

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Saint Albert the Great Court #306

History

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Saint Albert the Great Court #306 was established April 15, 1989. Mrs. Catherine Solomon, a dedicated and determined lady, encouraged ladies who were members of Saint Albert the Great Church, to join the noble order of The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary. Thirteen ladies whose applications had been approved by their pastor, Father Bart, were initiated into the Noble Order. Lady Mary Lee Mayes, Deputy of the Western States District, officiated at the initiation and Court 306 was established.

Since the beginning of Court #306, seven different ladies have successfully led the court as "Grand Lady. They are respectively:

1989 – 1992	Lady Catherine Solomon
1993	Lady Marie Holmes (deceased)
1994 – 1995	Lady Catherine Solomon
1996 – 2002	Lady Emily Ford
2003 – June 30, 2004	Lady Micaela Le Blanc
June 30 – Dec 31, 2004	Lady Mary Manchester
2004 – 2006	Lady Emily Ford
2007 -- 2010	Lady Zackrea Jones
2011- 2017	Lady JoAnn Berzat
2017- present	Lady Carol Carr

Members of the court and junior court who have served as a Western States District Conference and National Officer include:

Lady Lydia Price	Western States District Conference Jr. Daughter Directress, 2014-2018
Lady Micaela Le Blanc	Western States District Deputy, 2004- 2010
Lady Emily Ford	Grand Lady to Western States District Conference Ladies Board, 2002-2006
Lady Faith Otis	Western States District Conference Jr. Daughter Directress, 2006- 2010

Jr. Daughter Rashida Garcia	Jr. Western States District Conference (Jr. WSDC) President 2016-2018
Jr. Daughter Adaeze Oduma	Jr. WSDC Mistress-at-Arms, 2012-2014 & Vice-President 2016-2018
Jr. Daughter Vineisha Hendricks	Jr. WSDC Mistress-at-Arms, 2004-2006

May 10, 1996, Junior Daughter Court #306 was founded. Our Junior Daughters are very active in church and the community. They have attended all conferences and conventions since their inception.

The Junior Daughters serve as Lectors, Choir Members, Liturgical Dancers, and Ushers. They visit a nursing home to sing Christmas Carols and bring gifts to the patients. They have participated in Black History Programs at our parish and serve as ushers and servers at the Annual Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast.

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The Ladies of Court #306 meet monthly on the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. in Saint Albert the Great Comboni Meeting Room. Junior Daughters meet on the second Sunday of each month at 10:30 A.M. Approximately each third Sunday of the month, we dress in our official uniform, attend the 9:00am mass and receive the Holy Eucharist as a body. We always attend Mass at hosting parishes on Founder's Day, Saint Peter Claver Day and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Each year Court 306 has been effectively represented at National Conventions and Western States District Conferences where our Grand Ladies and elected delegates have served on various committees and participated in workshops.

We have shared an advertisement with our Knights of Council #306 in Convention and Conference souvenir books.

Court #306 has received several trophies and certificates for outstanding service to the Auxiliary, church, and community. Some of those awards are:

1994	Greatest Expansion Award	Court
1995	WS District Financial Secretary of the Year Award	Lady Mary Manchester
1996	WS District Lady of the Year Award	Lady Catherine Solomon
1998	WS District Lady of the Year Award	Lady Emily Ford
2000	WS District Humanitarian of the Year Award	Lady Catherine Solomon
2003	KPCLA National Silver Medal Award of Merit	Lady Emily Ford
2003	WS District Grand Lady of the Year Award	Lady Emily Ford
2003	KPCLA National Grand Lady of the Year	Lady Emily Ford
2004	KPCLA National Silver Medal Award of Merit	Lady Micaela Le Blanc
2013	KPCLA National Jr. Daughter Counselor of Year	Lady Lydia Price

Court #306 has successfully organized and sponsored many fund raisers, i.e. Las Vegas Turnaround Trips, Bake Sales, Fish Fries, Raffles, Easter Basket Sales, Rummage Sales, etc. We have managed Church Carnival Booths, Assisted with many church activities and social functions.

With proceeds from our fund raisers and donations from our members and friends, we have made monetary contributions to Saint Albert the Great Church and school as well as National and community projects. Some of our donor recipients are:

St. Albert the Great Black History Celebrations
St. Albert the Great Youth Ministry and Choir
St. Albert Junior Daughters
ST. Albert Building Fund
St. Albert Christian Services
Our Mother of Africa Shrine – Washington D.C.
Jr. Daughter Trip to White House
Elderly Couple who lost home in fire
St Anne's Home for Unwed Mothers
Compton Welfare Rights Organization Battered Women and Homeless Shelter
St. Albert the Great Cheerleaders
Another Chance Foundation for the Homeless and Parolees

On August 24, 1996, we presented one of our most successful projects, a cultural and spiritual workshop for young ladies ages 8 to 15. The workshop was entitled "411 Session". The name was chosen because we wanted this to be an information exchange between our youth and our

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presenters who consisted of several Court #306 Members, a medical doctor and a dancer from the Hispanic community. The attendees' evaluation of the workshop expressed total approval and appreciation for the day.

One of our most important projects is our Scholarship Fund. Education is very high on our list of priorities. Each year we award a scholarship to one or more deserving students at Saint Albert the Great School or any student of the St. Albert the Great Parish community who is attending Catholic school in the Archdioceses of Los Angeles.

Within our court, we acknowledge birthdays and accomplishments of our members and embrace our Claver Sisters with great affection and care especially during illness or loss of a loved one.

Christmas is an especially happy and fun occasion for our court. Each Christmas we treat our parish to a festive and sumptuous Christmas Brunch prepared and served by our members. It is our way of saying "Thank you for your support and cooperation throughout the year".

Growth is paramount to our continuing success. Court #306 has grown from the original thirteen members to thirty-five members. As we continue to grow, we will project our efforts farther into our community, touching many more people with **Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity in the Spirit of Claverism.**

Court 306 Charter Members – Catherine Solomon, Lucille Douglas, Clare Allen, Naomi Brooks, Oma Coleman, Eula Calvert, Marie Holmes (deceased), Nelly Davis (deceased), Bernice Carrington, Billie Davis, Ruth Lupe, and Marilyn Moore.

Court 306, 2017 Members – Clarice Alexander (Telephone Committee), Clare Allen (Scholarship Committee), La Terreia Allen, JoAnn Berzat (Chaplain), Naomi V. Brooks, Christine Brown, Mary Buckner (Board of Trustees and Scholarship Chairperson), Rosemarie Caraway, Carol Carr (Grand Lady), Oma G. Coleman, Mary Como (Board of Trustee), Billie R. Davis, Lucille Douglas, Emily Ford, Diane Gibson, Elvira Gomez (Outer Guard/Mistress-at-Arms), Noemi Herrera Jackson (Relief Director), Jacqueline Handy, Charmaine Hiruko, Delores Irby, Zackrea Jones (Financial Secretary), Lynda Lampkin (Vice Grand Lady), Micaela LeBlanc (Board of Trustee and Past Western States District Deputy), Mary Manchester, Ann McCune (Recording Secretary), Jean Nealy, Margaret Nnabue (Board of Trustee), Tonna Nnabue, Chidi Oduma (Treasurer), Faith M. Otis, Virginia M. Perry (Telephone Committee), Lydia Price (Junior Daughter Counselor and WSDC Jr. Daughter Directress), Marina Real, Catherine Solomon (Lecturer), Jennifer Taylor, and Demetries Walton-Bell

Junior Court 306, 2017 Members – Rashida Garcia (Treasurer), Adaeze Oduma (Jr. Grand Lady), Obi Oduma (Jr. Recording Secretary), Natalie Taylor (Jr. Vice Grand Lady), Laura Lopez (Jr. Inner/Outer Guard). Jr. Daughter Counselor is Lady Lydia Price.

Court 306 is also fortunate to count among its membership five members of the Sublime Meritorious 4th Degree Ladies of Grace Division of the Knights of Peter Claver, Incorporated. These Ladies are Gracious Lady Zackrea Jones, Gracious Lady Micaela LeBlanc, Gracious Lady Lydia Price, and Gracious Lady Catherine Solomon, all of who are members of the Ellen Marie Jackson Ladies of Grace Chapter 13 domiciled in Los Angeles, California. Gracious Lady JoAnn Berzat is a member of Grace Lorraine Taplin Ladies of Grace Chapter 49 domiciled in Las Vegas, Nevada.