

Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and

Rite of Adoption for the State of South Carolina and Jurisdiction

One-Hundred Sixteenth Annual Communication Proclamation

The Masonic Temple
2324 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29202

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith: Uniting in Faith, Love, Peace and Unity”

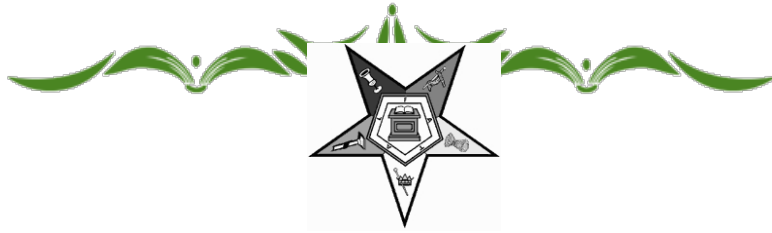


July 14 – 16, 2025

Eligible Officers

Sister Mary M. Ennis	Grand Worthy Matron
Brother Jermaine C. Nowling, 33°	Grand Worthy Patron
Sister Blanchie J. James	Grand Associate Matron
Brother Clyde J. Gorz, 33°	Grand Associate Patron
Sister Artonya C. Scott	Grand Treasurer
Sister Tamiquia T. Simon	Grand Secretary
Sister Ella McGee	Grand Conductress
Sister LaShunda LaBoard	Grand Associate Conductress

The Honorable Victor C. Major, 33°
27th Most Worshipful Grand Master of SC



Those On Whose Shoulders We Stand

Sister Linda O. Neal
Immediate Past Grand Matron

Brother Reginald Scott
Immediate Past Grand Patron

Sister Joyce M. Durant
Past Grand Matron

Brother Fred Herriott, 33°
Past Grand Patron

Sister Juanita D. Edwards
Past Grand Matron

Brother Herman L. Rivers, 33°
Past Grand Patron

Sister Sheila B. Danforth
Past Grand Matron

Brother Lewis H. Nelson, 33°
Past Grand Patron

Sister Jeanette P. Singleton
Past Grand Matron

Brother Terry B. Law, Sr., 33°
Past Grand Patron

Sister Valerie V. Williams
Immediate Past Grand Treasurer

Sister Jenette V. Wright
Immediate Past Grand Secretary

Sister Karen E. Blake
Past Grand Secretary



A Message from the Grand East

"We Have Come This Far by Faith: Uniting in Faith, Love Peace and Unity."

Greetings:



It is with great honor and enthusiasm that we invite you to attend the 116th Annual Communication of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Rite of Adoption for the State of South Carolina and Jurisdiction, taking place from July 14–16, 2025. The session promises to be a momentous occasion, as we gather to continue the work of our esteemed order and celebrate the enduring legacy of service and commitment that we share.

We are pleased to inform you that the Columbia Marriott, located at 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC, has been selected as our official housing partner for this event. Home 2 Suites Downtown, 1200 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC has been selected as our overflow housing. We have worked diligently to secure accommodations that will ensure a comfortable and memorable stay for all attendees. The Marriott is centrally located, offering convenient access to the venue and surrounding areas, providing both luxury and accessibility for your stay.

The committees are hard at work to ensure that the upcoming session exceeds expectations. From the planning of impactful programs to the smooth execution of every detail, we are dedicated to delivering an experience that will leave a lasting impression. Your participation and adherence to deadlines are essential in helping us achieve this goal.

Please be mindful of all deadlines related to registration, housing, and any other necessary arrangements, as we want to ensure that every detail is accounted for, and every attendee is well taken care of.

We look forward to your presence at this historic event. Your involvement is key to the continued success and growth of our chapter. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you to Columbia in July.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Sister Mary M. Ennis

17th Grand Worthy Matron

Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Rite of Adoption for the State of South Carolina and Jurisdiction

Hotel Accommodations

Marriott Columbia, 1200 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 771-7000

Group Name: PHGC OES (Use this if you call in to make your reservation)

Group Dates: July 13-16, 2025

Group Rate: \$159.00/night (plus tax (\$19.46) and Destination Fee (\$3.18)) –

Total estimated price per night is \$181.64

Room Rate Includes: Self-Parking, Wi-Fi

Rate Cutoff Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 or room block is filled, whichever comes first

[Hotel Information: Click Here to Book - Marriott - 2025](#)

Home2Suites Downtown, 1200 Pickens Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 227-3410

Group Code: OES (Use this if you call in to make your reservation)

Group Dates: July 13-16, 2025

Group Rate: \$141.00/night (plus tax currently 12% (\$16.92)) –

Total estimated price per night is \$157.92

Room Rate Includes: Breakfast & Parking

Rate Cutoff Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025, or room block is filled, whichever comes first

[Hotel Information: Click Here to Book - Home2Suites - 2025](#)

- ***Admittance to the business sessions will require:***
 - ***Registration Badge***
 - ***Appropriate dress***
 - ***And the Password***

- ❖ ***Registration must be picked up on Monday, July 14, 2025, at***
 - ❖ ***The Masonic Temple 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

Important Reminders

Souvenir Brochure Ads

Please help us to make this year's edition of the souvenir journal the biggest and the best of all time. You are encouraged to solicit ads from individuals, businesses in your community, or to honor family members. Souvenir Brochure ads **must be received electronically on or before April 26, 2025**. A fillable form will be available on our OES website. Make checks payable to **Prince Hall Grand Chapter OES** and mail to:

**Sister Ella McGee, Grand Conductress
Souvenir Brochure Chairperson
1565 Glen Erin Drive
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464**

Registration

Registration for the 115th Annual Communication is now open. Fillable Registration forms are available on our OES Website. Early Bird Registration (**\$45.00**) is due **before May 17, 2025**. Pre-registration (**May 18, 2025 - June 20, 2025**) is **\$55.00**. Registration after June 20, will increase to **\$75.00**. **ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 30, 2025**. **There will be no on-site registration**. Registration forms with chapter checks are to be mailed to:

**Sister Jenette V. Wright, IPGS
Registration Chairperson
1549 Theresa Drive / Apt. A
Charleston, SC 29412**

The Sheila Bush Danforth Prayer Breakfast

The Sheila Bush Danforth Annual Prayer Breakfast will commence on **Monday, July 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.** Tickets are **\$20.00**. The deadline to purchase tickets is **June 6, 2025**. All ticket order and checks must be forwarded to:

**Sister Bettye Watson Booker, GSD
Prayer Breakfast Chairperson
1305 Rock House Road
Greenwood, SC 29646**

Grand Worthy Matron's Awards Banquet

This exciting annual event will take place on **Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM** at **Brookland Baptist Conference Center, 1066 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169**. Banquet tickets are \$55 per person and must be postmarked no later than **June 6, 2025**. (If postmarked after **June 6, 2025 through June 30, 2025**, tickets are \$65 each). Payment must accompany ticket order request. Please make check payable to: **Prince Hall Grand Chapter, OES** and mail to:

**Sister Blanchie J. James, Grand Associate Matron
Banquet Chairperson
2225 Community Lane
Effingham, South Carolina 29541**

Annual Reports and Special Charity Donations

All Annual Reports and Special Charity Donations are to be mailed no later than **June 6, 2025**, to

Sister Tamiquia T. Simon, Grand Secretary
3020 Teal Lane
Florence, South Carolina 29501
843.616.4225

By-Laws

All By-Laws must be received by **June 6, 2025**, for approval for the 2025 Annual Session. Please mail **two (2) copies** of your chapter- approved By-Laws to:

Sister Pamela Page
Grand Chapter By-Laws Chairperson
P. O. Box 209
Nichols, SC 29581
843.624.7461 (cell)
pampageoes@yahoo.com

Administrative Degree

The Administrative Degree is given on **Monday, July 14, 2025, at 1:00 pm.** Please be advised that all Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons, and Associate Patrons are required to have the Administrative Degree before they may assume the duties of that office (NO EXCEPTIONS). All sisters and brothers who register for this degree must also be registered for the Annual Session. **If registered for Grand Session, Pre-Registration fee for this degree is \$20.00 in advance or \$ 30.00 on site. If not registered for Grand Session, the fee for this degree is \$65.00 (On-Site \$75.00)** Please send Administrative Degree Registrations by **June 6, 2025**, to:

Sister Earnestine Wilson-Green
Administrative Degree Chair
3475 Livingston Circle
Little River, SC 29566
C (843) 902-3288
earnestinegreen91@gmail.com

50-Year Membership

The names of all Sisters and Brothers who received the OES Degree no later than June 30, 1975. Who will be recognized for 50 years of service should be sent no later than **June 6, 2025**, to:

Sister Dena G. Magwood, Chairperson
Grand 50-year Membership Committee
Post Office Box 92
Johns Island, South Carolina 29457
(843) 364-5175
Email: dena.magwood50@gmail.com

Charters

Chapters who need a replacement Charter, please send the old charter to the Grand Charter Chairperson. **The cost of a replacement Charter is \$10.00. Please mail the completed form and a chapter check in that amount to:**

**Sister Colethia Herriott
Grand Charter Chairperson
135 Ebony Lane
Goose Creek, SC 29445**

Memory Wall

If you would like to have your name added to the PHGC's Memory Wall, please complete the Memory Wall Form and forward it with your check in the amount of \$10.00 to:

**Sister Debbie Rankin, PM
626 Henneghan Road
Coward, South Carolina 29530
843.373.6569**

All checks should be made payable to **Prince Hall Grand Chapter OES**



The Program

Sunday, July 13, 2025

6:00 p.m. The Executive Board Dinner and Meeting

Monday, July 14, 2025

The Masonic Temple, Gervais Street, Columbia, SC
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration Pick-up (*Monday Only*)
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The Prayer Breakfast (Casual Dress)
10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Health Fair
TBA The Grand Chapter Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. The Queens Contest Committee Meeting
1:00 p.m. The Conferring of the Administrative Degree

7:00 p.m.

The Grand Worthy Matron's Banquet
Brookland Baptist Conference Center
1066 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

(Brookland Baptist Church Sanctuary)
7:00 a.m. Doors will open
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. The Devotion and Sing-A-Thon
9:00 a.m. The Ritualistic Opening (Tea length or longer White dress)
10:00 a.m. The receiving of Special Guests
10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Business Session

The Protocol

The Welcome

The Roll Call of Grand Officers

The Roll Call of Chapters

The Grand Officers' Reports

The Grand Worthy Patron's Address

The Grand Worthy Matron's Address

The Remarks of Visiting Guests

The Most Worshipful Grand Master

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lunch

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Chapter of Sorrow
Brookland Baptist Church's Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The Queen/King's Coronation
The Masonic Temple, Gervais Street

The Program, cont.

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

(The Masonic Temple, Gervais Street)

Grand Lodge hosted Executive Board and Supervising Deputy Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The Devotion, The Sing-A-Thon, and Bible Study

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The Committees at Work

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Business Session (White dresses ~Tea length or longer)

The GCCFC Report

The MBTGYC Report

The Committee Reports:

Administrative Degree

By-Laws

Charter

Education

50-Year Membership

Health Fair

Musician

Souvenir Brochure

Registration

Grand Secretary's Report

Grand Treasurer's Report

Election and Installation of Grand Officers

Formal Closing of the 116th Annual Session

