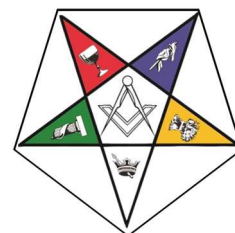




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*From the Office
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"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

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Beloved Sisters and Brothers of the Order,
We greet you in unity, in purpose, and in love for the light that guides our steps. Today, I write with urgency—not for ceremony, but for action; not for formality, but for faithfulness to the mission entrusted to us.

As members of this great fraternal order, we are stewards of a sacred legacy. Ours is not simply a society of symbols and rituals—it is a living testament to the strength, vision, and service of those who came before us. Our **Past Grand Worthy Matrons** and **Past Worthy Patrons** did not labor in vain. They planted seeds of excellence, watered by sacrifice, and harvested in harmony. We owe them more than memory; we owe them momentum.

Now is the time to **return and reclaim**—to reach back and gather what is good, meaningful, and essential from our past. This is the heart of **Sankofa**: a powerful African principle that teaches us we must go back to fetch what we have forgotten, left behind, or neglected, in order to move forward with integrity and strength. It is not enough to remember our past—we must live its lessons and bring its light into the present.

We stand at a crossroads. Participation is waning. Commitments are faltering. The silence of inaction grows louder than the sound of service. But we were not called to be still. We were called to build, to uplift, to labor with love for the betterment of our communities, our youth, and each other.

This is an **urgent call** to every member—to rise. We need your support, participation and well-wishes! We are inviting you to be a part of the entertainment, looking for singers, dancers, theatrical presentations. Please contact Sis. Ursula Bradshaw 513-702-3572 or Sis. Cheryl Spencer 937-369-5087 if interested.

"COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING"

Let us honor our foremothers and forefathers not with words alone, but with work. Let their legacy be the lamp we carry, not a relic on the shelf. This is our moment to show that we are worthy of what we have inherited.

Let us remember. Let us rise. Let us return and reclaim—**Sankofa**.

RSVP & Dress Code:

Kindly confirm your attendance by contacting our Ticket Chairperson, Sis. Clayton at [330] 502-0765 by June 7, 2025.

The dress code for the evening is **traditional African attire**—we encourage all to come adorned in vibrant, expressive garments to honor the richness of our roots.

Program Highlights:

This celebration will be a truly **cultural experience in art and music**, featuring stirring performances, heartfelt tributes, and a vibrant showcase of African heritage. Together, we will honor our past while inspiring future generations.

Additional Opportunities:

There are also **vendor opportunities**, **contact Sis Clayton**; and participation in our **souvenir booklet** with your well-wishes, please contact Sis. Peoples at 716-909-9982.

Should you have any questions or require special accommodation, please do not hesitate to reach out. We eagerly anticipate your presence at this grand occasion as we pay tribute to your lasting impact and celebrate the enduring spirit of our Order.

With highest esteem and fraternal love,

Cheryl R. Spencer

Cheryl R. Spencer, PM, Chairperson

Ursula Bradshaw

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