

Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star AND

Rite of Adoption for the State of South Carolina and Jurisdiction

One-Hundred Seventeenth 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 20-22, 2026

Elected Officers

Sister Mary M. Ennis	Grand Worthy Matron
Brother Jermaine C. Nowline, 33°	Grand Worthy Patron
Sister Blanchie J. James	Grand Associate Matron
Brother Clyde J. Gore, 33°	Grand Associate Patron
Sister Pearl Gibens	Grand Treasurer
Sister Tamiquia T. Simon	Grand Secretary
Sister Ella McGee	Grand Conductress
Sister LaShunda LaBoard	Grand Associate Conductress

The Honorable Lynwood J. Gibens, 33°
28th Most Worshipful Grand Master of SC



A Message from the Grand East

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

Greetings to all Sisters and Brothers of Subordinate Chapters of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order Of the Eastern Star And Rite Of Adoption For the State Of South Carolina And Jurisdiction:

We have truly come this far by faith: Uniting in Faith, Love, Peace and Unity"



*It has been my esteemed pleasure to serve you as your Grand Worthy Matron for the past four years. Thank you for your great support as we continued to promote the mission of our Grand Chapter in this great Jurisdiction of South Carolina. I thank you for your kind hospitality, love and well wishes as I endeavored to expand on the legacy of those who came before me as the 17th Grand Worthy Matron of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Rite of Adoption for the State of South Carolina and its Jurisdiction. I continue to solicit your prayers as we embark on a new chapter in this journey continuing to support stardom in our great state. Together we have forged community with our sisters, brothers and other entities. We continue to support education as we reach out to aid humanity through partnerships and giving. It is with your support that we continued the legacy of excellence of Prince Hall Grand Chapter and soared to higher heights. I take this opportunity to extend an invitation to each of you to come and let's celebrate stardom in South Carolina. We are excited about the plans we have made and eagerly await your attendance to our **117th Annual Grand Communication** to convene in Columbia, SC, July 20-22, 2026. We pray that all roads on July 20, 2026, will lead you to Columbia, SC for our session. I THANK YOU. Together we have come this far by faith, and we will unite in that faith, exemplifying love, peace, and unity.*

In Faith, Love, Peace and Unity,

Mary M. Ennis

Mary M. Ennis, Grand Worthy Matron

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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 Artonya Scott
Immediate Past Grand Treasurer

Sister Jenette V. Wright
Immediate Past Grand Secretary

Sister Valerie V. Williams
Past Grand Treasurer

Sister Karen E. Blake
Past Grand Secretary



Housing

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 19-22, 2026**

Group Rate: **\$175.00/night (plus tax (\$21.43) and Destination Fee (\$3.50))** – Total estimated price per night is **\$199.93**

Room Rate Includes: Self-Parking, Wi-Fi

Rate Cutoff Date: **Wednesday, June 26, 2026**, or room block is filled, whichever comes first

The link below will take you to the hotel booking site. The arrival and departure dates can be changed to meet your needs. Please review prior to finalizing your bookings.

Hotel Information: [Click Here to Book - Columbia Marriott - 2026](#)

- **Admittance to the business sessions will require:**

- **Registration Badge**
- **Appropriate dress**
- **And the Password**

❖ **Registration must be picked up on Monday, July 20, 2026, at**

❖ **The Masonic Temple 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

You are invited.

Testimonial Banquet

Honoring

Sister Mary M. Ennis, 17th Grand Worthy Matron

April 25, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

University of SC at Aiken Convocation Center

471 University Parkway

Aiken, SC 29801

Tickets ~ \$50.00

Please submit your ticket order by March 31, 2026

Lodging available at Country Inn and Suites ~ 3270 Whiskey Road, Aiken, SC 29803

803.649.4024 ~~~~ Rm. Rate \$125 before March 15, 2026

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 27, 2026**. 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 117th Annual Communication is now open. Fillable Registration forms are available on our OES Website. **Early Bird Registration (\$45.00) is due before May 17, 2026.** **Pre-registration (May 18, 2026 - June 20, 2026) is \$55.00.** Registration after June 20, will increase to **\$75.00.** **ABSOLUTELY NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 30, 2026.** **There will be no on-site registration.** Registration forms with chapter checks are to be mailed to:

Sister Artonya Scott, IPGT
Registration Chairperson
Post Office Box 1020
Kingstree, SC 29556
843.382.5728
artcscott@gmail.com

The Sheila Bush Danforth Prayer Breakfast

The Sheila Bush Danforth Annual Prayer Breakfast will commence on **Monday, July 20, 2026**, at **9:00 a.m.** **Tickets are \$20.00.** The deadline to purchase tickets is **June 5, 2026.** All ticket orders and checks must be forwarded to:

Sister Bettye Watson Booker, IPGSD
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 20, 2026**, at **6:00 PM** at ***Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201.*** Banquet tickets are **\$60 per person** and must be postmarked no later than **June 5, 2026.** *(If postmarked after June 5, 2026, through June 30, 2026, tickets are \$70 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
2026 Banquet Chairperson
2225 Community Lane
Effingham, South Carolina 29541

Queen/ King Scholarship Coronation

The Annual Queen & King Scholarship Coronation will be hosted in the main auditorium of the Masonic Temple, Gervais Street, Columbia, SC at 7:00 p.m. The theme for this grand occasion is **“The Four Seasons: Copied but never duplicated.”** The designated **colors for this event are black and/ or white** (all black, all white, or a combination of both). Only Grand Supervising Deputies are authorized to submit District Queen/King information. All required information Must be received no later than June 13, 2026. **This year’s (2026) goal is \$140.000.00.**

**Sister LaShunda M. LaBoard, Grand Associate Conductress
Queen/King Scholarship Coronation Chairperson**

4750 Bears Bluff Road

Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487

843.607.4726

lashundalaboard75@gmail.com

By-Laws

All By-Laws must be received by **June 5, 2026**, for approval for the 2026 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 20, 2026, at 12:00 noon.** 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 \$75.00** Please send Administrative Degree Registrations by **June 5, 2026**, 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, 1976
Who will be recognized for 50 years of service should be sent no later than **June 6, 2026**, to:

Sister Annabell Middleton Buggs
Grand 50-year Membership Chairperson
203 Endicott Ct.
Summerville, SC 29486
843-568-8974
Annabell.middletonbuggs50@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

Annual Reports and Special Charity Donations

All Annual Reports and Special Charity Donations are to be mailed no later than **June 5, 2026**, to:

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



The Program

Sunday, July 19, 2026

6:00 p.m.

The Executive Board Dinner and Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Masonic Temple, Gervais Street, Columbia, SC

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

12:00 p.m.

The Conferring of the Administrative Degree

6:00 p.m.

The Grand Worthy Matron's Banquet

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

1101 Lincoln Street

Columbia, SC 29201.

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

7:00 a.m.

(Brookland Baptist Church Sanctuary)

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 Scholarship Coronation

The Masonic Temple, Gervais Street

The Program, cont.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

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.

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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

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Education

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Grand Secretary's Report

Grand Treasurer's Report

Election and Installation of Grand Officers

Formal Closing of the 117th Annual Session

