sabina. It was an honor to hear her speak about how community members can stay engaged and hold elected officials accountable.



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N'ZINGA GRAND COUNCIL OF LADY KNIGHTS

Greetings Queen Beatrice Grand Chapter,

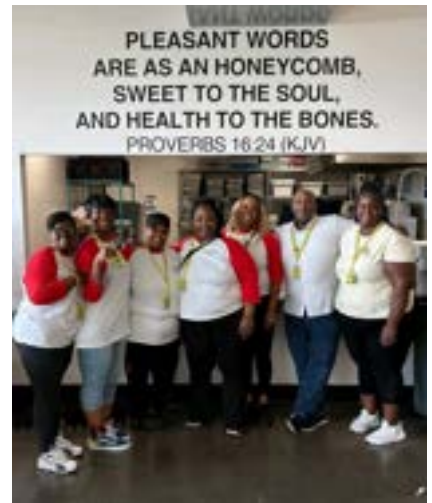
To God be the Glory! As we embrace another blessed year, we acknowledge the growth, strength, and divine purpose that continue to guide our journey. N'Zinga Grand Council of Lady Knights is composed of three distinguished subordinate councils—Naomi Council #1 under the leadership of Lady Sadonia Ruff (Chief Counselor), Kenya Council #2 under the leadership of Lady Senecca Perkins (Chief Counselor), and Sy'Rai Council #3 under the leadership of Lady Cheryl Hall (Chief Counselor) — each doing remarkable work within the community. Their unwavering dedication reflects the mission, integrity, and spirit of service that define our great house and uplift all who encounter our work.

As we move forward, I challenge each of you to remain steadfast and focused. There may be moments when you question your purpose or wonder why you were chosen for this path. Yet know this: your labor is not in vain. Our organization touches countless lives through scholarships, partnerships, and charitable endeavors that strengthen and elevate our communities. The fruits of your service speak loudly, and I am profoundly grateful for every effort, every sacrifice, and every act of love offered in the name of our shared mission.

May we continue to flourish—deepening our knowledge, expanding our outreach, and walking daily in grace, dignity, and unity. You are each a reflection of God's splendor, and it is an honor to serve alongside you.

With love and peace always,

Lady Rebecca El, Grand Chief Counselor
N'Zinga Grand Council of Lady Knights
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ORDER OF EASTERN STAR



Upon each Sister of the
EASTERN STAR
doth steal,

Fidelity, Patience, Purity,
Faith and Zeal.

Each Sister of the Eastern Star doth see
Light and Joy, Truth and Sincerity
And as the rays lead from the darkness afar
They rest upon the points of the Eastern Star

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