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"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."— Nelson Mandela TPHFM Volume 5 - Issue 16 - Winter 2022

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## ELECTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2022-2023



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# **MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER**

I bring you Holiday Season Greetings from the office of the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas and its Jurisdiction. It is my prayer that you are experiencing the bountiful blessings of Our Heavenly Father, the Grand Architect of the Universe. Once more, He has allowed us

to reach the "high-twelve" of another Masonic Year. This gives us an opportunity to pause, reflect and assess what we have done thus far and then plan how we should move forward to make the remainder of the Masonic year a productive, positive, and successful year as men and Masons.

As we reflect, I want to thank everyone for a most successful 2022 Mid-Winter Special Grand Session and Workshops. This includes the officers, presenters, and participants. Thank all who contributed to the Charitable Foundation. A special thanks to the Texas Prince Hall Masonic Bodies who made donations for the charitable and youth programs of the Grand Lodge. We all are one. Congratulations to the sixty newly raised Master Masons. Additionally, my hat comes off for all who promoted registration, education, and most importantly who voted your conviction in the Mid-Year elections. You insured the future of our nation's democracy. As we look forward, we plan for Christmas Gift Give-Aways, food, and clothes drives, participating in the Appendant and Concordant Body conventions, approving proposed constitution changes, elections, and preparation for our One Hundred Forty-Eighth Annual Communication in June. We still have work to do. I conclude with my words of wisdom. As we experience the continuing economical, sociological, and spiritual changes, we must continue to maintain our standards that we exhibited to be qualified to become Masons. When the forestated conditions take a turn for the worse, we are to stay the course. We need to continue to shine the light of truth, brotherly love, and morality so that others may see us and say, "There goes an upright man; he must be a Texas Prince Hall Mason."

Our Rule and Guide has a word for us to anchor our lives. It is in the Holy Bible, 1 Corinthians 15:58, and states: "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain". To be steadfast and unmovable is to be spiritually grounded. A steadfast person knows what he believes and cannot be "tossed back and forth by the waves and blown here and there by every wind of teaching" (Ephesians 4:14). An unmovable person can hear false teaching, engage doubters, and defend truth without it shaking his own faith. The Freemasonry I practice symbolically teaches and direct us to morally live a life that when our work is completed on this side of life, our aprons will be spotless and without stain. No matter what the situations and conditions, we are steadfast and unmovable.

I remain.... Fraternally yours, Most Worshipful Wilbert M. Curtis, Grand Master





# <u>District #1</u>

On 09-10-2022, the DDGM Rodney Hartfield hosted a district meeting in Hughes Springs, Texas. This meeting was hosted by DDGM's home lodge, Love Chapel #558 [where he is also the Worshipful Master]. DDGM Bryan Vaughn and all lodges of District II were invited to attend. Lodges represented were: Olive Branch #19 (Paris), Golden Compass #60 (Pittsburg), Columbia #81 (Sulphur Springs), Bee Hive #105 (Greenville), Sunset #144 (Texarkana) and Love Chapel #558 (Hughes Springs). Agenda topics titles included, "The Importance of Rituals and Bylaws", "Building a Lodge: One Brother at a Time" and "Commitment and Dedication – Don't Talk About It! Be About It!" The meeting was well attended with 20 Brothers participating. Brothers enjoyed a scrumptious chicken spaghetti meal with fixings. Friend and relatives of Love Chapel's brethren volunteered their services to present the meal and donated desserts that included homemade bread pudding, butter milk pie, sweet potato pie and lemon pound cake.



# <u>District #1</u>

On 09-11-2022, the Brothers of Love Chapel #558 visited the church of Worshipful Master Rodney Hartfield in Texarkana as recognition of Prince Hall Americanism Day. Pastor David Watson of Tower of Power Ministries and congregation welcomed the lodge with open arms. WM Hartfield was allowed to address the congregation about Prince Hall his relationship to and establishment of Free and Accepted Masonry in our country. After the church services, the brethren was invited to a home cooked spread prepared by the wife of WM Hartfield who also decorated their home for the occasion. A good time was had by all who attended.



District 14, DDGM Vendal L. Adderley, Sr.

# PRINCE HALL AMERICANISM DAY

Story by: Michael DuBose, SDDGM September 11, 2022

A big thank you to Most Worshipful Grand Master Wilbert M. Curtis, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Michael Berry,Sr., Grand Lodge Officers, members of the 14th Masonic District, Norris Wright Cuney Order of the Eastern Stars, and South Union Missionary Baptist Church in Marlin, Texas where Pastor (DDGM) Norris Jackson brought the message in celebrating Prince Hall Americanism Day.





Prince Hall Americanism Day is a day of rejuvenation. Being in the midst of the Brothers and Sisters gathered under the umbrella of PHA is vital in keeping our unified bond; But there's just something very special when we take time to honor the man, Prince Hall, and listen to some of the things that he has done to pave the way for the men and woman of color. While we are celebrating and honoring our founder, we are reminded that many years ago, this opportunity was not so prevalent. I am confident that I speak for all Brothers and Sisters within this great organization that it is truly something to be proud of and an honor to be able to boldly say...

I AM PRINCE HALL!



The 27th annual Acres Homes Thanksgiving Dinner was a complete success! Highland Heights #200 along with our fellow District 15-A brothers, Order of Eastern Star, Houston, TX. Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi and Houston Health Dept served over 200 hot meals to the public. Afterwards US Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee provided us with an inspiring speech and presented a certificate of congressional recognition for our charitable presence in the Acres Homes community!

May our hearts be filled with thanks and giving!!





#### presents

## #LOVEYOURSELFFIRST COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

#### Topic:

#### "How Can We Make A Difference In Domestic Abuse & Mental Health?"

- Saturday, 22nd October 2022
- 10:00 AM 1:00 PM
- Interactive College of Technology 2950 S. Gessner Rd

#### Supporters:





For more information, please contact Cherlyn Latham at 832.785. 4471 or houstonspeakout@gmail.com

#### GUEST PANELIST

#### **Baytown Turning Point**

AVDA Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

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#### End Domestic Abuse

Give support to the victims and survivors



# District 15B Ernest Lee Hatter Jr PRINCE HALL AMERICANISM DAY



Prince Hall Americanism Day Church at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Hitchcock and Brunch with the District 15B - MWPHGLOTX PHA FAMILY .



Attentive Ear Lodge # 350 P.H.A. in District 16 located in Missouri City, Texas had their 1st Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Basket Giveaway on Sunday, November 20,2022. The lodge raised funds to purchase turkeys and its members donated all of the grocery items to go in each basket. The 10 families who received the baskets lived in the Missouri City, Stafford, Fresno and SW Houston areas. The event was held at the Quail Green Clubhouse in Missouri City, Texas. The following brothers worked to make sure the event was a huge success. In the photo left to right

PM Fred Walker, PM Michael Parker, JW Ronald Goodwin, WM Alton Baines, PM Dorian Carter, Bro. Delbert Simpers- Co Chairman, PM Edward Brown II -Chairman, Bro. Jabari Mc Coy & PM Dallas Singleton - Co Chairman. WM Baines said that he looks forward to Attentive Ear Lodge #350 helping twice as many families next year and addressing other needs that are pressing in our community.

**Fraternally Yours** 

Edward W. Brown II Past Master -Attentive Ear Lodge # 350- PHA Project Chairman

# Attentive Ear Lodge #350 Helps Kids Start the School Year Off Right with Donations

Story and Pictures by Edward W. Brown, II, Past Master

MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS - Attentive Ear Lodge #350- P.H.A. in District 16 had its annual Back to School Drive in August. Through its fund-raising efforts, the lodge was able to donate school supplies to three schools in the Missouri City/Stafford area. This donation was given to Thurgood Marshall Sr. High School in Missouri City, Texas.



In the photo Left to Right Ms. Tia Maxwell-Bldg. Administrator, Ms. Tamera Williams- Asst. Principal, P.M. Michael Parker, Bro. Enoch Charles, P.M. Robert Coleman, & P.M. Edward Brown II.

The administrators from all three schools were very grateful for the donation, citing that all schools, especially those that are designated Title I Schools, are still feeling the impact of COVID-19 and supply chain issues. Many students who attend these schools are economically disadvantaged and are unable to procure the necessary implements that are desperately needed in order to participate in a daily instructional program. Attentive Ear Lodge #350 recognizes this need and decided as a cohesive unit to spring into action and bring relief to as many students as we can in the Fort Bend Independent School District.



This Back-to-School donation was given to Stafford Elementary School in Stafford, Texas. In the photo Left to Right, P.M. Michael Parker, Bro. Enoch Charles, Dr. Jannell Toussant - Vice Principal, P.M. Edward Brown II & P.M. Dallas Singleton





This Back-to-School Supply donation was given to Hunters Glen Elementary School in Missouri City, Texas. In the photo left to right, P.M. Michael Parker, Mr. Lavanta Williams- Principal, Mrs. Tiffany Williams, P.M. Robert Coleman, Bro. Enoch Charles, P.M. Edward Brown II

## Masonic District 24 Of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas

Prince Hall Americanism Day



Members of District 24 met at St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church located at 1202 Russell St., Pflugerville, TX on September 11, 2022, at 10:30 am to celebrate Prince Hall Americanism Day. The celebration was hosted by Thomas H. Keithley Lodge #45.



After prayer, District 24 proceeded into the Sanctuary



Pastor Richard A. Coaxumbroke the word of life.







The worship service began with Praise and Worship

We had the honor of witnessing a Baptism of a young Soul giving his life to Christ! His young man was given his Certificate of Baptism while his family gave him their support. From L to R; PDDGMAt-LGE Marvin Kelker, PDDGME Arthur M. Sauls, and DDGM Tommy D. Levi Sr.





After the Worship Services were complete, we took pictures and gathered in the Fellowship hall to break bread.







## Masonic District 24 Of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas

#### "Traveling to the Polls" Lodges from the North

In observance of the "Traveling to the Polls," initiative Members of District 24 met at two different locations, in the South, and in the North to show our solidarity and to encourage members, family, neighbors, and friends to get out and cast their vote because it their right, this is a right that many before us fought, bled, and died for us to have the right vote.



Sunday, October 30th at Lions Park in Killeen Texas, DDGM Tommy D. Levi Sr. gave remarks, he then asked PDDGMAt-LGE Marvin Kelker to lead us in prayer and DDGM Victor Wiggins to lead us in a hymn of praise.

"Travel to the Polls" Lodges from the South





We had greetings and words of encouragement from some of the State Heads of House who was in attendance; Deputy for the Orient of Texas, SGIG Elvis Irby, Deputy for the Desert of Texas HPIC Edwina Evans, and SGLLAR Ruby Jamerson.



## Nolan Creek Lodge No. 227, Masonic District 24 Of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas

"Back to School with God"



On 6 August 22, Members of Nolan Creek Lodge No.227, donated \$250.00 toward the purchase and assisted in handing out over 400 backpacks and school supplies in a join teffort with Mt. Zion UM Church, and 1st Baptist Church "Back to School with God Program" here in the Belton Community.



During this time, as students are getting ready to return to school, the community comes together and provides different services, members of the Belton Fire Department, Belton Police Department, Buffalo Soldiers, and Local Barbers provide free haircuts, apetting zoo, and many other services are provided at no cost.



## Nolan Creek Lodge No. 227, Masonic District 24 Of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas

## Prince Hall Americanism Day

On 11 September 22, members of Nolan Creek traveled to Pflugerville, TX in support of THK Lodge No. 45 and in celebration of Prince Hall Americanism Day where we worshiped with St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church where the

Rev. Richard A. Coaxumis Pastor. St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church located at 1202 Russell St., Pflugerville,TX





## Southwest Elementary School Belton Texas

On 16 August 22 at 9:00 am we donated Backpacks and school supplies to our adapted school (Southwest Elementary School Belton Texas). Nolan Creek was assisted by Mrs .Angela Lowe who is a loyal supporter of Nolan Creek by donating \$200.00 towards the purchase of these Backpacks and school supplies.







## PRIDE OF KILLEEN #620 (POK620) 1ST ANNUAL SICKLE CELL ANEMIA AWARENESS WALK SEPTEMBER 10, 2022



Written by Chaplain Tony Swanson

Pride of Killeen #620 held its first ever Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Walk on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Lions Park in Killeen Texas. The event began with an opening prayer by the chaplain. The event was planned and coordinated by Mr. Terrance Townsend (POK620) and his wife Mrs. Renee Townsend. The Townsend's have a very personal but tragic connection with the sickle cell anemia disease. In 2013 their son Rashaud died at the age of 24 having lived with the disease years longer than the doctor's prognosis. The Townsend's never waiver in their faith knowing that Jesus Christ is their doctor regardless of what others may say.

So, what is sickle cell anemia? Sickle cell anemia or sickle cell disease (SCD) is a genetic disease of the red blood cells (RBC). Normal RBCs are shaped like a disc so that they can pass through even the smallest blood vessels. However, with this disease RBCs have an abnormal crescent shape like a sickle. This makes them sticky and rigid and prone to get trapped in blood vessels blocking blood flow through the body. The walk participants consisted of men, women, and children of all ages. Members of POK620 and other lodges came out to show their support. The walking course was about 1mile long. Water and other refreshing drinks awaited the crowd at the finish. When Bro. Terrance Townsend first talked to WM Johuntas Hawkins regarding the walk and asking for support from the lodge, the response was an immediate "lets do it" and every brother agreed to support this very important cause as well as their brother's charity. At the end of the walk Mr. & Mrs. Townsend asked everyone to gather around as they gave us an excellent informative speech about sickle cell anemia and its impact particularly on the black and brown populations. During the speech Bro. Townsend mentioned the importance of knowing the different types of sickle cell anemia such as Hemoglobin SS (most common) and Hemoglobin SC (2nd most common). He emphasized that if you and your partner are planning to have children that it is highly recommended that you first have a blood test.

The Townsend's goal is to continue spreading sickle cell awareness to everyone just as their son had done for many years before his passing. The entire crowd became excited when the Townsend's announced that next year's walk was already in the planning, and they expected to have T-shirts printed with a sickle cell logo. The event ended with a prayer.

# District #26B DDGM Luis A Rivera #649



Derek L. Clayton #649 supports Camp Humphreys, Korea Army Emergency Relief program with a \$500 donation. (From left to right: Bro Samuel Snyder, Mr. Allen Rivera-AER representative, Bro Gualberto Ramos and Bro Dwight Williams.) Brothers and Soldiers supporting Soldiers.

Derek L. Clayton #649 participates in the Humphreys High School Senior Awards Program Day on May 26, 2022. WM Larry D. Suggs Sr. presents \$1,000.00 College Scholarship Awards to 2 deserving graduating seniors. The recipient winners are Bri'an Watson and Loretta St. Andre. 'Derek L. Clayton #649 on a Mission to Make a Difference '.



# Masons work to revive lodge

n the southeast corner of Wesley Chapel AME is a cornerstone laid by the Thomas H. Keithley Masonic Lodge No. 45 on October 22, 1904.

While many older buildings in Georgetown have Masonic cornerstones, Wesley Chapel AME Church stands out because it was laid by a Black Prince Hall Masonic Lodge chartered on June 19, 1888 — Juneteenth.

The Thomas H. Keithley Lodge is an affiliate of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Texas and its Jurisdictions.

Prince Hall, who was enslaved and later freed, and several other Black individuals were rejected when they tried to join a Masonic Lodge in Boston in the 1770s. Mr. Hall sought and was granted permission from the Grand Lodge of England to organize lodges in the United States for Black citizens in 1784. Remarkably, that was nearly 90 years before the Emanci-



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

> Katherine Kerr Kubatzky

permission with the condition the group recharter using the Thomas H. Keithley Lodge, the 45th Prince Hall Lodge in Texas.

On June 20, 2019, the Thomas H. Keithley Lodge was officially rechartered. Now numbering about 20 members, the group has no physical lodge. The group meets monthly at the Allen R. Baca Center in Round Rock. Mr. Featherston said they hope to have their own building in the future.

Reginald Turner Sr., who was the worshipful master at the time the lodge was dissolved 30 years ago, said he is pleased that the lodge is coming back.

Today's Prince Hall Masons are diverse with members of many races, ethnicities and religious beliefs, said Mr. Featherston.

Members of the lodge are service oriented and come from a variety of occupations and over half have a military background. Many have family members or ancestors who were Masons. The group supports the Round Rock Blue Santa program, feeding the homeless in Austin on Thanksgiving Day, conducting clothing drives and offering scholarships.

Masons exist to "make good men better ... and offer fellowship with like-minded men," said Mr. Turner. Those invited to join the lodge are screened for good character and a heart for service.

For more information about the Thomas H. Keithley Lodge, contact Mr. Featherston at dfeatherston1960@gmail. com. pation Proclamation granted freedom to people who were enslaved.

The Thomas H. Keithley Lodge used to have a building at the corner of West Fourth and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in Georgetown. That structure was torn down after the city of Georgetown used the power of eminent domain to take over it and other lots said Worshipful Master David Featherston, which is the equivalent of president in other organizations.

The lodge operated until 1991, when it was dissolved because of dwindling membership. In 2018, several members of three Prince Hall Freemasonry lodges in Austin petitioned to establish a suburban lodge



David Featherston. Worshipful Master of the Thomas H. Keithley Prince Hall Masonic Lodge. points out the cornerstone laid at Wesley Chapel AME.



Prince Hall Masonic member Past Master Otho Wilbur, left: District Deputy Tommy Levi, Worshipful Master David Featherston, Grand Master of Texas Prince Hall Masons and its Jurisdictions Wilbert Curtis, Past Master Reginald Turner, and Special Deputy Robert Wright gather during a recent district meeting of the local lodge.

# The Texas Priory of Knights Changes Leadership

#### Story by Ronald D. Gerac, M.Ed., KYGCH

FORT WORTH, TEXAS - During the 4th Annual Conclave of the Ivory Johnson, Jr. Priory #20, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, held in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas on Friday, September 23, 2022, Eminent Prior Benjamin Burleson (in absentia) passed the reins of leadership to former Deputy Prior, Knight Dr. Bernard F. Samuel, KYCH. Dr. Samuel is the Priory's 3rd elected Eminent Prior in its brief 3-year history and brings a wealth of York Rite leadership to the position. Past Eminent Prior Burleson still serves the Priory as its 3rd elected Registrar (secretary). The top 5 elected officers for the 2022-2023 year are:

- Eminent Prior: Knight Bernard Samuel
- Deputy Prior: Knight Raymond Keys, III Warder
- of the Temple: Knight Julius Wright
- · Registrar: Knight Benjamin Burleson, PEP(absent)
- Treasurer: Knight Big Bryce Hardin, I



Ivory Johnson, Jr. Priory #20 was established in 2019 and chartered in 2020. The Priory is beholding to the Convent General of the United States of America, Incorporated, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Prince Hall Affiliated. Knight Daniel "D.T." Thompson, KYGCH, currently serves as this Body's titular head, the Most Eminent Grand Master-General.







#### Venus Ambrister Court #17 Luling, Texas Heroine Geneva Garcia Davis, Most Ancient Matron Heroine Annice Brawley, Senior Matron Heroine Karen Brown, Junior Matron



What an exciting and busy season for Venus Ambrister Court #17. Just one year after losing our Most Ancient Matron, Ada Johnson, grappling for a solid ground on which to stand, the Court regrouped and Most Ancient Matron Geneva Garcia Davis took the helm, and with her leadership, the Court recalibrated and has stayed the course.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many were affected by tragedy, endured loss, and devastating blows of the shelter in place and

isolation. So, when Venus Ambrister Court #17 announced our Texas Tea Black Tie event, it was a welcome breath of fresh air. People were eager to purchase a ticket and have an excuse to shop and dress-up.

The purpose of the Texas Tea event was to raise funds to support our Court queen candidate at Grand session and to generate general funds to support the Court's charity and benevolence activities in the community. In addition to the financial goals of the Texas Tea Black Tie event, we invited perspective recruits to join us, as well with a mind to solicit their interest in joining the HOJ family.

Saxophonist, George Crump out of Dallas, Texas, provided soft jazz music during the Venus Ambrister Court #17 Black Tie event. Our Most Ancient Matron, Geneva Garcia Davis, provided information about HOJ history and the Youth Palace.

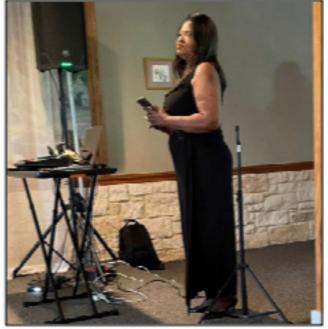
Several key community individuals were also honored at the Texas Tea Black Tie event. Our long-standing Worshipful Joshua, Homer Williams, the twins of one of our Heroine sisters who were faithful in fundraising, Darielle and Raquelle Cyphers; two members of one of the oldest youth oriented black clubs in Lockhart, Texas, the Progressive Club, the daughter of one of our first black commissioners in Lockhart, Texas, that previously passed away received acknowledgement on behalf of her father, Kenny Roland, and others.

One of our guests said, "I've been wanting to do something like this for awhile. Thank you." One perspective recruit stated" I love it. When is the next event? I'm ready to sign up right now." Even today, when greeted on the streets, people are still talking about the Venus Ambrister Court #17 Texas Tea Black Tie event.

The event was catered by Golden Corral. The menu included baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, Tea, and cake for dessert.

Venus Ambrister Court #17 participated in a four-day virtual fundraiser selling Double Good Popcorn. A portion of funds were used for the Court's Grand Queen scholarship donation and for building the Ark for the Court



























#### Venus Ambrister Court #17 Texas Tea Black Tie Event

Honorees





#### Venus Ambrister Court #17 Lockhart, Texas Annice Brawley, Queen

During the 2019 Grand session, Most Ancient Matron, Ada Johnson, asked Senior Matron Annice Brawley to sign up as the Venus Ambrister Court #17 Youth Palace Queen. In obedience to the leader, Heroine Annice signed up and was made as Queen of the Venus Ambrister Court #17 Youth Palace. At the time we had no prospective youth.

We ultimately pursued the four grandchildren of Junior Matron Karen Brown. Even before the youth were signed up, they began to serve in the community on behalf of Venus Ambrister Court #17. The youth were invited to partner with Retired Nurses Group of Caldwell County ("RNGCC") to volunteer their services at the RNGCC Health Fair. The youth helped with set-up, take-down, assisted at the vendor tables, as well as functioned as runners. Not only were the youth extremely helpful with this community service, but they also had a great time and were even encouraged and excited about signing up to assist with the next community outreach event, the Venus Ambrister Court #17 1st Texas Tea Black-Tie event.



The youth helped with the set-up and breakdown, decorations, and managed the registration table greeting guests, assisting with seating, and accepting payments. It was a great experience for the youth and the event gave them good exposure.

This event increased the interest of one more youth who then wanted to join the Palace as well. In addition, four of the youth were initiated during the 2022 Grand Youth Palace session.

Venus Ambrister Court #17 Youth Palace later adopted the name Willie's Peak. The youth of Willie's Peak partnered with MOCOP KIDS and participated in building gift boxes online for children during our quarterly meeting as part of the Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child project. The gift boxes containing a bible, toys, clothing, personal items, etc. are shipped to children all over the world as part of a mission's ministry sharing the Gospel one shoebox at a time.

Willie's Peak also partnered with Golden Age Assisted Living donating candy for the Monster Bash recreation event for the elderly.











# Cuney Court # 231 Huntsville, Texas

On October 8, 2022, Cuney Court Chapter #231 of Huntsville, Texas, hosted our Fifth Annual Parade of Hats.

The Cuney Court Chapter #231 Parade of Hats is an annual event with a dual purpose of fashion fun and joyful competition, as well as provides the court with a fundraising opportunity to support the court's community and charity services.

The Parade of Hats was initially introduced by the Court as an event honoring the elder members of Cuney Court Chapter #231. The Parade of Hats was so successful that the Court converted it into a fundraising event now established for the purpose of supporting the court finances.

The 2022 Parade of Hats hosted by the Cuney Court Chapter #231 was held at First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Texas, The Reverend Otis Cunningham, Pastor.

The Parade of Hats event was filled with family and friends adorned with beautiful hats in a vast array of styles, colors, and shapes. The sisters had on outstandingly elegant "Sunday-go-to-meeting" frocks, and as if that wasn't enough, the Cuney Court Chapter #231 Parade of Hats was topped off with an encouraging word spoken by guest speaker, Most Ancient Matron Betty Thomas of the Lakeview Court.

The winners of the Parade of Hats were Mattie Hastings, Gwen Garrett, Carolyn Gambrel, and Joseph Wiggs.



Fifth Annual Parade of Hats Fundraiser



The Winners!! Left to Right: Mattie Hastings, Gwen Garrett, Carolyn Gambrel, and Joseph Wiggs



Left to right: Debra Johnson (Most Ancient Matron), Allyson Kelly (Junior Matron), Terri Hagans (Treasurer), Monica Merchant (District Deputy)



Left to right Anissa Antwine (Heroine), Yolanda Martin-Scott (Secretary), Cassandra McNeil (Senior Matron), Jermaine McNeil (Knight)



Guest Speaker Most Ancient Matron Betty Thomas

Submitted by: Debra Johnson (MAM)

#### Mellie Arps/Living Stream Court #195 Tyler Texas

Mellie Arps/Living Stream Court #195, Tyler, Texas, hosted the Annual Big Hat Bow Ties on July 30, 2022, at the Potpourri House in Tyler honoring our Centennial members, Heroine Pearlie Edwards and Heroine Magnolia Biggs.

Oh, what a time we had. We had the pleasure of fellowshipping with Grand Most Ancient Matron Fannie Bellard, and Grand Secretary Charlotta Deamus. The guest speaker, Evangelist Kassondra Perry-Weaver, gave an excellent presentation on Sisterhood.

Grand Most Ancient Matron Fannie Bellard spoke on the future of Heroines of Jericho in Texas, dispensation for new membership, and the annual fundraiser, "the 1884".

Grand Secretary Charlotta Deamus also spoke on upcoming deadlines.



The afternoon was filled with a fashion show displaying our hats. Mistress of Ceremony Anetha Francis Adorned us with different hats.



The menu included chicken, roast beef, vegetables, and potatoes. We played games and gave recognition to honored guest. Heroine Shakendra Hawkins and Heroine Sonya Baker received certificates of appreciation.

In the month of June, the Mellie Arps/Living Stream Court #195 attended the Juneteenth Parade.

On October 16,2022, Mellie Arps/Living Stream Court #195 participated in the Tyler Rose Parade.

Since 2021, we have participated in the PATH of Rice and Beans program. In October, we made our annual contribution to PATH of Rice and Beans donating over 300 pounds of rice and beans each year. We have been blessed each year to do more than the last year.

The Most Ancient Matron of Mellie Arps/Living Stream #195 is Myrtle Sherman.

# Centennial Birthday Sonoree

#### Mrs. Magnolia Biggs



Mrs. Magnolia Biggs was born October 3, 1921, in Winona, Texas, and Yes! She celebrated her 101st birthday this month!

Mrs. Biggs is a member of Carter's Temple CME church, Tyler TX. She is the mother of nine (9) children and still lives in her home in Tyler.

Mrs. Biggs began her journey "On the Jericho Road" with the Heroines, very early in life as a member of the Youth Group (Palace Child).

She has served in various positions (both local and Grand) during her many years

as a Heroine to include:

- Most Ancient Matron/West Erwin Ct. #478
- Regional Director
- District Deputy Grand Matron
- Special Deputy
- Honorary Past Grand Most
- Ancient Matron.

Mrs. Biggs' daughter reports that she enjoys family gatherings and loves deserts and home cooked meals.

When asked to what she contributes her longevity Mrs. Biggs simply states, "To live and depend on the Lord".

# Centennial Birthday Sonoree

Mrs. Pearlie Edwards



Mrs. Pearlie V. Edwards was born February 15, 1922, in Smith County, Texas and currently resides in the Shady Grove Community, Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Edwards is a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church where she is recognized as Mother of the Church.

Her immediate family consists of 7 children, 15 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, and 7 great, great grandchildren.

Mr. Edwards' family describes her as their "Shero" at 100 years young. Often advising the immediate and extended family as a sister, an aunt, cousin, church mom and neighborhood mom. They commented, "We thank God for blessing us with her, as she in turn blesses us with her love, wisdom and spiritual guidance."

Every Sunday, Mrs. Edwards (affectionally called Queen Pearlie) sits on her favorite church pew, wearing one of her extravagant church hats, waving her hand or occasionally standing, praising our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She exudes Godliness, class, and elegance.

Mrs. Edwards' hobbies are cooking for her family and friends, reading her Bible, listening to her vintage gospel music, and watching westerns on TV. Her favorite scripture is "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" – John 3:16.

If you ask her what is her secret to living to see 100 years, she answers, "It's no secret what God can do - it is all because of Him and I thank God for His Grace and Mercy!"



## Annual Big Hat Bow Ties





Mellie Arps/Living Stream Court #195



The Potpourri House 320 Troup Hwy Ste 300 Tyler Texas

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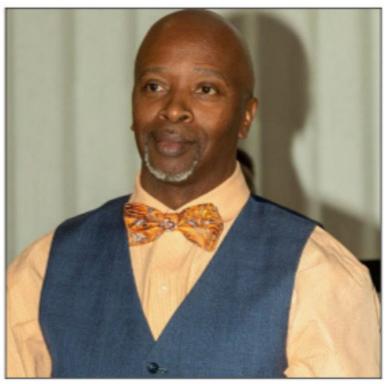












## PATH OF RICE AND BEANS







## JUNETEENTH AND TYLER ROSE PARADE













#### Junior Bethel Palace #103 Tyler, Tx Princess Aaliyah Thatcher, Ancient Princess Heroine Anetha D. Francis, Queen (903) 520-6371

The Junior Bethel Palace #103 is no way shy when it comes to helping others. Over the past two years, they have shown the true virtues upon which the organization was built: *friendship, charity, unity, benevolence, economy, thrift, love relief, fidelity, justice, and race pride*.

Junior Bethel Members donated clothes and other items to the less fortunate attending the "Under the Bridge" Program on the fourth Saturday of every month.



It was last year, 2021, when Queen Anetha organized an outdoor community service project to help local ranchers clean up around their farm. Members of Junior Bethel picked up debris, built a wood pile, fed the cattle, took a tractor ride all over a three-hour period, and then dined with the ranchers.











#### Junior Bethel Palace #103 Tyler, Tx Princess Aaliyah Thatcher, Ancient Princess Heroine Anetha D. Francis, Queen (903) 520-6371

Two of our members attended the 2022 Grand Session and are Grand Officers: Princess Aaliyah Thatcher serves as the Grand Outer Gate Keeper and Princess Ashlyn Thatcher serves as Grand Recordress.



Junior Bethel Grand Outer Gate Keeper Aaliyah Thatcher and Grand Respondress Secretary Ashlyn Thatcher.



Junior Bethel presenting the Grand Queen with a gift of love.

Annually, Junior Bethel sponsors an "End of the Summer/Fun at the Park" Recruitment gathering. Members invite their friends and family to come to have fun and relax. This is also an opportunity to ask friends to become a part of the Junior Bethel Family.







#### Junior Bethel Palace #103 Tyler, Tx Princess Aaliyah Thatcher, Ancient Princess Heroine Anetha D. Francis, Queen (903) 520-6371

Having fun before the monthly meeting gets started, Junior Bethel meets every first Saturday at 10:30 a.m.





Junior Bethel represented the Texas Grand Palace by visiting a local nursing home on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Queen Anetha Francis played the piano while residents sang hymns. Before leaving for dinner, Junior Bethel passed out hand sanitizer, donated by the Grand Palace, to all residents who attended. Members from the Mellie Arps/Living Stream Court were also present.





Congratalations. To our newly created Palace of E. L. Downing Court #237, LaBrent U Epps (UD). The Palace was opened on September 7, 2022.

We're excited to announce the LaBrent U Epps Palace installed 11 members on 09/07/2022.

LaBrent U Epps (UD) welcomes: Jolei Whitworth, Le'Devon Chappell, Amyiah Hardy, Brandon Hardy, Demaryius Hardy, Brandee Nash, Kendra Nash, Keniya Nash, Victoria Kearney, Victor Kearney, and LaPrince Epps.

With these 11 newly created members and the one current member, William Lee, who is currently the 3rd page on the Grand level, LaBrent U Epps (UD) now has a total of 12 children in their Palace.

Prior to COVID-19 the Palace had a desire to start a palace and offer young ladies and young men an opportunity to experience the importance of giving back to the community. Initially, the Palace was going to have Special Deputy Rosie McCollum's two granddaughters, four neighbor's grandchildren and children from the HOJ family. The plans were stalled due to COVID-19. Once things began to open again, Heroine Carter recruited children. Heroine Rosie was selected to be the Special Deputy and Heroine Carter was selected to be Queen.

Grand Queen-Heroine Kharyn Floyd And Officers of the Palace: Queen-Heroine Lottie M Carter Heroine-Dominique Nash (Asst) Special Deputy-Heroine Rosie McCollum





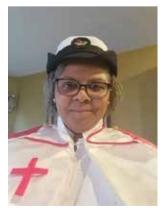
## LEORA "O" GUILD NO. 35 TODAY PICTURED BELOW ARE THE MEMBERS OF LEORA "O" GUILD NO. 35



Betty Sanders Princess Captain



Latrice Davis Secretary



Dezella Marshall Chaplain



Polly Emerson First Lieutenant



Gladys Smith Treasurer



Janie Ellison Commissary



Rosie McCollum Second Lieutenant



Diane Shepard-Hill Special Deputy



Gwen McGee Assistant Commissary

# STILL GOING STRONG - Leora "O" Guild NO. 35

JOY is the #1 goal of our Guild:

J: Jesus first

O: Others second

Y: Yourself third

Consider it pure JOY, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1: 2-3

Greetings from Leora O' Guild #35, Austin, Texas. We are a group of princesses that stay true to the Lone Star Guild Heroines of the Templars Crusade with principles of truth, honor, courage, and courtesy to everyone in an atmosphere of womanly grace.

Existing these past two years has been challenging for our guild, not just for us but the world. So many lives have been lost and are still being lost from COVID. But by the grace of God, we are still here.

We do not have a strategy to grow our guild from the outside, but we will continue to grow from within with the membership we currently have.

Our guild is still practicing social distancing by utilizing conference calls and ZOOM (since August 2022). Our #2 goal is to have a safe place to meet by 2023. Most of our members have some form of a preexisting condition and for us, our member's safety is our top priority.

However, we will continue to support the grand and do our part to make the Lone Star Grand Guild successful.

May God Bless the Lone Star Grand Guild Heroines of the Templars Crusade,

By The Cross Betty Sanders, Princess Captain Leora 'O Guild #35

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# HISTORY OF LEORA "O" GUILD NO. 35

When I first joined the Ladies' Masonic organizations, I often wondered; Where did the names of the Guilds, Chapters, Courts, and Assembly's come from. In answering that question for Leora O' Guild #35, we present the history behind our name.

Lone Star Grand Guild, Heroines of Templars Crusade, State of Texas, PHA

Leora O' Guild #35 was established in 1992 by Grand Princess Captain (GPC) Jewel Lewis and Right Eminent Grand Commander (REGC) Sir William Scott. Present for this historical occasion was Emma Renfro (Grand Secretary), Francis Smith (Grand Cross Bearer), and Nelda Harper.

The members of the Guild (at that time) were Carrie Sustand, Dorothy Peterson, Annette Peterson, Vivian Johnson, Nancy Ashe, Gladys Smith, Fannie Lowe, and Mary Sauls - Princess Captain (PC) and George Jeffers – Royal Advisor (RA).

The name Leora O' was creates in honor of Sister Leora O. Conley, one of the oldest females of the Masonic family in Austin, she served as a head of all female houses during her time. Sister Leora O. Conley was born to the late Dav B. and Lucy Hill in Austin, TX on March 23, 1904. She attended the Austin Public Schools and Tillotson College. She was united in marriage to Brother Willie Roy Conley Sr. for 66 years (thus the name of our male counterpart – WR Conley Commandery #35). Due to health failure, Sister Leora O' passed away on January 20, 2001. Past PC Mary Sauls named this Guild in 1992 when the Lone Star Grand Guild came to establish it.

Leora O' Guild #35 adopted the Govalle Convalescent Center for community service in 2008-2011. Socks, handkerchiefs, and fruit baskets were provided every Christmas and bingo was played with the clients during the year. May 10, 2014, the Austin Resources Center for the Homeless (ARCH) was adopted to provide food, clothing, and toiletries. On July 13, 2013, Leora O' Guild #35 had their first repass with the Knights of WR Conley #35 of Austin Texas. From this reunion, it was discovered that the names of these chapters were based on a husband and wife, which coincidently has the same chapter number. Members present were Eminent

Commander (EC) James Woods, Past Right Eminent Grand Commander (PREGC) William Scott, Sir Knights David F. Hill, and Kenneth Lightfoot, PC Latrice Davis, Special Deputy (SD) Mary Sauls, Gladys Smith, Betty Sanders, Diane Shepard-Hill, and Janie Ellison.

Past Members have been Carrie Sustand, Dorothy and Annette Peterson, Vivian Johnson, Nancy Ashe, Miriam Carathers, Fannie Lowe, Amanda McCoy, Sharrell Banks, Kaaren Bell, Charlene Bell, Patricia Long, LaToya Bussey and Charlie Walker (RA).

Past PC's have been Mary Sauls, Amanda McCoy, Sharrell Banks, and Latrice Davis.

The 2013 Guild administration consisted of Honorary Past Princess Captain (HPPC), Past PC/SD Mary Sauls, PC Latrice Davis, Honorary Past Princess Captain/Assistant PC, Gladys Smith, 1st Lieutenant Diane Shepard- Hill 2nd Lieutenant Polly Emerson, Secretary Betty Sanders, Treasurer, Dorothy Jenkins, Commissary/Assistant Commissary Janie Ellison, and Edna Mason respectively. This historical event was humbly submitted for the Historical Committee at the time consisting of;

HPPC Mary Sauls SD

HPPC Gladys Smith

PC Latrice Davis.

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#### VOTE Texas!!!

Working as a Voluneer Deputy Registrar has been rewarding for us – we have always encouraged our family and friends to vote, now we're encouraging people from all walks of life to do the one thing that makes us a democracy – VOTE. Getting people registered helps bridge the gap between "doing nothing" to "doing something". If you are not registered to vote, that ship has sailed. The last day to register was October 11 2022. But remember, it's never too late, so after this year's election, get ready to register and vote next year. Below are some important dates to remember if you are registered:

Early voting for the November 8, 2022 Uniform Election Date runs Monday, October 24, 2022 – Friday, November 4, 2022 | Last day to apply for ballot by mail (received, not postmarked) is Friday, October 28, 2022.

#### Dr. Latrice Davie

## Pr. Latrice Davis

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Come to me and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28-29. When we look at this it seems that we are going to God tired but that is not the only case. It means that Jesus paid the price for our sins and we can rest knowing that we have the connection to rest with God because Jesus paid the price!!! If we just learn to give our cares to God because he cares for us we will be better off. Following Christ has benefits for us all. As for Leora O' #35 we will serve the Lord!!! Dezella Marshall Chaplain Leora O' #35

# GATE CITY GUILD #42 HELPS STUDENTS START ON THE RIGHT FOOT

Gate City Guild #42 partnered with Stars of Gate City #57 to host the annual Back to School event in July in Orange, Texas. The event helps provide school supplies for students. This year items included clothing and uniforms. Over 600 families were helped with the items as well as food and watermelons. A truck from the area food bank was on hand to provide a box of shelf stable foods as well as a watermelon.



Gate City was able to help provide residents with the means for the students to feed their mind as well as bodies.

The Mayor of Orange Larry Spears Jr. joined the Princesses to assist in distributing the backpacks, pencil holders and more.

Other groups who helped included the Top Ladies of Distinction as well as the Top Teens of Distinctions, Orange Lions Club and Gate City Lodge #31.

Gate City Guild #42 also hosted our Prince Hall picnic in September at Lions Den Park. The gathering was an excellent opportunity for the different houses to get to know each other better.

Plans for the annual Thanksgiving Banquet and Award Ceremony are underway as October comes to an end.



## NORRIS WRIGHT CUNEY GRAND CHAPTER 2022 GRAND SESSION AND 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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**ANNIVER** 

Greetings from Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star Texas Jurisdiction. Let me begin by thanking all the officers and members for continually working hard to make this Grand Chapter the Best Ever. We had a great 2021 Masonic Year in spite of the Pandemic and we are looking forward to an equally great 2022, which has not been disappointing thus far. NWCGC reached 25 Years of excellence October, 2021 and had the privilege of celebrating at Grand Session 2022. The Session was dedicated to our 25th Anniversary which the members began with a Community Service Project called Handbags of Hope at the U and I Adult Center. Our members filled over 50 tote bags with toiletries, socks and snacks for ladies and 30 plus small plastic shaped tubs with the same items for men. The greatest pleasure of this project was being able to deliver the items, meet, interact and spend time with the recipients. We made many very thankful new friends and so did they.

Following the history making Queen's Contest where Sis Glyshonda Johnson was crowned Queen, a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception was held. The celebration included great food, fun and recognition of the many, many members who had been and still remain loyal members of Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter for 25 plus years. These members have had continuous membership during the entire time. Each person was given a Certificate to indicate their continuous membership. The evening continued with a spectacular Ladies Night Out with more fun, games and line dancing sponsored by our Sisterly Relations Committee.

Every person registered for the 2022 Grand Session was presented with several keepsake items to use or keep as momentos of this great milestone not only in the history of Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter, but also in their Masonic Life. Other events of the weekend included the impressive Grand Chapter opening consisting of member of Chapters in the North Texas Region, organized by Sis Tammie Gadsend. The NWCGC Health Team held a Men's Health workshop with gift bags for all the men present in recognition of Men's Health Month. Our first day ended with individual officer workshops with elected Grand Chapter Officers as the facilitators.

The following day began with a bang as the Extraordinary Scholarship Committee entered in their Caps and Gowns to report the recipients of the Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter Scholarships. I thank all of our Chapters for their hard work in making it possible for the Grand Chapter to recognize High School Seniors with beginning scholarships to help further their education, and also some of our members with continuing education scholarships. This could only be accomplished with hard work, cooperation and by "Working Together"in the various Chapters.

The Session ended with the Elected Grand Chapter Officers and members paying tribute to the sisters and brothers who passed in the last Masonic Year as the Chapter of Sorrow was done with a presentation honoring each person.





Although the Grand Session ended in June, Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter's final gesture was celebrating with our Grand Youth Fraternity in July in San Antonio, Texas as our youth, along with sponsors, members and parents joined them for a day at Six Flags.

Congratulations again to DDGM Patria Zanders our DDGM of the Year and Sis Benetris Edwards, Stars of Gate City #57, Worthy Matron of the Year. Special thanks to everyone who made our 2022 Grand Session and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration a success, especially our Grand Secretary Sis Shontell Pickett. I know none of this would not have been possible without the hard work and support of the members of Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter. I tip my Crown to each of you.

> Eula W. Bell Grand Worthy Matron

# Texas Students Awarded \$40,000 Through the Evelyn Ware Scholarship

Kameko Bowers

**Ft. Worth, TX** – The Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter announced the winners of its 2022 Evelyn Ware scholarship recipients. The announcement was made during the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Session held in Dallas, TX. Eighteen students were selected to receive scholarship awards totaling \$40,000. Applicants were required to complete an application, which included an essay, letters of recommendation, and submit an official high school transcript electronically. Applicants are required to be a graduating high school senior pursuing a fouryear university/college or trade school.

The Scholarship committee extended its congratulations to all its winners and thanked the Grand Worthy Matron Eula W. Bell, Grand Officers and Members of Norris Wright Cuney Grand Chapter for their hard work and dedication in making the awards possible.

The Evelyn Ware scholarship application will open for 2023 graduating high school seniors in January, with all submission materials due by May 26. Information on the scholarship will be sent to local Chapters.

## **2022 EVELYN WARE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

 Amaya Walker – A graduate of Texas City High School, Texas City

Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, LA and study Elementary Education

Sponsoring Chapter: Rutha M. Hicks #29

· Antiwon Ball - A graduate of Desoto High School, Desoto

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois and study Automotive Technology

Sponsoring Chapter: Serenity #78

 Ashonti Idlebird - A graduate of College Station High School, College Station

Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX and study Kinesiology

Sponsoring Chapter: Sisters of Agape #38

 Calvin Rayford - A graduate of Lincoln Humanities Communications Magnet, Dallas

Paul Quinn College, Dallas, TX and study Business Management

Sponsoring Chapter: Imani #52

 Chiya Swann - A graduate of Lancaster High School, Lancaster

Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN and plans to study Health Science

Sponsoring Chapter: Charles Wadley #47

 Christian Henderson - A graduate of Westbury High School, Houston

Lamar University in Beaumont, TX and plans to study American Sign Language

Sponsoring Chapter: McCullough P. Wolridge #12

 Dacia Pitts - A graduate of Shadow Creek High School, Pearland

Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, TX and plans to study Chemistry/Biology

Sponsoring Chapter: Nefer-Titi #17

 Donovan Limbrick - A graduate of Langham Creek High School, Houston

Houston Community College in Houston, TX and plans to study Culinary Arts

Sponsoring Chapter: Nefer-Titi #17

· Cambree Session - A graduate of Tyler High School, Tyler

Tyler Junior College in Tyler, TX and plans to study Kinesiology

Sponsoring Chapter: Rose of Tyler #55

 Janisha Johnson - A graduate of Hightower High School, Missouri City

Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX and plans to study Agriculture

Sponsoring Chapter: Stars of Essence #71

 Nia LaFrance - A graduate of Mirabeau B. Lamar High School, Houston

Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX and plans to study Biology

Sponsoring Chapter: Divine Unity #67

 Questiyon Carlis - A graduate of Banson CTE High School, Houston

Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX and plans to study Mechanical Engineering

Sponsoring Chapter: Stars of Faith #66

 Tavious Mattox - A graduate of C.E. King High School, Houston

Grambling State University in Grambling, LA and plans to study Sports Management

Sponsoring Chapter: McCullough P. Wolridge #12

 Jessica Smith - A graduate of George Bush High School, Richmond

Louisiana Christian University in Pineville, LA and plans to study Education

Sponsoring Chapter: Wisdom of Martha UD

 Jiya Edwards - A graduate of Copperas Cove High School, Copperas Cove

University of Texas at Austin in Austin, TX and plans to study Liberal Arts: Health and Science

Sponsoring Chapter: Devine Glory #3

 Kameron Brooks - A graduate of Desoto High School, Desoto

Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, LA and study Elementary Education

Sponsoring Chapter: Charles Wadley #47

· Kanicia Sallie - A graduate of Athens High School, Athens

Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, TX and plans to study Biology

Sponsoring Chapter: Rose of Tyler #55

 Micheal Liserio - A graduate of Medina Valley High School, Castroville

Northwest Vista College in San Antonio, Tx and plans to study Mathematics

Sponsoring Chapter: Christopher Delight #1

## MARGARET A. McDOW GRAND COURT LADIES OF THE CIRCLE OF PERFECTION

## **TEXAS PHA**

On Saturday, October 29, 2022 Margaret A. McDow Grand Court travelled to Irving, Texas. A Dispensation was granted on February 5, 2022 to Amani Court UD. Due to COVID restrictions it was placed on hold until October 29th.

Amani Court UD is now up and ready for business under the leadership of RPM Monique Calbert and Officers. With the assistance of MIGTIM Charles Lilly and his Staff we have established a Court under the umbrella of Adoniram Council #7.



Also due to COVID restrictions and our Annual Grand Assembly being held virtually we were not able to present the charter to Amethyst Court #9 of Tyler.

# They were given their charter on October 29, 2022. Congratulations RPM Sonya Baker and Staff.

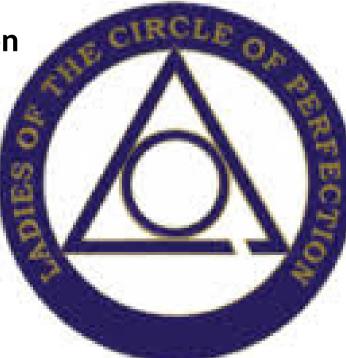




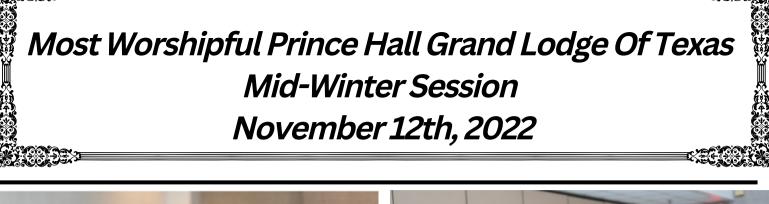
A huge thank you to all Members that joined Margaret A. McDow from around the State to make this a momentous occasion. We love the support of our Royal Matrons and Illustrious Companion Guardians that make Margaret A. McDow their priority. GOD BLESS!



# R. Lucille Samuel, PYCH 1st Royal Grand Perfect Matron















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(POW/ MIA TABLE OF HONOR CEREMONY) NOVEMBER 12TH, 2022































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