

Most Ancient Grand Court Heroines of Jericho State of New York Jurisdiction – Prince Hall Affiliation

MISSION

To introduce the virtues of the Heroines of Jericho to those who do not know us; to heighten awareness and knowledge amongst those who do know us; to grow the membership and to continually practice in our daily lives, as members of the household of faith; the objects of the Order: morality, loyalty and friendship.

OFFICERS 2009/2010

Most Ancient Grand Matron	Barbara Outlaw Barmore
Most Worthy Grand Joshua	Gerald L. Whitaker
Vice Ancient Grand Matron	Brenda J. Simons
Deputy Grand Deputy	Edmond L. Davis
Grand Treasurer	Berta A. Quick
Grand Secretary	Macie W. Greer
Grand Senior Attendant	Mary L. Glover
Grand Junior Attendant	Westell Armstead
Grand Chaplain	Ella Robinson
Grand Court Director 1 Yr	Raquel Davis
Grand Court Director 2 Yr	Angella Clarke
Grand Court Director 3 Yr	Pauline Cherry

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The Heroines of Jericho is the oldest Rite of Adoption. It was founded upon an incident in the history of Israelites. The first court was organized and instituted September 5, 1859, as Sheba Court No. 1 and to this day has a Bible with the inscription of the donor with the day, month and year given. This Bible is still in use by this Court. Prior to the reorganization of Sheba Court, Alpha Court No. 1, Order Eastern Star, which was organized on April 17, 1887, used this Bible. Sheba Court dwindled away and for a time went out of existence, but was reorganized on December 14, 1918 by a group of ladies headed by Miss Nellie Parras and Knights Oscar Payne, Henry Gregory, Jesse D. Phillips and Arthur Sye.

In April 1921, Sheba Court organized Deborah Court No. 3 of Brooklyn, NY. Naomi Court No. 4 was instituted April 29, 1922; Zillah Court No. 5 was instituted May 10, 1924; Rebecca Court No. 6 of Jamaica, NY was instituted May 1925, and Martha Court No. 7 Mt. Vernon, NY was instituted October 1943.

Desiring a Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho, Heroines Louise Parras, Eva May Osborne, Kate Williams, Minerva Parras Williams, Companions Henry H. Gregory, Arthur W. Ware, Edward Holder and others petitioned the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of New York with Companion Charles R. Wilson as Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companion Wilfred G. Butler, Right Excellent Grand Secretary. The Most Ancient Grand Court Heroines of Jericho of New York was instituted October 31, 1923 in Lafayette Hall, 165 West 131st Street, New York City with the following officers: Louise Parras, MAGM; Eva May Osborne, VAGM; William O. Murphy, MWGJ; Arthur H. Sye, WDGJ; Kate Williams, WG Treasurer; Minerva Parras Williams, WG Secretary; Lottie B. Thompson, WG Senior Attendant; Sophronia Connell, WG Junior Attendant; Arthur W. Warren, WG Chaplain, Companions Jesse D. Phillips, Edward F. Shipley, and Emery Wileman were WG Court Directors. The subordinate courts were Sheba Court No. 1, Deborah Court No. 3, and Naomi Court No. 4.

In the 1970's five more courts were organized and chartered: Alpha Court No. 8 in Albany; Esther Court No. 9 in Buffalo; Ruth Court No. 10 in Syracuse; Mary Court No. 11 in Beacon and Esther Court No. 12 in Amityville. At present there are over three hundred members in 12 courts throughout the state. In 2002 Zipporah Court No. 14 in Rochester was chartered and has become an integral part of the Most Ancient Grand Court Heroines of Jericho.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER MASONIC BODIES

Holy Royal Arch Masons

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SUBORDINATE COURTS

SHEBA COURT No. 1

Most Ancient Matron Karen Thompson
454 West 155th Street
New York, NY 10032
2nd Thursday

ALPHA COURT No. 8

Most Ancient Matron Carrie Russell
120 Madison Street
Albany, NY 12202
1st Friday

DEBORAH COURT No. 31

Most Ancient Matron Sharon E. Williams
70 Pennsylvania Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11207
3rd Wednesday

ESTHER COURT No. 9

Most Ancient Matron Ann Marie Lawrence
24 East Utica Street
Buffalo, NY 14208
3rd Thursday

NAOMI COURT No. 4

Most Ancient Matron Carrie Burnell
454 West 155th Street
New York, NY 10032
3rd Friday

RUTH COURT No. 10

Most Ancient Matron Pamela Hatchett-Rogers
175 West Brighton Avenue
Syracuse, NY 13205
3rd Saturday

ZILLAH COURT No. 5

Most Ancient Matron Wendy James
454 West 155th Street
New York, NY 10032
2nd Wednesday

MARY COURT No. 11

Most Ancient Matron Clara Gilliard
100 Walnut Street
Kingston, NY 12401
4th Monday

REBECCA COURT No. 6

Most Ancient Matron Veronica Raphael
107-51 Guy Brewer Boulevard
Jamaica, NY 11433
1st Wednesday

ESTHER COURT No. 12

Most Ancient Matron Sherrie Anne Johnson
78 Coolidge Avenue
Amityville, NY 11701
3rd Tuesday

MARTHA COURT No. 7

Most Ancient Matron Sheilla A. Nisbeth
245 South 11th Avenue
Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
4th Thursday

ZIPPORAH COURT No. 14

Most Ancient Matron Barbara Tisdale
616 Brown Street
Rochester, NY 14611
4th Saturday