

Sasse Alumni Association Inc

"An Alumna Association of the Ex-Students
of St. Joseph's College, Sasse-Cameroon"
A 501(c)3 Charitable Organization



President Njukang Asong's message - December 2025

Dear SOBA America Trailblazers,

As we welcome December, the season of gratitude and reflection, I celebrate the unity and dedication that continue to define our great brotherhood. November reminded us of the strength we possess when we stand together serving, inspiring, and uplifting one another.

May this festive month bring you peace, joy, and renewed purpose. Thank you for all you do to keep the SOBA America spirit alive.

Together, we rise. Together, we serve. Together, we lead.



How to Be a SOBAN During the Christmas Season



As we step into the final month of the year, SOBA extends warm wishes of peace, success, and renewed strength to all Sobans around the world. May this December bring clarity, gratitude, and meaningful connections. Here's to closing the year with purpose and stepping into the new one with even greater hope and unity.

HAPPY NEW MONTH, AND GOD BLESS THE SOBA FAMILY!



Christmas is a sacred and joyful time, a season when the world pauses to remember the greatest act of love ever demonstrated—God becoming man in the person of Jesus Christ. For us as SOBANS, men formed in the all-boy Catholic boarding tradition of St. Joseph's College, Sasse, this season carries even deeper meaning. It is a call to return to the virtues instilled in us on the Hills of Sasse: discipline, humility, faith, service, and brotherhood. Christmas invites us not only to celebrate but to reflect on who we are, what we were taught, and what our Christian faith

demands of us.

In Sasse, we learned early that being a man is not measured by power or status, but by character. The formation we received—rooted in Catholic doctrine, shaped by discipline, enriched through brotherhood—was meant to prepare us to stand in the world as men of integrity. Christmas is the perfect season to examine whether we are still living by those foundations. The humility of Christ’s birth in a manger echoes the humility demanded of every SOBAN. Scripture reminds us, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16). That kind of sacrificial love offers us a standard for how we relate to our families, our communities, and our fellow SOBANS.

The Catholic teachings we absorbed through daily Mass, catechism, confessions, spiritual retreats, and the disciplined structure of boarding life emphasized three things: faithfulness to God, service to others, and moral responsibility. The Catechism reminds us that “The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer and virtue” (CCC 1653). Christmas is therefore a moment to bring prayer back to the center of our homes. This season encourages us to gather our families in gratitude, to attend Mass with reverence, to share meals with joy, and to reflect deeply on the mystery of the Incarnation. It calls us to reconciliation—with God through the Sacrament of Penance, and with one another through forgiveness and peace.

As SOBANS, Christmas challenges us in our different roles. As men, we are called to integrity—to let our light shine through our actions, as Christ taught: “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). As fathers and parents, we are asked to nurture the faith of our children and teach them that Christmas is not merely about presents and lights, but about Christ and love. Our children watch how we treat our spouses, how we speak, and how we live. They learn more from our examples than from our instructions.

As brothers and sons, Christmas urges us to value family bonds. It is a time to visit our parents, call our siblings, mend broken relationships, and create unity in our households. No SOBAN should allow bitterness or distance to overshadow the meaning of this holy season. Our formation taught us to maintain discipline, but also to practice compassion—to be firm but never harsh, strong but never unkind. This season also reminds us of our responsibility toward one another as members of the SOBAN brotherhood. The bond we share is not accidental; it was forged through shared experiences—cold mornings, chapel bells, refectory meals, discipline, friendships, and the timeless spirit of Fides et Labor. Christmas calls us to check on one another, uplift one another, and show generosity toward the broader Sasse community. Whether through mentorship, support to SOBA America, contributions to scholarships, or personal acts of kindness, every gesture of solidarity is a reflection of Christ’s love in action.

Charity is at the heart of Christmas because charity is at the heart of the Gospel. Christ teaches, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). As SOBANS, this season is our opportunity to extend a helping hand—to support a struggling family, assist a student in need, visit the sick, or give generously to our parishes and communities. The world sees Christ through our works of love.

Christmas is also a call to peace. Christ is the Prince of Peace, and He invites us to let go of anger, grudges, and past wounds. Scripture instructs us clearly: “Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37). A SOBAN is not a man who carries resentment; he is a man who restores relationships. In our homes, our workplaces, our communities, and our alumni circles, let peace be the legacy we leave behind during this season.

Ultimately, Christmas invites us to carry the spirit of Sasse into the world through our faith and actions. We were formed to be gentlemen, leaders, and Christian witnesses. As we gather with families, attend Mass, share meals, and exchange gifts, may we also reflect on whether we are living the values that shaped us on the hills of that sacred college. Are we men of character? Are we living our faith boldly? Are we shining God's light in a world that desperately needs hope?

This Christmas, let every SOBAN become a beacon of love, generosity, and grace—a man whose actions reflect Christ's message of salvation. As St. Paul teaches, "Let all that you do be done in love" (1 Corinthians 16:14). That is the true meaning of being a SOBAN during the Christmas season.

May the joy of Christ's birth fill your homes, strengthen your families, and deepen your faith.

Merry Christmas, dear brothers.
Fides et Labor.



**SOBA America Sets Its Sights on Minnesota:
The 36th National Convention Heads to the
Omni Viking Lakes Hotel**



There are moments in the life of an association that redefine energy, sharpen identity, and remind us of the greatness of our brotherhood. The announcement of SOBA America's 36th National Convention is one of those moments. With excitement, pride, and a renewed sense of unity, we are thrilled to declare that SOBA America is officially heading to Minnesota—to the iconic, world-class Omni Viking Lakes Hotel—for what promises to be a history-making national gathering.

From May 22–24, 2026, SOBANS from across the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa, and beyond will descend upon the city of Eagan, Minnesota—home of the Minnesota Vikings and now the home of an unforgettable SOBA America experience. The magnificent Omni Viking Lakes Hotel, located at 2611 Nordic Way, Eagan, MN 55121, is not just a venue; it is a masterpiece of modern architecture, Nordic-inspired design, and premium hospitality.

This hotel is where elegance meets comfort. Its soaring lobby, crisp lines, warm wood tones, and stunning interior décor reflect a style that is both luxurious and inviting. SOBANS can look forward to luxurious queen and king rooms, state-of-the-art VIP suites, and a ballroom that looks like something out of a world-class gala. Whether you are stepping out of your elevator or walking into the grand event hall, everything about this venue whispers one word: breathtaking.

And yet—despite the luxury—the affordability is simply unmatched. Free parking, premium amenities, on-site dining, exceptional comfort, and world-class service make the Omni Viking Lakes Hotel a destination worthy of our brotherhood. It is a venue that honors who we are and elevates what SOBA America stands for.

This convention is not merely a weekend—it is a celebration of unity, heritage, achievement, and the unstoppable spirit of SOBANS worldwide. The Minnesota "Twin Cities" Chapter, our proud host, is gearing up to deliver an experience that will set a new standard. Their enthusiasm, planning, and commitment to excellence are already evident in every detail, and we cannot wait for the magic they will bring to life.

A loud round of congratulations goes out to our dynamic Convention Co-Chairs—Mola Steve Ndele and Emeritus SG Divine Tange—whose leadership and coordination have been nothing short of extraordinary. We also celebrate Soban

Francis Njilla, President of SOBA Minnesota, whose dedication and hands-on leadership have been instrumental in securing this iconic location for our 36th anniversary gathering.

SOBANS, SAVE THE DATE: May 22–24, 2026.

Clear your calendars. Mark your reminders. Inform your families. Prepare your outfits. And most importantly—get ready for a convention experience unlike anything we have seen before.

Room reservations, table purchases, and event details will be released soon. Until then, hold your breath, spread the word, and begin counting down to one of the most extraordinary weekends in the history of SOBA America.

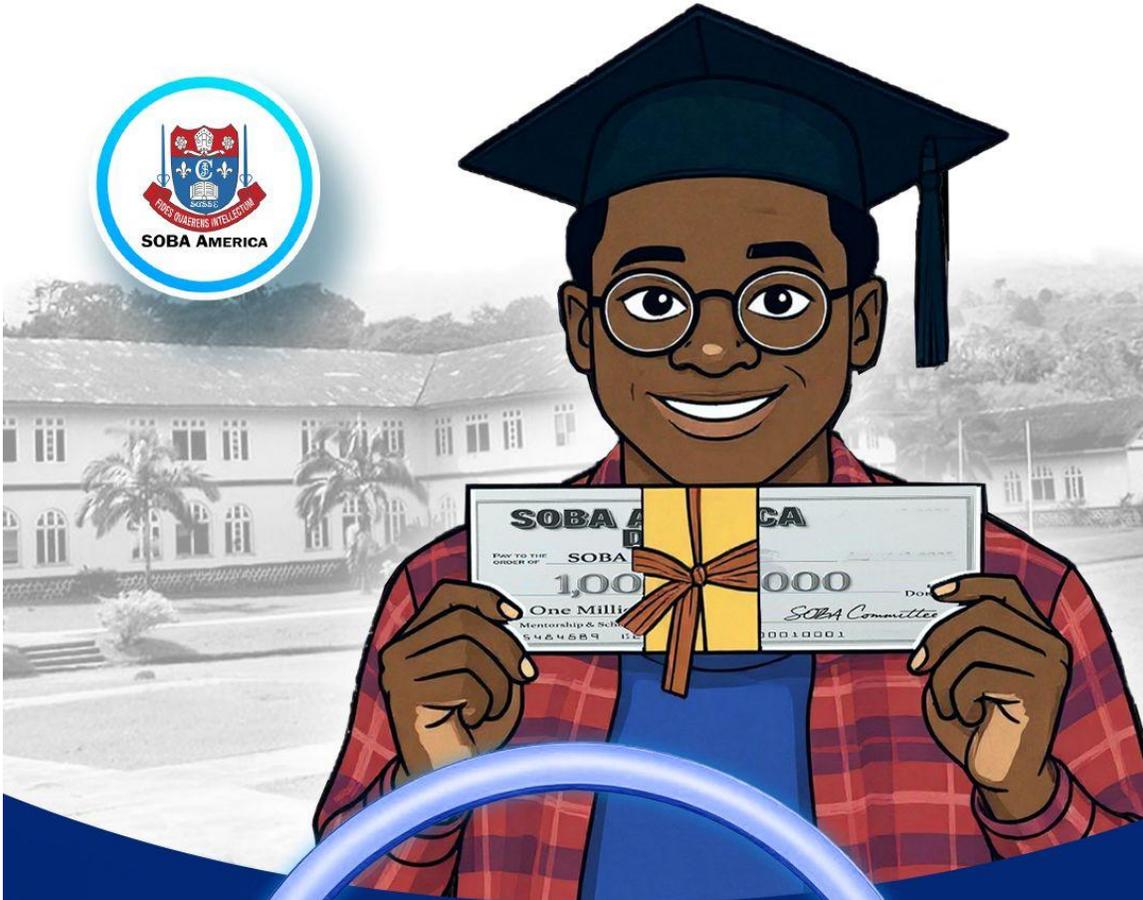
Minnesota awaits us.

The Omni Viking Lakes Hotel awaits us.

And the future of SOBA America is shining brighter than ever.

The graphic features a night view of the Twin Cities skyline and a bridge over water. On the left is the SOBA America logo, which includes a shield with a caduceus, a book, and the motto 'FIDES QUÆRENS INTELLECTUM' and 'few - proud - different'. Text on the graphic includes: 'SOBA AMERICA 36th NATIONAL CONVENTION', 'OMNI VIKING LAKES HOTEL 2611 NORDIC WAY EAGAN, MINNESOTA 55121', 'Save-the-Date!' in a handwritten font, 'HOST CHAPTER SOBA MINNESOTA "TWIN CITIES" MAY 22 - 24, 2026', and 'Airport code: MSP'.

SOBA America Day Returns: Officially Rescheduled for December 14th, 2025



SOBA AMERICA DAY

MENTORSHIP, SCHOLARSHIPS AND INSPIRATION

THIS EVENT IS DESIGNED TO:

- * Provide need-based and merit-based scholarships to deserving students.
- * Host interactive mentorship sessions with alumni professionals across diverse industries.
- * Offer awards bearing the names of donors and distinguished SOBANS.
- * Reinforce the core Sasse values of excellence, discipline, and service.

7AM-7PM

Sunday,
Dec. 14th, 2025

St Joseph's College Sasse Buea, Cameroon

After weeks of anticipation and careful evaluation, SOBA America is proud to announce that SOBA Day 2025 is officially scheduled for Sunday, December 14th, 2025, at the beloved grounds of St. Joseph's College, Sasse. What was once postponed due to the national uncertainty surrounding Cameroon's recent presidential elections has now been joyfully confirmed. Peace has returned, stability has been restored, and the doors of our alma mater are wide open for us to reconnect, give back, and inspire the next generation of SOBANS.

This year's SOBA Day carries a deeper meaning. It is more than an event—it is a homecoming, a legacy moment, and a reaffirmation of the values that shaped us. For many of us, the Hills of Sasse remain a sacred part of our identity—a place where discipline, faith, brotherhood, and excellence were etched into our character. Returning to campus is always a pilgrimage of gratitude, but this year, it is also a mission to empower and uplift.

The program will begin at 7:00 AM with a special Holy Mass on campus, grounding the day in prayer and thanksgiving. From there, Sasse will come alive with mentorship sessions, inspirational talks, academic awards, interactive forums, and opportunities for students to engage directly with SOBANS across a wide range of professions. This is our chance to speak into the lives of these young men, to help shape their dreams, and to remind them that greatness has walked—and continues to walk—within those walls.

A major highlight of SOBA Day remains our Awards and Scholarship Ceremony. SOBA America invites every SOBAN, chapter, family, or friend of Sasse to sponsor an award and make an impact that will echo for years. Awards may honor academic excellence, best-in-class performance, best improved student, discipline, leadership, or financial need. This year, sponsors also have the privilege of naming their awards after themselves, parents, mentors, or loved ones—creating a personal legacy tied forever to Sasse's history.

We strongly encourage SOBANS to step forward and take ownership of this initiative. Sponsoring an award is not just a contribution; it is an act of leadership and an investment in a young man's future. Anyone interested in sponsoring an award is kindly invited to respond by December 7th so that the names, citations, and categories can be properly curated and incorporated into the program.

Beyond awards, SOBA Day will be filled with the spirit of brotherhood, connection, and mentorship. It will be a fun day on campus—an opportunity to engage with students, reconnect with the mission of Sasse, celebrate the legacy of our brotherhood, and remind ourselves why giving back matters. From the fields to the classrooms, from the chapel to the assembly hall, every corner of Sasse will echo with laughter, learning, inspiration, and the unmistakable energy of SOBANS returning home.

SOBA Day is our annual tradition—our promise to the future, our bridge between generations, and our way of ensuring that the values we inherited continue to grow stronger. December 14th is now set, confirmed, and blessed with purpose. Let us show up with pride, generosity, and the full force of the SOBAN spirit.



SOBA AMERICA DAY

theme:

**MENTORSHIP, SCHOLARSHIPS
AND INSPIRATION**

**DO YOU WANT TO
SPONSOR
AN AWARD/
SCHOLARSHIP?**

**CONTACT ANY MEMBER
OF THE NLT NOW!**



7AM-7PM



**Sunday,
Dec. 14, 2025**



St Joseph's College Sasse Buea, Cameroon

SOBA Class of 1990 Celebrates 35 Years With Excellence, Legacy, and Purpose



Under the leadership of President SOBAN Epizitone Ebodume Anabi, the SOBA Class of 1990 has launched its 35th-anniversary celebration with a powerful statement of honor, gratitude, and commitment to the future of St. Joseph's College, Sasse.

On November 16th, 2025, the Class of 1990 proudly awarded 23 outstanding laureates in their maiden "Excellence in Leadership Award." This deeply meaningful recognition honored 13 school prefects, 6 class prefects, and 4 members of the teaching staff—individuals whose dedication, discipline, and leadership continue to uphold the spirit and identity of Sasse.

For decades, Sasse has shaped boys into men of character, faith, and service, and this initiative by the Class of 1990 reinforces that legacy. By celebrating today's young leaders and educators, the Class of 1990 is giving back to the institution that shaped them, while inspiring the next generation to strive for excellence. This maiden award is only the beginning of a long-term commitment to elevate academic achievement, leadership culture, and moral values within Sasse.

As the anniversary celebrations continue, the Class of 1990 is now looking ahead to its next major milestone: the Grand Fundraising Gala on December 6th, 2025, at the prestigious Ace Event Center in Limbe. The event promises to be a memorable evening filled with elegance, brotherhood, and purpose. But more importantly, it will play a crucial role in raising funds for the group's ambitious 2026 humanitarian outreach projects and the continued sustainability of the Excellence in Leadership Award.

The Class of 1990 has long distinguished itself through service, unity, and visionary leadership, and this gala represents another opportunity for SOBANS, friends, families, and supporters of Sasse to invest in the future. Funds raised will support vulnerable communities, empower students in need, and strengthen the academic and leadership pipeline within St. Joseph's College.

President Epizitone expressed deep gratitude to all who have already supported the anniversary initiatives. “We appreciate every individual, brother, and well-wisher who donated to this cause. Your contribution is not taken for granted. We are immensely grateful,” he shared. “Together, we are shaping a stronger future for Sasse and for the young men who will one day lead our communities.”

As the countdown to December 6th begins, the Class of 1990 calls on all SOBANS, partners, and friends of Sasse to join them in Limbe. This celebration is more than an anniversary—it is a testament to brotherhood, a renewal of purpose, and a commitment to uplifting the next generation.

The 35th anniversary of the Class of 1990 is not just a look back at where they have come from—it is a powerful declaration of where they are going. And on December 6th, they invite everyone to stand with them as they propel their mission forward with vision, compassion, and excellence.

SOBA90 (DEMOCRATS)
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35 Years
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SOBA90 CELEBRATING UNITY IN EXCELLENCE @35

TIME: | DECEMBER SATURDAY
6 PM | 06.2025

FEATURING:
LIVE BAND (ALL STAR ORCHESTRA)
FUNDRAISER | VIP EXQUISITE | PREMIUM EXPERIENCE

TABLES EXPLOSIVE:
PLATINUM TABLE: 500,000CFA
GOLD TABLE: 300,000CFA
SILVER TABLE: 200,000CFA

TICKETS EXPERIENCE:
PLATINUM EXPERIENCE: 50,000CFA
GOLD EXPERIENCE: 30,000CFA
SILVER EXPERIENCE: 20,000CFA
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**Celebrating Leadership, Awareness, and the
SOBAN Spirit: A Salute to SOBA Members-at-
Large Chapter**

**SOBA AMERICA
PROSTATE
CANCER
AWARENESS
CAMPAIGN**



**PROTECT YOUR
HEALTH, PROTECT
YOUR LEGACY**

Learn about the risks of prostate cancer & the importance of early detection. Talk to your doctor about screening.

SOBA AMERICA
Health and Wellness Program

delivering an exceptional and impactful Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Campaign—a campaign that not only informed, educated, and enlightened, but also strengthened the bond of brotherhood that defines us as SOBANS.

Throughout the month, our MAL Chapter set a gold standard for health outreach within our association. From their well-organized sessions to the clarity of their information flow, every aspect of their campaign reflected excellence. The presentations were not only rich in medical insight but carefully tailored to the needs of African men—addressing myths, risk factors, early symptoms, screening methods, and treatment options with remarkable professionalism.

What made the campaign even more powerful were the inspiring testimonials shared by SOBANS who courageously opened up about their personal health journeys. Their honesty, vulnerability, and resilience reminded us that prostate cancer is not just a statistic—it is a reality affecting fathers, husbands, brothers, uncles, mentors, and friends. Their stories breathed life into the message and underscored the urgency of early detection.

Above all, the SOBAN spirit shone brightly. The camaraderie, the engagement, the brotherly encouragement, and the shared commitment to protecting one another's health demonstrated once again why SOBA America remains a family bound by purpose, legacy, and love for one another.

The cornerstone of the campaign echoed loudly and consistently:

If you are 40 and over, go for a test. No excuses. No delays. No fear.

A powerful reminder is the “1997 Rule”—a simple, memorable call to action urging all men who entered Sasse in or before 1997 (and therefore are now 40 or older) to prioritize prostate screening. It is a rule rooted in wisdom, in love, and in the responsibility we carry for our own lives and those who depend on us.

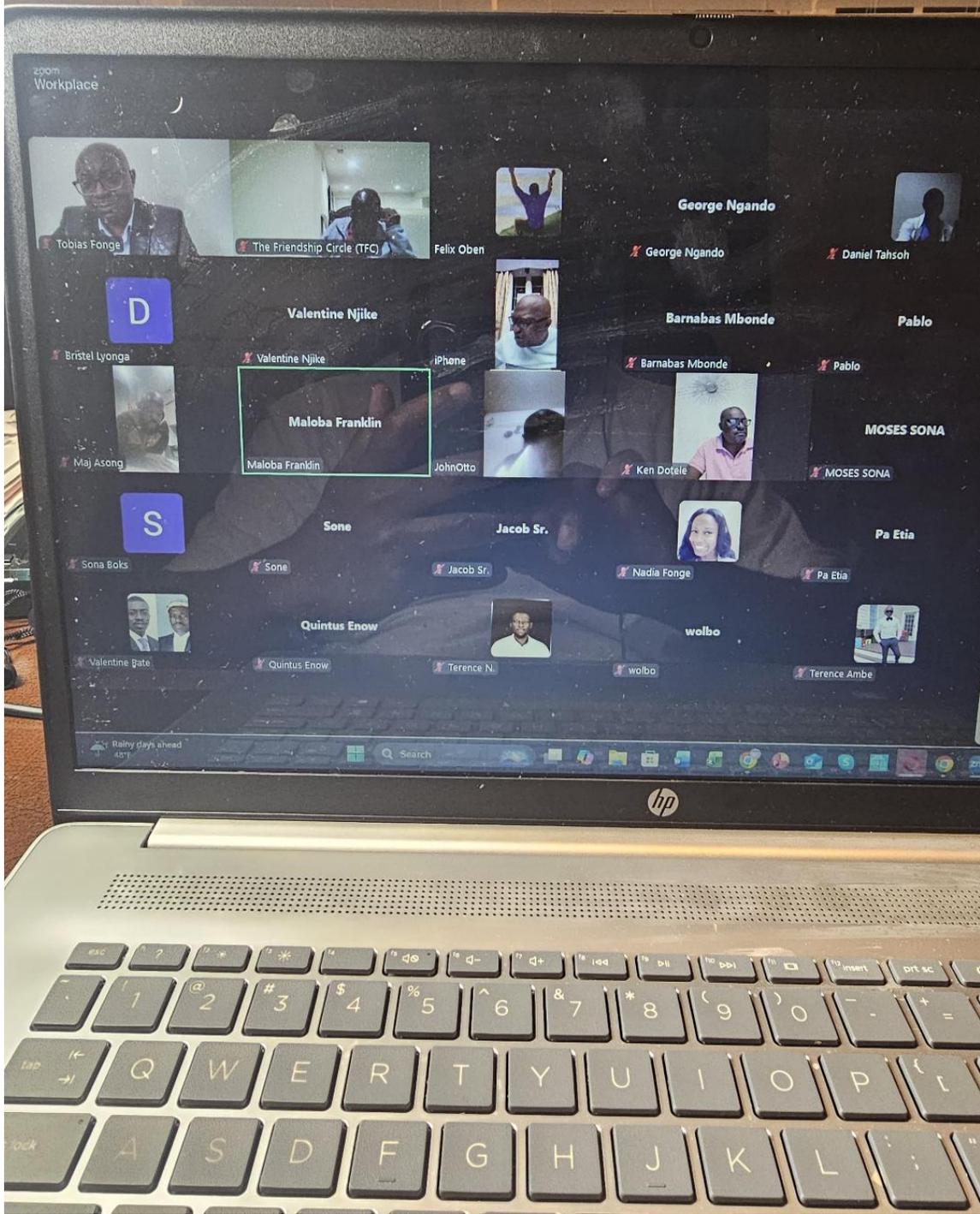
The success of the MAL Chapter's campaign has set a new benchmark for what health awareness within SOBA America can look like. As President, I encourage every SOBA chapter across the United States and Canada to follow this example. Pick a month—any month—and champion a community outreach initiative that speaks to the health, empowerment, or well-being of our members and our wider communities. Whether it is diabetes education, mental health awareness, heart health, youth mentorship, or financial literacy—let us lead from the front.

This is how we build a stronger brotherhood. This is how we serve our communities. This is how we honor the values of St. Joseph's College, Sasse—through action, compassion, and leadership.

To our MAL Chapter:

Bravo. Thank you. And congratulations.

You have inspired an entire association, and your impact will continue to save lives



SOBA Carolinas Shines with a Vibrant TOPGOLF Outing in Charlotte



On November 16th, 2025, the SOBA Carolinas Chapter lit up the city of Charlotte with an unforgettable TOPGOLF outing—a joyful blend of brotherhood, family, laughter, and the unmistakable spirit of Sasse. Hosted under the leadership of President Valery Bah and spearheaded by SOBAN Julius Herbst, the event brought together SOBANS, spouses, and friends for a day that beautifully showcased what community, connection, and camaraderie are all about.

The atmosphere was electric from the moment SOBANS arrived. With golf swings cutting through the cool evening air, plates filled with delicious food, glasses raised in cheer, and music echoing around the bays, the Carolinas chapter created an experience that was more than an outing—it was a celebration of the values that bind us as SOBANS: unity, joy, friendship, and family.

What made this event truly special was the intentional inclusion of spouses and families. That simple yet powerful gesture transformed the outing into a warm, family-centered gathering. It reminded us that while SOBA is built on brotherhood, the support systems behind every SOBAN—our wives, children, and loved ones—are equally important pillars of our community. Their presence added warmth, laughter, and energy that made the event even more memorable.

The Carolinas team didn't just organize an activity; they created a model for how chapters can cultivate connections outside formal meetings. The smiles, the friendly competition, the shared stories, and the effortless bonding showed that sometimes the best way to strengthen our association is simply to come together, relax, and have fun.

SOBA America proudly applauds President Bah, lead organizer SOBAN Julius Herbst, and the entire Carolinas Chapter for this creative, inclusive, and beautifully executed event. They demonstrated what it means to think beyond traditional meetings, to invest in experiences that build lifelong memories, and to unite families under the SOBA banner.

This is the kind of chapter leadership that inspires.

This is the kind of community engagement that grows our association.

This is the kind of brotherhood that keeps SOBA America strong.

To all other chapters across the United States and Canada, let this be a call to action. Pick a weekend, choose an activity, bring your families, and create something magical. Whether it's a bowling night, a family picnic, a barbecue, a beach day, a hiking trip, a cultural outing, or another TOPGOLF challenge—events like these keep our connections strong, deepen relationships, and welcome new SOBANS into our fold with warmth and authenticity.

SOBA Carolinas has set a vibrant example—one worth celebrating and emulating. Let's continue building a community where brotherhood goes beyond meetings and becomes a lifestyle.

□ A Birthday Toast to SOBAN Anthony Atabong □



SOBA Class of 1969 – The Timeless Legend

At seventy years young, he still moves like he's forty,
Strong as the Sasse hills, disciplined and sporty.
A fitness guru supreme, with wisdom wide and long,
Tony Atabong is proof that age can still be strong.

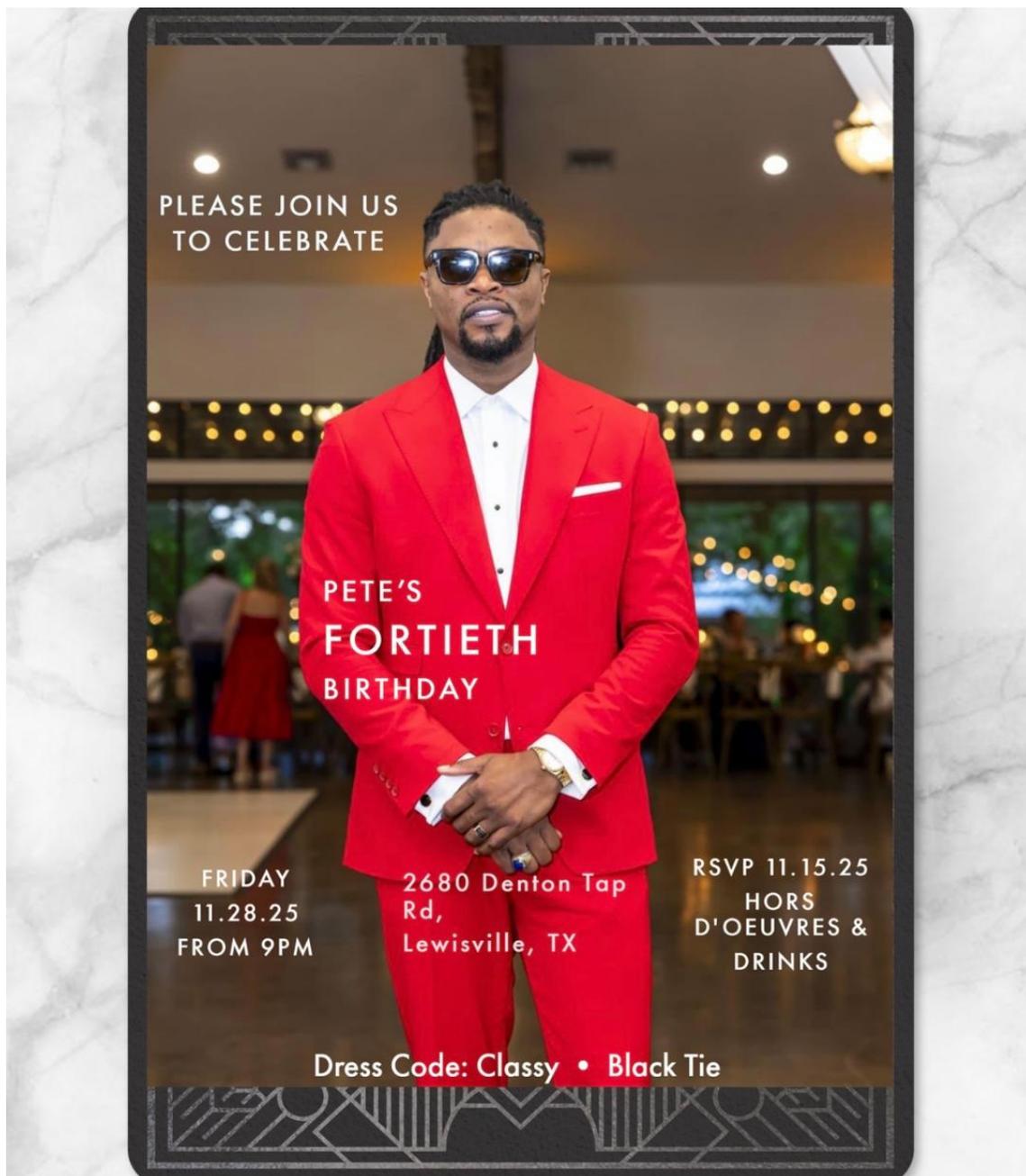
A father and a husband, with a scientist's bright mind,
An entrepreneur with vision—the rare, exceptional kind.

He lifts up everyone he meets, with kindness ever steady,
A SOBAN full of joy and heart, always smiling, always ready.

His laughter shakes the shadows, his presence lights the room,
His energy from sunrise till the evening stars resume.
Smart, noble, generous—his legacy stands tall,
A Father, brother, friend, and mentor deeply cherished by us all.

So here's to Tony on his day—may blessings never end,
May health, joy, and strength forever be his friend.
Happy Birthday, mighty SOBAN, ever youthful, ever strong
May the rhythm of your greatness keep dancing on and on!

□ A Birthday Toast to SOBAN Pete Nunyi Ephanga □



SOBA Class of 1997 – The Jovial Gentleman

Pete Nunyi steps with confidence, a sparkle in his eye,

A father, husband, entrepreneur who reaches for the sky.
Smart, driven, generous, with a heart both warm and true—
A brother filled with sunshine in everything he'll do.

His joy is loud, contagious, his laughter bold and bright,
He lifts the people near him like a lantern in the night.
A SOBAN of distinction, with resilience ever strong—
A man who turns life's challenges into triumph and into song.

So here's to Pete on his birthday—may blessings overflow,
May happiness surround him everywhere he dares to go.
Happy Birthday, noble brother, may your dreams all come alive,
And may every step you take in life continue to rise and thrive!

□ A Birthday Toast to SOBAN Bristol Lyonga Masonja □



SOBA Class of 1996 – The IT Maestro & Media Voice

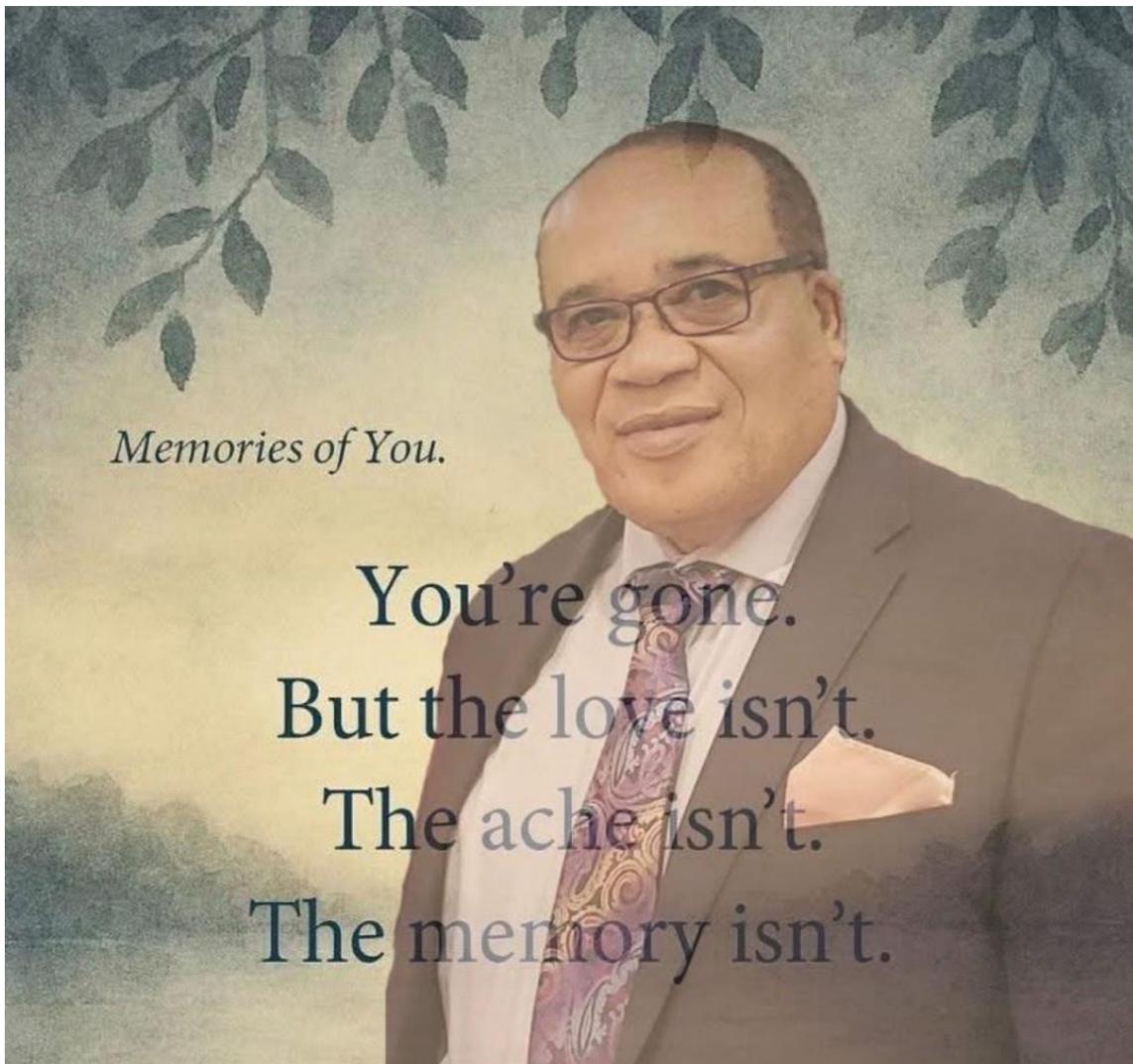
Bristol Lyonga stands with brilliance, eloquent and sure,
An IT guru, master mind, whose skills are sharp and pure.

Producer of SOBA America TV, shaping stories bold—
A father, husband, joyful soul with a heart of shining gold.

His laughter warms the coldest nights, his spirit lifts the day,
Smart, creative, full of charm in every single way.
His voice commands attention, his insight lights the way,
A brother who brings excellence to all he does and says.

Today we sing his praises, and celebrate his worth,
We honor all his triumphs and the joy he brings to earth.
Happy Birthday, brother Bristol—may blessings crown your year,
May success and peace surround you as new joys draw near!

SOBAN EDWIN MOLA NDOKO IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER



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Thanksgiving
CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR



SUNRISE:
AUG. 22ND, 1983
SUNSET:
JULY 20TH,
2024

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MARY NWOSU**

She was called Upon to be an Angel of Peace on July 20th 2024

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**DEC.
12TH,
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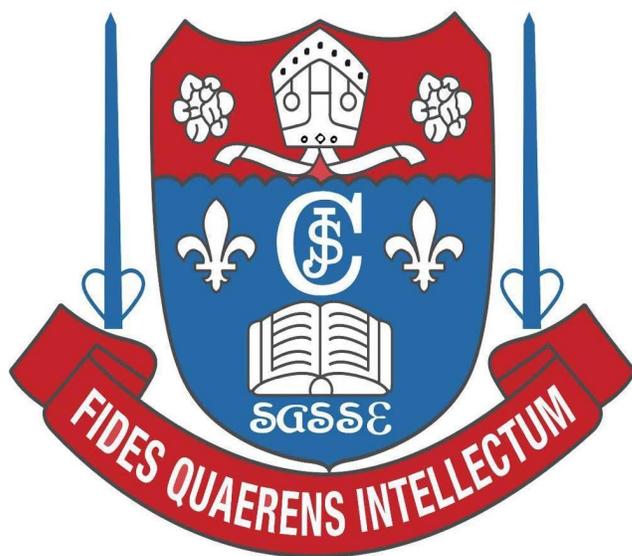
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Laid to Rest**



**SOBANS Stand with Soban Stanley Ati as
We Honor the Life of Mama Cecilia Ati**



Protecting Our Legacy: Brand and Identity Update



SOBA AMERICA

The SOBA America logo serves as a profound emblem of our organization's identity and brand. It is registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and is protected under U.S. and international copyright and trademark laws. Unauthorized use, alteration, or reproduction of the logo by any individual, group, class, or chapter is strictly prohibited and may result in legal consequences. Protecting our brand is vital to maintaining the integrity and recognition of SOBA America.

In accordance with Article IX, Section 9.3 of the SOBA America Bylaws, any limited use of the logo for a specific purpose requires prior written permission from SOBA America. We kindly request that all SOBANS, classes, chapters, and individuals adhere to these guidelines and refrain from using the logo without authorization. Non-compliance may lead to disciplinary measures as outlined in our bylaws, in addition to any remedies available under applicable law.

For authorized use, our Policies and Procedures Manual (PPM) provides a clear process:

- Submit a formal request via email to the President or Secretary General of SOBA America, detailing the intended purpose (e.g., on behalf of a class or chapter).
- Upon approval, sign the SOBA America Use of Mark Agreement, confirming that the logo will be used solely for the approved purpose.

The logo may not be altered or modified in any way, except for the permitted substitution of "SOBA America" at the bottom of the crest with the relevant chapter or class name.

We believe you share our commitment to preserving our brand's value and integrity. To support this effort, we encourage all members to report any suspected unauthorized use of the logo to the national leadership team for prompt investigation and resolution. Your vigilance helps ensure that our symbols continue to represent the excellence and unity of SOBA America.

If you have questions or need assistance with a logo use request, please reach out to the NLT or contact us via email at info@sobaamerica.org. Together, we can protect and promote the legacy that binds us.



-  **Powerful Networking**
Tap into a network of 600+ professionals through our online member portal.
-  **Exclusive Member Discounts**
Save big with deals at over 3,000 businesses across the US and Canada.
-  **Mentorship**
Connect with seasoned SOBANS for career guidance or give back by mentoring others (**Big Brother**)
-  **Celebrate Each Other**
We spotlight your businesses, achievements, and joyful life events!
-  **Business & Investment Platform**
Gain access to upcoming opportunities that grow your financial future.
-  **Assistance & Scholarships Program**
Get support in tough times and educational scholarships through our philanthropy arm.
-  **Make a Lasting Impact**
Support students in SJC Sasse through philanthropic outreach and service.
-  **Pride & Identity**
Show your pride as a member of the largest Cameroonian alumni group in the diaspora.
-  **Life & Bereavement Insurance**
Protect your loved ones with SAGI life insurance enrollment benefits, SOBA America members, spouse, parents, and children bereavement support.
-  **Ownership & Benefits Access**
A \$150/year membership, or join the President's club with \$1000 that covers 5 years membership will open the doors to lifelong value and support.

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FAQs about Membership, Dues and more

Join the Movement: SOBA America's Membership Drive

Why join? Membership isn't just a card; it's a gateway to exclusive benefits, lifelong connections, and a sense of belonging. From networking opportunities that could lead to your next career milestone to discounts that save you real money, the perks are endless. But here's the catch: The deadline to renew and avoid a six-month probation period for key benefits is **August 31st of each year**. Our dues are just \$150 annually, and remember, the SOBA America year starts June 1, so renew early to stay in good standing after the 15-day grace period.

Elevate your involvement by joining the **President's Club** for \$1,000. This elite group not only covers your dues for five years (\$750) but also channels \$250 directly to our scholarship fund, empowering the next generation of Sobans. It's more than membership—it's a legacy investment.

Ready to get involved? Here are seamless ways to join or renew:

1. **Through your local chapter: Connect with your chapter leader for personalized guidance.**
2. **Online at our website: Visit www.sobamerica.org today—it's quick, secure, and just a few clicks away.**
3. **Via Zelle App: Send to \$sobamericatreasury and include your name and chapter for easy tracking.**
4. **Via PayPal: Transfer to treasurer@sobamerica.org, and don't forget to note your details.**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Membership, Dues, and Benefits

SOBA America values transparency and member engagement. We understand that navigating dues, membership requirements, and benefits can be complex. Below is a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions to help clarify your rights, responsibilities, and entitlements as a valued member of our community.

1. What are the current membership dues for SOBA America?

Annual dues for standard membership are \$150, which includes a \$50 contribution to the SOBAN Death Benefit Fund. This fund provides a \$10,000 death benefit to the next of kin of a deceased member in good standing. Members may also join the President's Club with a one-time payment of \$1,000. This contribution includes five years of membership dues, with the remainder supporting the SOBA America Scholarship Fund. Flexible payment options are available, including one-time, two, or four installments. Membership dues help fund operations, programs, scholarships, and member benefits.

2. What was the new bylaw change regarding membership adopted at the 2025 Convention?

The 2025 amendment introduced criteria for shareholder eligibility. To qualify, a member must be a former student or teacher of St. Joseph's College, Sasse, residing in the Americas and affiliated with a chapter recognized as being in good standing. A chapter is in good standing if it complies with SOBA America's constitution, submits dues in a timely manner, avoids affiliation with other SOBA bodies, and maintains at least 10 active members. This amendment promotes consistency, accountability, and unity among chapters.

3. What is the significance of the August 31st dues deadline?

Members must renew dues by August 31st each fiscal year to maintain eligibility for

financial and bereavement benefits. Members who miss this deadline will be placed on a six-month probation, during which certain financial benefits, including the death benefit, are suspended. Renewing on time ensures uninterrupted access to all benefits. The fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31.

4. Should I wait until August 31st to pay my dues?

No. Members are encouraged to renew as early as possible, preferably at the start of the fiscal year on June 1. Renewing early ensures continuous coverage and eligibility for all benefits, especially in unforeseen emergencies. Waiting until the last day risks loss of benefits during the grace period.

5. What happens if I'm a new member or didn't renew last year?

New members and those returning after a lapse will be subject to a six-month probation period before financial benefits become active. Additionally, a two-year continuous membership is required before eligibility for the \$10,000 death benefit. This rule is in place to ensure fairness and sustainability of our benefit programs.

6. Are there benefits that do not require a probation period?

Yes. New and returning members immediately gain access to several non-financial benefits, such as participation in the mentorship program, discount programs, professional networking opportunities, chapter-level engagement, leadership training, and access to exclusive content on the member portal.

7. What is the Membership Discount Program?

This program offers SOBA America members exclusive discounts at more than 2,000 U.S. and 450 Canadian businesses. Benefits include savings on automotive services, retail purchases, groceries, school supplies, entertainment, rental cars, travel accommodations, and more. It is one of the most tangible and immediate benefits of membership.

8. How do I access these discounts?

To activate your discount access, register on the official SOBA America website and verify your membership through the Member Portal. Once verified, you can log in, browse categories, search participating businesses, and redeem offers using your digital membership ID.

9. Do I need to be in good standing to receive financial or death benefits?

Yes. You must be current on all dues and any other mandatory financial obligations at the time of the qualifying event. Benefits are only accessible to members in good standing. It's important to maintain timely payments and ensure your chapter remains compliant as well.

10. What bylaw was passed in 2023 regarding death benefit eligibility?

Members must maintain uninterrupted membership for at least two consecutive SOBA America fiscal years to be eligible for the \$10,000 death benefit. Any lapse in membership resets the two-year clock. This amendment ensures the long-term sustainability and fairness of the fund.

11. What does this two-year rule mean practically?

For example, if a member joins on July 1, 2024, and maintains membership without interruption, they will be eligible for the death benefit by July 1, 2026. If dues are missed at any point, they must restart the two-year eligibility period. This rule emphasizes the importance of continuous participation.

12. What is the 2023 Birth Benefit Resolution?

Under this resolution, when a child is born to a SOBANESE (wife of a SOBAN), the SOBA America President will publicly announce the birth. The SOBAN's CashApp, Zelle, or PayPal will be shared with the community to encourage voluntary gifts. The member must be in good standing.

13. Is written notification required for the birth benefit?

Yes. Notification of the birth must be made in writing—ideally via email—to the

SOBA America President or designated officer. Verbal notifications or social media posts alone are not sufficient.

14. Where can I find these policies and bylaws?

All official documents, including the SOBA America Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies & Procedures Manual, are available in the secure Member Portal. Registration on the website is required to access this area.

15. What is the 15-day grace period approved in 2024?

Members in good standing at the end of the fiscal year are given a grace period from June 1 to June 15. During this time, they retain access to financial benefits while they finalize renewal. If dues remain unpaid after June 15, benefits are suspended until renewal. Renewal by August 31 avoids a probation period.

16. What are the current convention dues and what does “SOBAN plus Guest” mean?

Convention registration is \$150 for individual members and \$250 for a SOBAN plus one guest—typically the SOBANESE. Additional family members must purchase standard tickets to attend specific events such as the Gala, Cultural Night, or Welcome Dinner.

Scholarship Endowment Fund Update – Progress and a Call to Action!

[Click Here create your own fundraising page and raise funds for the scholarship endowment fund](#)



Join the Movement: Help Us Build a Legacy of Education

Our Scholarship Endowment Fund Campaign is well underway, and I want to take a moment to express heartfelt gratitude to those who have already stepped up to support this transformative initiative. Your early commitment is laying the foundation for a future where no deserving student from SJC Sasse is denied an education due to financial hardship.

Together, we are working to create a lasting, self-sustaining fund—one that will provide scholarships for generations to come. Every dollar raised is a powerful step toward securing this legacy.

Campaign Highlights:

A: Fundraisers
Emeritus Quintus Enow – \$1,395
Organizing Secretary Paul Forbang – \$705
President Peter Henry Ghogomu – \$100
POSA Njukang Asong – \$3,720

Anabi Epizitone – Page created, yet to raise funds
Emeritus Larry Ekaney – \$1,285
Sone Metuge – Page created, yet to raise funds
Gerald Tchatchoa/SOBA 2001 – Page created, yet to raise funds
Chief Luma Becke – \$2,110
Emeritus Augustine Fombon – Page created, yet to raise funds
VP Dr. Felix Ngassa – Page created, yet to raise funds
Amadeus Dzekedze – Page created, yet to raise funds
Dr. Barrow Tabe/SOBA 92 class – \$2,000
President Julius Enang – Page created, yet to raise funds
CAO Edwin Atem – Page created, yet to raise funds
President Sylvester Nwosu – \$235
COO-Elect Etchu Ebott II – Page created, yet to raise funds
SOBA 1986 Class – \$3,000 pledged

B: SOBAN Donors

- Etienne Ojong-Orock – \$200
- Emmanuel Tange – \$50
- Kizito Kaba – \$100
- Callistus Enow – \$25
- Dr. Emmanuel Enohmbi – \$1,000
- John Ndi – \$55
- President Luma Becke – \$55
- President Sylvester Nwosu – \$2,000
- Emeritus Ekole Fonjungo – \$85
- Rev. Fr. Desmond Ndikum – \$1,000
- Virgile Mbangamoh – \$1,000
- Leslie Atem – \$1,000
- Dennis Gang – \$100
- 1992 Class – \$2,000

These SOBANS have demonstrated leadership and commitment by investing in the future of our alma mater. We are deeply inspired by their efforts—and we know this is just the beginning.

We Need You. Now is the Time to Act.

We are calling on you, our proud SOBANS across the globe, to join this movement. Let us each commit to raising at least \$1,000 toward this cause. The more who participate, the greater our impact.

This is more than a campaign—it is a legacy we are building together.

How to Get Started

15. Create your fundraising page here: [Zeffy - The Power of Giving: SOBA America Scholarship Endowment Fund](#)
16. Tell your story. Share your personal connection and why this mission matters to you.
17. Spread the word. Rally your network of friends, family, and colleagues. Every share makes a difference.

Let's rise to the moment. Together, we can ensure no Soban is left behind.

Happy New Month,
SOBANS!

As we welcome December,
may this special month bring
you warmth, renewed hope,
and the joyful spirit that only



the Christmas season can inspire. This is a time for reflection, gratitude, and togetherness—and as a SOBA America family, we embrace it with full hearts.

May December fill your homes with peace, your paths with favor, and your endeavors with meaningful progress. Let's continue to stand united, support one another, and keep lifting the banner of brotherhood that defines who we are.

Wishing you a month filled with celebration, purpose, and blessings beyond measure.

Together, we rise. Together, we serve. Together, we lead.

Do you have a story to share? Let us Celebrate you. Email us at info@sobamerica.org

[Click here to RENEW your membership online today](#)



SOBA America E-Store

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Thank you for reading

On behalf of the National Leadership Team (NLT), I extend heartfelt wishes to you and your families for a joyful, prosperous, and purpose-driven new month.

As we move forward together, may this new month bring renewed strength, unity, and inspiration to every SOBAN. Let us continue to lead with integrity, serve with humility, and build with vision—for in SOBA America, leadership is not defined by titles but by our collective commitment to excellence and brotherhood.

Each SOBAN is a torchbearer of legacy, carrying forward the spirit of service and the pride of Sasse. May we embrace this new chapter with bold ideas, collaborative energy, and unwavering dedication to shaping the future of our beloved association.

SOBANLY yours,

Njukang Asong
President of SOBA America (POSA)

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