

Hannah Chapter No. 12

Hannah Chapter No. 12 was formed in **2007** under the **Sarai Grand Chapter**, under the leadership of **Joy Gardner, Worthy Matron**.

The name *Hannah* is derived from the **First Book of Samuel**. Hannah's story reflects faith, perseverance, prayer, and divine purpose—qualities that are foundational to the chapter's mission and work.

Significance of the Number 12

The number **12** represents **Divine Authority** and **Governmental Perfection** and is considered a perfect number. Throughout history and scripture, twelve holds profound significance:

- The **Old Covenant** was founded upon **12 fathers** and the **12 sons of Jacob (Israel)**
- The **New Covenant** was established through the **12 Apostles**
- There are **12 months** in a year
- Jesus shared the **Last Supper with the 12 disciples**
- Jesus was **12 years old** when first seen teaching in the temple (*Luke 2:42*)
- The Virgin Mary entered and remained in the temple for **12 years**
- There are **12 principal divinities** in Greek mythology
- In *Revelations*, there are **12 gates guarded by 12 angels**

Scripture

Psalm 90:17

“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.”

This scripture affirms the chapter's commitment to divine guidance, purpose, and the enduring work of unity and service.

Chapter Color – Blue

The chapter color is **Blue**, symbolizing:

- The **heavenly realm, prayer, priesthood, authority, and divinity**

- **Grace, truth, the Word of God, revelation knowledge, and the Holy Spirit**
- **Trust, loyalty, wisdom, faith, confidence, and stability**

Blue represents both the **sky and the sea**, evoking openness, freedom, inspiration, intuition, and depth. It has a calming effect on the mind and body, promoting tranquility, balance, and self-expression. As a spiritual color, blue reflects those whose instincts lead them in alignment with divine purpose.

Chapter Flower – Bird of Paradise

The **Bird of Paradise** flower, native to South Africa, symbolizes **joyfulness** and **paradise**. Also known as the **Crane Flower**, it bears a striking resemblance to a brightly colored bird in flight. Its distinctive beauty represents freedom, magnificence, and the celebration of life.

Chapter Seal and Symbol

The chapter seal and symbol is the **West African Adinkra symbol, Mpatapo**, which signifies **reconciliation, peacemaking, and pacification**.

Mpatapo represents the knot or bond that unites parties after conflict, symbolizing harmony, unity, and peaceful resolution following strife.

Chapter Motto

“Changing Me to We as We Work Together in Unity.”

This motto reflects the heart of Hannah Chapter No. 12—embracing collective growth, shared purpose, and unity through service.

Historical Milestones

- **2007** – Hannah Chapter No. 3 was officially chartered under the Sarai Grand Chapter.
- Established with a foundation rooted in **faith, unity, service, and reconciliation**.
- **2012** – Hannah Chapter No. 12 was officially chartered under Queen Elizabeth Grand Chapter.

- Over the years, the chapter has remained committed to **community service, sisterhood, leadership development, and spiritual growth.**
- 2020 – Hannah Chapter No. 12 was chartered under Most Worthy Ezer Grand Chapter.
- 2025 - Hannah Chapter No. 12 was officially chartered under Most Worthy Queen Sheba Grand Chapter.
- Hannah Chapter No. 12 continues to uphold the principles of the Order while adapting to meet the needs of a changing community.