

5th City Commons “Special” Brick Patterns

You will notice at 5th City Commons, that there are 3 distinct brick patterns at the west and east elevations. These 3 “Adinkra Symbols” were selected by a committee of community members whose input was very valuable in the final concept of this project. The information below are excerpts from “*Wisdom Without Words: Adinkra Symbols : The Modern Guide by Nakia Duncan*” which explains the concept of the Adinkra Symbol, and the meaning of the 3 patterns.

“**Adinkra**” as defined by Miriam Websters Dictionary

adin·kra

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: a writing system incorporating symbols representing various concepts that is used by the Akan peoples of Ghana to mark fabrics, walls, pottery, and other surfaces —often used before another noun

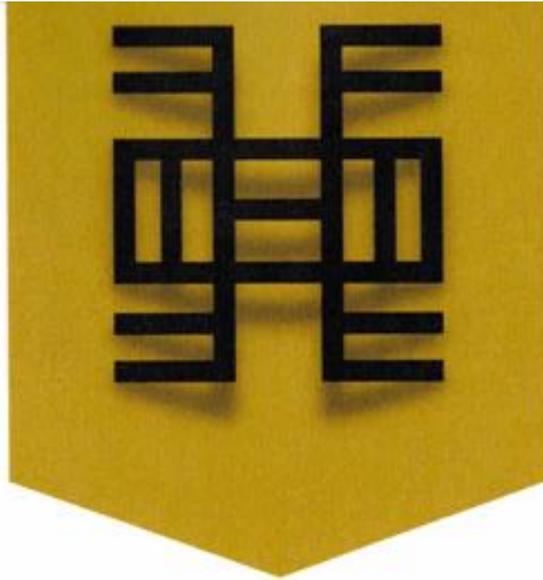
ADINKRA SYMBOLS -THE SACRED ESSENCE-

Just like sacred geometry, Adinkra symbols possess an extraordinary ability to connect with us, transcending language and speaking directly to the very core of our beings. They hold the profound power to heal, guide, and inspire, reminding us of our true essence and the grand purpose that lies within.

Adinkra symbols are the key to soul growth, potent reminders of our authentic selves. The wisdom and skills needed to lead a remarkable life and fulfill our unique destinies lie within their timeless shapes and intricate patterns. As you delve into the world of Adinkra, be prepared to embrace your eternal spirit, your untapped potential, and the radiant light that resides within you.

These symbols possess a language of their own, one that resonates deep within our souls, surpassing the limitations of spoken words. In “**Wisdom Without Words,**” prepare yourself for an extraordinary journey that blends ancient wisdom with a fresh, youthful enthusiasm. Discover the modern relevance of these symbols as they ignite your curiosity, fuel your passion, and awaken your inner knowing.

The vibrant narratives in this book will transport you to a realm where tradition converges with contemporary understanding. Within each symbol lies profound insight, providing the tools to unlock your hidden potential and embrace your true self. Get ready for an adventure as you embrace the ancient wisdom, the silent messages, and the undeniable energy of Adinkra symbols.



NEA ONNIM NO SUA A OHU

KNOWLEDGE + EDUCATION

"NEA ONNIM NO SUA A OHU" TRANSLATES TO "HE WHO DOES NOT KNOW CAN KNOW FROM LEARNING." IT REPRESENTS THE CONCEPT OF CONTINUOUS LEARNING AND THE POTENTIAL FOR ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM THROUGH EDUCATION AND PERSONAL GROWTH.

IT ENCOURAGES INDIVIDUALS TO EMBRACE A LIFELONG LEARNING MINDSET AND EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING KNOWLEDGE, EXPANDING ONE'S UNDERSTANDING, AND REMAINING OPEN TO NEW IDEAS AND PERSPECTIVES.





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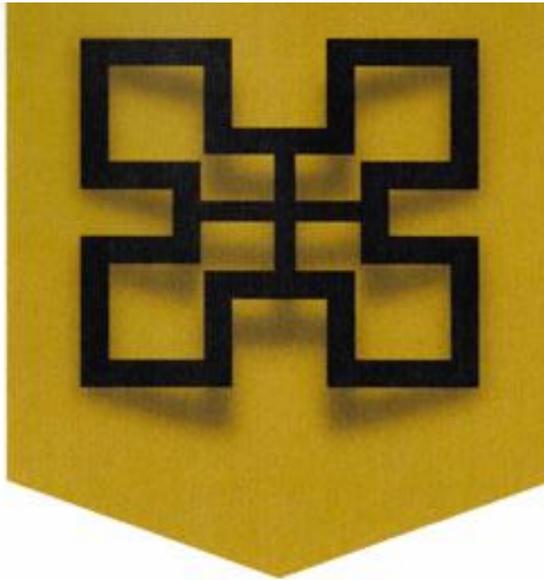
(n-chin-chin)

TOUGHNESS + ADAPTABILITY

THIS SYMBOL ENCOURAGES ONE TO PERSEVERE THROUGH LIFE'S TWISTS AND TURNS, STAY FOCUSED ON THEIR GOALS, AND REMAIN STEADFAST IN THEIR PURSUIT OF SUCCESS, EVEN WHEN FACED WITH OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES.

IT IS A REMINDER THAT LIFE IS NOT ALWAYS EASY, BUT THAT ONE CAN OVERCOME ADVERSITY AND ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS WITH DETERMINATION AND RESILIENCE.





NSAA

(n-sah)

GENUINENESS + AUTHENTICITY

NSAA IS A TYPE OF WOVEN CLOTH, AND THE SYMBOL REPRESENTS EXCELLENCE, GENUINENESS, AND AUTHENTICITY. IT SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCERNMENT, KNOWLEDGE, AND THE ABILITY TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN WHAT IS AUTHENTIC AND WHAT IS NOT.

IT ENCOURAGES INDIVIDUALS TO DEVELOP DISCERNMENT AND TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES BASED ON GENUINE MERIT RATHER THAN BEING SWAYED BY IMITATIONS OR SUPERFICIAL APPEARANCES.

