



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

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1st Supreme Basileus Nellie Quander 1911-1919

- Born: Washington, DC
- Belonged to famous Quander family, which, in 1984, could document 300 years of residence in Maryland & Virginia; family has what is recognized as America's longest documented record of free African American lineage
- Initiated: Alpha Chapter, Washington, DC
- Played key role in working with founders in resolving issues in early life of Sorority
- During administration:
 - Planned Sorority's incorporation
 - Composed preamble to Sorority's constitution
 - Worked with Founder Beulah Burke to organize Beta, Gamma & Delta Chapters & journeyed to Wilberforce to set up Zeta Chapter
 - Organized & presided at first 2 Boules
- Eastern Regional Organizer; Alpha Chapter advisor (before graduate advisor function was formally established)
- B.A., magna cum laude, Howard, history, economics & political science; M.A., Columbia University; Certificate, New School of Social Work; foreign study, Uppsala University, Sweden
- Attended International Conference on Social Work (London)
- Taught social science in Washington, DC junior high schools for more than 30 years
- Special agent for Children's Bureau of Labor Department
- Died: 1961





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2nd Supreme Basileus Loraine R. Green 1919-1923

- Born: Moscow, MO
- Initiated: Beta Chapter, Chicago, IL
- Elected: 1919 Boule, Chicago, IL
- During administration:
 - Worked with L. Pearl Mitchell & Phyllis Waters to develop Sorority documents & symbols
 - Initiated Founders Day observances
 - Designed Sorority pin
 - Adopted coat-of-arms
 - Standardized chapter charters & membership certificates
 - Adopted pattern for naming chapters
 - Wrote Reconsecration Ritual & made it part of Boule programs
 - Initiated national scholarship, loan fund & Vocational Guidance Project
 - Wrote & personally underwrote first *Ivy Leaf* issue, published in Chicago; grew out of "Yearbook" project that she prepared & edited
 - Led 15th anniversary celebration
- Member, Beta & Theta Omega Chapters; recognized as first "Diamond Soror" (75 years) 1992 New Orleans Boule
- Completed first 2 years of college at University of Kansas; after marriage (to Wendell E. Green, first African American judge, Circuit Court, Cook County, IL), transferred to University of Chicago, B.A., with honors, philosophy & English; master's degree, University of Chicago; completed 2 years doctorate study
- Self-defined as "professional volunteer" after a short period of teaching & social work
- First African American woman member, Chicago Commission on Human Relations
- Cited at University of Chicago's 100th anniversary as oldest living graduate
- Died: 1996, at age 106





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3rd Supreme Basileus L. Pearl Mitchell 1923-1925

- Born: Wilberforce, OH
- Initiated: Zeta Chapter, Wilberforce, OH
- Elected: 1923 Boule, Baltimore, MD
- Served 2 terms as Supreme Basileus
- During administration:
 - Developed & organized procedures
 - Strengthened financing for national program
 - Expanded Vocational Guidance Project
 - Adopted regulation requiring each member to purchase a pin at initiation, with Sorority receiving royalties from sales
 - Established more structured activity at Regional level
- Established record of attending every Boule from 1919 to 1972 except 2, due to illness
- Served in more offices on Directorate than any other member: Supreme Grammateus, Supreme Tamiouchos & Supreme Parliamentarian
- Chaired Alpha Omega's mental health project, leading to first membership of any sorority in interfaith Cleveland Mental Health Council
- Spearheaded AKA support of NAACP, including Life Membership Project
- B.A., Wilberforce University (father had served as president); post-graduate study, Oberlin Conservatory of Music; completed Public School Music Supervisor's Course
- Engaged in WWII camp community service as Girls' Worker, Des Moines, IA
- Director, Douglas Community Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- NAACP membership director
- Employed 20 years as investigator & probation officer with Juvenile Court of Cleveland
- Appointed by Ohio governor to Trustee Board of State Soldiers & Sailors Orphans Home and, for 6 years, traveled 400 miles monthly, without remuneration, to attend board meetings
- Represented "Women of Cleveland" on nominating petition of Carl Stokes, a campaign that ultimately resulted in Stokes becoming first African American mayor of city
- Died: 1947





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4th Supreme Basileus Pauline S. Puryear 1925-1927

- Born: Savannah, GA
- Initiated: Alpha Chapter, Washington, DC
- Elected: 1925 Boule, Washington, DC
- Organizer & charter member Delta Omega Chapter
- Served 1-year term as *Ivy Leaf* Editor-in-Chief
- During administration:
 - Concentrated on making Sorority truly national
 - Made personal visits over a wider geographical area & to a larger number of chapters than had been possible for former officers
 - Stressed vocational guidance as chief national program
 - Encouraged Sorority role as a pace-setter in achievement
- A.B., Howard, social science major; graduate work, abnormal psychology; post-graduate study, Columbia University, New York University, Montclair & Newark State Teachers Colleges & Virginia State College; M.A., Howard, personnel & guidance
- Employed at various times as YWCA executive, teacher & lecturer
- Consulted in race relations with Council for Christian Social Action United Church of Christ
- Served as Dean of Women & Assistant Professor Florida Memorial College, St. Augustine, FL
- Enlisted in "war on poverty" & was associate director of community development education project, Tuskegee Institute
- Organized integrated units of Council of Church Women in 3 Southern states
- Died: 1971





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5th Supreme Basileus B. Beatrix Scott 1927-1929

- Born: Vicksburg, MS
- Initiated: Epsilon Omega Chapter, Baltimore, MD
- Elected: 1927 Boule, Cleveland, IL
- During administration:
 - Focused on scholarships, Vocational Guidance Project & improving national level administrative procedures
 - Established 14 chapters
 - Developed & inaugurated plan for undergraduate representation on Directorate
 - Through membership on board of American Council on Human Rights, National Health Project, Non-Partisan Lobby & in program activities, worked to make Sorority an integral part of the community & nation
- Attended early planning meetings for Diamond Jubilee as senior consultant
- Charter member Zeta Omega Chapter; member Xi Omega, Basileus & National Constitution Committee Chairman
- B.S., with honors, Oberlin College, chemistry, elected Phi Beta Kappa; M.S., Howard; post-graduate study, Columbia University, University of Illinois & Union College under GE Fellowship
- Taught at Tennessee State College & Howard – first woman on instructional staff of chemistry department
- Served on Board of Examiners of DC public schools
- President District of Columbia High School Teachers Association
- Died: 1983; memorial service held in Howard University's Rankin Chapel





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6th Supreme Basileus Maudelle B. Bousfield 1929-1931

- Born: St. Louis, MO
- Initiated: Beta Chapter, Chicago, IL; transferred to Theta Omega Chapter when it was organized, where she served in each office except Grammateus
- Elected: 1929 Boule, St. Louis, MO
- Served on advisory committee for what would become Mississippi Health Project
- During administration:
 - Emphasized reclamation of inactive members
 - Launched project to print a Sorority handbook
 - Developed Sorority's bond purchase program
- B.S., University of Illinois, mathematics & astronomy; M.A., University of Chicago; B.A. Mendelssohn Conservatory of Music
- First African American woman to graduate from University of Illinois, graduated after 3 years
- Taught high school math; public school administration
- During WWII, member, Women's Advisory Committee of the War Manpower Commission, member Mayor's Committee of Juvenile Delinquency & served 2 years on *Ladies Home Journal* Pilgrim's Progress Advisory Committee
- Blazed trail for African American women in Chicago as Dean of Girls; later principal, Wendell Philips High School, Keith Elementary School & Douglass Elementary School
- In retirement, wrote weekly *Chicago Defender* column & hosted popular radio show for women, *Maudelle Bousefield Chats*
- Died: 1971





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7th Supreme Basileus Maude Brown Porter 1931-1933

- Born: Mt. Vernon, IL; moved with family to Louisville as a child
- Initiated: Alpha Chapter, Washington, DC
- Elected: 1931 Boule, Cincinnati, OH
- Charter member & first Basileus Eta Omega Chapter; subsequently served another period as Basileus & Tamiouchos
- Southwestern Regional Director at 2 different periods
- First Supreme Anti-Basileus, chaired Nominating Committee, Regional Directors Council & Standards Committee
- Member: Resolutions Committee & Constitution Committee
- Advocated establishing chapters abroad to forge ties with women in other countries
- A.B., Howard, English & Latin; M.A. & advanced study, Western Reserve University
- Taught high school Latin & English; Central High School Assistant principal
- Charter member Louisville Pan-Hellenic Council; later served as Regional Director & National Chairman National Pan-Hellenic
- Died: 1960, a few days after return from Boule





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8th Supreme Basileus Ida L. Jackson 1933 – 1936

- Born: Vicksburg, MS
- Initiated: Rho Chapter, Berkeley, CA, charter member
- Elected: 1933 Boule, Chicago, IL
- During administration:
 - Initiated Mississippi Health Project
 - Developed summer school program for teachers & children, rural Lexington, MS
 - Established employment information exchange
 - Developed chapter evaluations (standards)
 - Advocated for national executive secretary
- Only Supreme Basileus elected from Pacific Coast; first Far Western Regional Director; Charter member Alpha Nu Omega Chapter, first Basileus
- Sparked growth of Pacific Coast region chapters
- B.A., M.A., University of California at Berkeley; doctorate study, Columbia University
- High school teacher; Tuskegee Institute Dean of Women; first African American to teach in Oakland public schools
- Associate of W.E.B. Du Bois & Mary McLeod Bethune
- First African American woman to have U.C. Berkeley campus structure named after her– Ida Louise Jackson Graduate House
- Director, Family Services Bureau; organizer, Women's Army for National Defense
- Died: 1996





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9th Supreme Basileus Dr. Margaret D. Bowen 1936 – 1939

- Born: Columbia, GA
- Initiated: Omicron Chapter, Cincinnati, OH, charter member
- Elected: 1936 Boule, Louisville, KY
- During administration:
 - Continued Mississippi Health Project
 - Adopted Non-Partisan Lobby Project as national effort
 - Established Foreign Fellowship
 - Presented honorary membership to Marion Anderson
- Great Lakes Regional Director; Chaired 1931 Boule, Cincinnati; Supreme Grammateus; Member Sigma Omega, Alpha Beta Omega & Kappa Omega Chapters
- First African American to attend National German-American Teachers Seminary, due to proficiency in German
- B.S., education, M.E., Ed.D., University of Cincinnati; LL.D., Bethune-Cookman College
- Teacher; secondary principal; university instructor; administration & supervision
- Developed experimental center for educational work among African American children in Deep South
- Participated in first World Festival of Negro Art, Dakar, Senegal
- Died: 1976





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10th Supreme Basileus Dr. Dorothy B. Ferebee 1939 – 1941

- Born: Norfolk, VA
- Initiated: Epsilon Chapter, Boston, MA
- Elected: 1939 Boule, Boston, MA
- During administration:
 - Expanded Mississippi Health Project
 - Expanded Non-Partisan Council activity
 - Crated Regional Directors' Council
 - Formed ad hoc advisory committee of former Supreme Basilei
 - Declined nomination for second term
- Spent 8 summers in field as Mississippi Health Project medical director; Xi Omega Chapter Basileus
- B.S. Simmons College; M.D. Tufts University College of Medicine, Boston, MA
- Physician, obstetrics instructor; medical director
- Succeeded Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune as National Council of Negro Women president
- Represented U.S. State Department at Triennial International Council of Women of the World meeting, Athens, Greece
- Invited to observe Germany's economic recovery, by invitation of Federal German Government
- Founded Southwest Settlement House, Washington, DC
- Died: 1980





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11th Supreme Basileus Beulah T. Whitby 1941 – 1946

- Born: Lynchburg, VA
- Initiated: Xi Chapter, Detroit, MI, charter member
- Elected: 1941 Boule, Philadelphia, PA
- During administration:
 - Kept Sorority on track during war
 - Facilitated establishment of American Council on Human Rights
 - Established "Service to all mankind" as guiding principle
 - Emphasized program development as first Anti-Basileus function
- Great Lakes Regional Director; 2nd Anti-Basileus; General chairman 1938 Boule, Detroit, MI; chairman, National Headquarters, National Personnel Committees; Charter member, Alpha Rho Omega Chapter, first Basileus;
- B.A., Oberlin College; M.S.W., University of Michigan
- Social worker; community relations;
- Taught for a year at Tennessee A&I State University before returning to Detroit
- Wayne State University Sociology & Social Work department chair
- Assistant director, Detroit Commission on Community Relations in crucial period following WWII; served 19 years
- Died: 1990





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12th Supreme Basileus Edna O. Campbell 1946 – 1949

- Born: Kansas City, KS
- Initiated: Delta Chapter, Lawrence, KS
- Elected: 1946 Boule, Los Angeles, CA
- During administration:
 - Opened first National Office
 - Organized American Council of Human Rights, first president
 - Established Endowment Fund
 - Structured Undergraduate Foreign Fellowship
 - Designated Undergraduate Housing Program as national project
- North Atlantic Regional Director, Financial Director, two periods as Supreme Grammateus; member Epsilon Omega Chapter, twice Basileus, elected parliamentarian for-life; attended 41 of 46 Boules held while a Sorority member; 1996 Baltimore, MD Boule dedicated to her
- B.A., University of Kansas, history & social studies; M.A. New York University
- Employed by Baltimore, MD public school system for more than 20 years, as high school social studies teacher & in administration
- Officer, Morgan State University Board of Regents
- Died: September 1994





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13th Supreme Basileus Laura Lovelace 1949 – 1953

- Born: Pueblo, CO
- Initiated: Omicron Chapter, Cincinnati, OH
- Elected: 1949 Boule, Houston, TX
- During administration:
 - Re-established graduate award for foreign study (disrupted by war)
 - Presented first revamped health project Grant-in-Aid to Howard University College for Medicine for child development research
 - Contracted National Testing Service for undergraduate scholarship program
 - Purchased, furnished & dedicated National Office Building, Chicago
 - Expanded undergraduate housing
- Supreme Parliamentarian; Great Lakes Regional Director; member Sigma Omega, Beta Upsilon Omega Chapters; advisor to Beta Zeta Chapter
- Bachelor's degree, University of Cincinnati, elementary education; post graduate study, Columbia University; master's degree, University of Cincinnati
- Physical education teacher; public school administration
- Personnel Officer & Civil Service Secretary (city manager)—first woman to hold comparable position in major U.S. city
- Died: July 1996





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14th Supreme Basileus Arnetta G. Wallace 1953 – 1958

- Born: Knoxville, TN
- Initiated: Alpha Phi Omega, Danville, VA
- Elected: 1953 Boule, St. Louis, MO
- During administration:
 - Established first international chapter, Monrovia, Liberia, 1958
 - Attended White House Conference on Education & Conference on Minority Community Resources, sponsored by President's Committee on Government Contracts
 - Revised Boule meeting schedule from annual to 18-month intervals
 - Increased national office staff
 - Made first contribution supporting sickle cell anemia research
 - Commissioned first official Sorority history book
- South Eastern Regional Director; member Alpha Pi Omega, Basileus
- B.A., cum laude, Knoxville College, languages & music; post-graduate study, Tennessee A&I State University
- Music teacher
- President, Tennessee Education Congress & National Pan Hellenic Council
- Set up urban Job Corps recruitment centers as Women in Community Service field staff representative in "War on Poverty"
- Participated in "Wednesday in Mississippi" project, wherein each week during summer 1962, groups of women from all over the U.S. observed workers in voter registration drives
- Died: 1995





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15th International President Dr. Marjorie H. Parker 1958 – 1962

- Born: Winston-Salem, NC
- Initiated: Beta Lambda Chapter, Washington, DC, charter member
- Elected: 1958 50th Anniversary Boule, Washington, DC
- During administration:
 - Created *Along the Ivy Line* to improve internal communication
 - Appointed Organizational Study Commission, which produced first long-range plan, *To Capture a Vision Fair*
 - Led first foreign tour to Europe & Africa
 - Conducted first International Regional Conference, Monrovia, Liberia
- Authored Sorority first official history book, published in 1958, rewritten in 1968, 1978 & 1988
- National Advisory Committee secretary; North Atlantic Regional Director; member Xi Omega Chapter
- B.S., magna cum laude, Miner Teachers College, kindergarten-primary education; M.A., educational measurement, Ph.D., education, University of Chicago; Doctoral dissertation – first definitive study of first federal government involvement in education aid
- Student teaching director; history & education philosophy professor
- Appointed by President Nixon to District of Columbia City Council; chaired Education & Council Administration committees; introduced D.C. Human Rights Law, considered at the time, one of nation's most comprehensive
- Links, Inc. historian & archives chairman
- Mississippi Health Project staff member for 4 summers
- Died: 2006





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16th International President Julia B. Purnell 1962 – 1966

- Born: Elton, SC
- Initiated: Beta Zeta Omega Chapter, Orangeburg, SC
- Elected: 1962 Boule, Detroit, MI
- During administration:
 - Set up Washington, DC program office
 - Established Cleveland Job Corps residential center for women, with multimillion dollar contract
 - Convened first Undergraduate Leadership School
 - Established procedures for chapter evaluation & intake of general undergraduate members
 - Established Eta Psi Omega Chapter, Nassau, Bahamas, second chapter outside the U.S.
- South Eastern Regional Director; member Gamma Eta Omega Chapter
- B.A., Allen University, education, psychology, reading; M.A., Atlanta University, University of Michigan
- Education professor; reading specialist
- National Links, Inc. president
- Participated in White House "Conference of Three Hundred Women," at President Kennedy's invitation





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17th International President Dr. Larzette G. Hale 1966 – 1970

- Born: Idabel, OK
- Initiated: Alpha Zeta Chapter, Langston, OK, charter member
- Elected: Supreme Basileus-Elect 1964 Boule, Philadelphia, Pa; installed 1966 Boule, Los Angeles, CA
- During administration:
 - Established domestic travel tour for high school students who win Regional essay contests
 - Established foreign tour for one outstanding undergraduate from each Region
 - Initiated the Heritage Series on contemporary Black woman
 - Coordinated national office central accounting system
- First Supreme Basileus-Elect; Supreme Tamiouchos; member Gamma Mu Omega, Kappa Omega, Alpha Pi Omega, Alpha Upsilon Omega
- B.S., summa cum laude, Langston University, business administration; M.A., accounting; Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, accounting & finance; C.P.A. – first African American woman C.P.A. to hold Ph.D.
- Accountant; accounting & business administration professor; college development officer
- Honored by Utah State University as Professor Emeritus
- Has 2 academic chairs in her honor: Langston & Utah State Universities
- President American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accounts
- First African American to serve on Utah Board of Regents of Higher Education





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18th International President Dr. Mattelia B. Grays 1970 – 1974

- Born: Houston, TX
- Initiated: Beta Upsilon Chapter, New Orleans, LA
- Elected: Supreme Basileus-Elect 1968 Boule, Dallas, TX; installed 1970 Boule, Kansas City, KS
- During administration:
 - Purchased birth house of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Fostered individual member & chapter involvement in local communities
 - Launched national Sorority effort to support United Negro College Fund
 - Held first Honorary Member Induction Ceremony during Boule
 - Introduced contemporary management system to national office
 - Introduced organizational development & process orientation to Leadership Seminar participants
- South Central Regional Director; Region Educational Advancement Foundation Coordinator; member Building & Properties Committee; national chairman, Corporate Office Improvement Project; member Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter
- B.S., Dillard University, elementary education; M.A., with honors, University of Michigan, special education; Ed.D., Houston, TX
- Elementary school teacher; principal; consultant
- Houston Independent School District Superintendent
- Board member Texas Institute for Mental Sciences
- Identified by Houston citizens as one of their most influential African American women





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19th International President Bernice I. Sumlin 1974 – 1978

- Born: Dayton, OH
- Initiated: Zeta Chapter, Wilberforce, OH
- Elected: 1st Supreme Anti-Basileus (formerly Basileus-Elect) 1972 Boule, Denver, CO; installed 1974 Boule, Miami, FL
- During administration:
 - Rallied Sorority to make substantial donations to various programs & organizations, including NAACP & UNCF (for which \$500,000 donation initiated its telethon)
 - Initiated national Reading Experience program – concentrated effort to improve minority groups' reading skills
 - Designed program with International Foundation for Education & Self-Help (IFESH)
 - Initiated Boule recognition of individual member milestones – Silver (25-year), Golden (50-year), Diamond (75-year)
 - Installed Founders Window, Howard University Rankin Chapel
 - Deposited Sorority archives at Howard University Moreland-Spingarn Research Center
- Great Lakes Regional Director; National Standards Committee chairman; member Beta Eta Omega Chapter
- B.S., Central State University, business & secondary education; M.S., Miami University, school administration; post-graduate study, human relations, administration & law
- High school business teacher; guidance counselor; administrator; independent financial consultant
- Helped develop Vocational Education Exploratory program for Wright Patterson Air Force Base high school students
- NAACP organizer





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20th International President Dr. Barbara K. Phillips 1978 – 1982

- Born: Winston-Salem, NC
- Initiated: Gamma Lambda Chapter, Winston-Salem, NC
- Elected: 1st Anti-Basileus 1974 Boule, Miami Beach, FL; installed 1978 Boule, Houston, TX
- During administration:
 - Launched Capital Improvement Project & broke ground for new (current) national office building (the Ivy Center), built debt-free
 - Initiated Leadership Fellows program for undergraduate members
 - Founded Sorority's Educational Advancement Foundation
 - Inaugurated Heritage Club
 - Conceived Connection Committee, for political involvement
 - Chaired housing for seniors program, resulting in Sorority's "Ivy Acres," Winston-Salem. NC
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Director; member Phi Omega
- B.S., summa cum laude, Winston-Salem State University; M.S., Indiana University, curriculum & administration; D.Ed., University of North Carolina – Greensboro
- Teacher; counselor; principal; assistant superintendent
- Position as Winston-Salem Forsyth County School District assistant superintendent highest ever held by a woman
- Founding member Coalition on Southern African public advocacy group; National Urban League board member
- Died: 2005





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21st International President Faye B. Bryant 1982 – 1986

- Born: Houston
- Initiated: Alpha Chapter, Washington, DC
- Elected: 1st Anti-Basileus 1978 Boule, Houston, TX; installed 1982 Boule, Boston, MA
- During administration:
 - Launched African Village Development Program with Africare
 - Completed national office building construction
 - Expanded international vision by creating Long Range Planning Committee
 - Established Connection as standing committee
 - Appointed “Governmental Relations” team to maximize Sorority visibility in U.S. capital
- Co-chair, 1978 Boule, Houston, TX; South Central Regional Director; Regional Directors’ Council chair; member, Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter; Graduate Advisor, Gamma Psi Chapter; sponsored establishment Epsilon Lambda Chapter
- Chaired delegation to non-governmental organizations forum, Nairobi, Kenya
- B.A., Howard University, Washington, DC; M.Ed. & advanced credentials, University of Houston, counseling & guidance
- Teacher; counselor; magnet schools director; Enrichment Programs assistant superintendent
- Department of Justice Expert witness in urban school desegregation issues
- Honored by Howard University for “unusually meritorious community leadership”





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22nd International President Janet Jones Ballard 1986 - 1990

- Born: New York City, NY
- Initiated: Alpha Eta Chapter, Richmond, VA
- Elected: 1st Anti-Basileus 1982 Boule, Boston, MA ; installed 1986 Boule, Detroit, MI
- During administration:
 - Expanded African Village project
 - Increased international visibility, establishing chapters in the Bahamas, Bermuda & St. Thomas VI
 - Held first national function in Caribbean, Leadership Conference, Montego Bay, Jamaica
 - Promoted member support of Historical Black Colleges & Universities
 - Played major role in Council of Presidents' determination to revise pledging practices
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Director; member Upsilon Omega Chapter; Graduate Advisor Alpha Eta Chapter
- B.A., Virginia Union University, sociology; M.A. Virginia State University, supervision & education
Teacher; public assistance caseworker; Urban League executive director; Alumni Affairs director
- Died: 1996





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23rd International President Mary Shy Scott 1990 – 1994

- Born: Atlanta, GA
- Initiated: Kappa Omega Chapter, Atlanta, GA
- Elected: 1st Anti-Basileus 1986 Boule, Detroit, MI; installed 1990 Boule, Richmond, VA
- During administration:
 - Formed partnership with Library of Congress in national campaign to promote reading
 - Completed 3rd floor addition to national office building
 - Dedicated first non-military monument to WWII hero Dorie Miller, Honolulu, HI
 - Established Sigma Omega Chapter, London, England
 - Renewed Cleveland Job Corps Contact
- South Atlantic Regional Director; member Kappa Omega Chapter
- B.A., Spelman College; M.A., New York University; post-graduate study New York & Georgia State Universities
- Teacher; elementary school music specialist; educational consultant; motivational speaker
- Received Prominent American Personality Award from President of Republic of Benin, West African
- Presented Sorority domestic program to Congressional Black Caucus as organizational involvement in communities model





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24th International President Dr. Eva L. Evans 1994 – 1998

- Born: Memphis, TN
- Initiated: Xi Chapter, Detroit, MI
- Elected: 1st Anti-Basileus 1990 Boule, Richmond, VA ; installed 1994 Boule, Indianapolis, IN
- During administration:
 - Established Proficiency in Mathematics & Science (PIMS) program
 - Re-opened Washington, DC office and convened the first Public Policy conference
 - Launched campaign to increase minority organ donations
- Great Lakes Regional Director; member Beta Mu, Delta Tau Omega Chapters; Graduate Advisor, Delta Zeta Chapter
- Bachelor's degree, Wayne State University, English; Ph.D., Michigan State University, administration & higher education, English
- Teacher; assistant principal; elementary education director; assistant superintendent-personnel; Instruction deputy superintendent
- Helped design desegregation process for Lansing, MI elementary schools
- Served 8 years, Michigan Civil Rights Commission, included term as chair





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25th International President Norma S. White 1998 – 2002

- Born: Jacksonville, FL
- Initiated: Beta Alpha Chapter, Tallahassee, FL
- Elected: 1st Anti-Basileus 1994 Boule, Indianapolis, IN; installed 1998 Boule, Chicago, IL
- During administration:
 - Launched ON TRACK (Organizing, Nurturing, Team Building, Respecting Achieving, Counseling & Knowing) after-school program targeting at-risk elementary students
 - Expanded International Foundation for Education & Self-Help (IFESH); built 10 schools in post-apartheid South Africa
 - Established funded partnerships with U.S. Department of Health to promote women's health
 - Initiated National Founders' Day Observances
- South Atlantic Regional Director; member Gamma Rho Omega; charter Graduate Advisor Omicron Delta
- First (mother-daughter) Legacy Supreme Basileus
- B.S., Florida A&M University; M.A., Columbia University, music; Juilliard School of Music
- First female member famed "FAMU Marching One Hundred Band" to graduate
- Junior high school band director; music coordinator; assistant principal; magnet program coordinator; entrepreneur





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26th International President Linda M. White 2002 – 2006

- Born: Cleveland, OH
- Initiated: Alpha Pi Chapter, Atlanta, GA
- Elected: 1st Anti-Basileus 1998 Boule, Chicago, IL; installed 2002 Boule, Orlando, FL
- During administration:
 - Launched after-school tutorial Ivy Reading AKAdemy program for K-3 students, with \$1.5 million U.S. Department of Education grant
 - Launched Young Authors Program; published 2 volumes of *The Spirit Within: Voices of Young Authors* anthologies
 - Promoted volunteerism, resulting in member donations of 3.4 million volunteer hours
 - Provided more than \$20 million in financial support to disadvantaged youth, the elderly & Back families; donated time & money to hurricane disaster relief efforts
 - Launched Presidential Freedom Scholarship, in partnership with the Corporation for National & Community Service
 - Launched Sorority's first international Web site
- Member Theta Omega Chapter
- B.A., Clark College, political science; M.A., University of Chicago, political science
- Social Security Administration area director





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Centennial International President Barbara A. McKinzie 2006 – 2010

- Born: Ada, OK
- Initiated: Eta Pi Chapter, Ada, OK
- Elected: 1st Anti-Basileus 2002 Boule, Orlando, FL; installed 2006 Boule, Detroit, MI
- During administration:
 - Launched *ESP* program, an economics-focused plan, encompassing the:
 - Non-Traditional Entrepreneur
 - Black family
 - Technology (undergraduate signature program)
 - Health resource management
- Member Delta Lambda Omega, Theta Omega, Beta Sigma Omega, Alpha Chi Omega Chapters
- First Executive Director to serve in the Ivy Center national office building; first and only member to serve as national office executive director & Supreme Basileus; Supreme Tamiouchos; financial advisor to the 20th & 21st Supreme Basilei
- B.S., cum laude, East Central University; M.B.A., Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management; Certified Public Accountant
- Chief Financial Officer; auditor; comptroller; investment consultant

