

2021

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Message from the Grand East...

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star
Rite of Adoption for the State of North Carolina
An Affiliate of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of
Free and Accepted Masons
of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc.

All praise and honor to my LORD and SAVIOR Jesus the Christ:
To The Most Worshipful Grand Master Daniel L. 'D T' Thompson, all
Elected and Appointed Grand Officers Present and Past, all Elected
and Appointed Chapter Officers Present and Past, and to all our
sisters and Brothers in this Great Order, we extend our heartfelt
Greetings to each of you:



Thank you, for your well wishes, support and confidence as we
continue to serve this Grand Chapter with honor, dignity, and
respect. This Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Rite of Adoption
for the State of North, An Affiliate of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and
Jurisdiction, Inc was unable to complete many of the activities and
events that we had planned for the year 2020. But, we did do our
to continue to be of service to our children, our Brothers and Sisters,
and to members of our communities across the state. We constantly
communicated words of encouragement over the telephone,
computers and at times had drive-by's to assure all were well and
the needs of our sisters and Brothers were being met. There were
times we became discourage, but we learn to "Look to the hills from
whence cometh our help- our help cometh from the Lord".

Grand Worthy Matron Mary R. McGhee
Grand Worthy Patron Reginald W. McClenton
The Honorable Daniel L. 'DT' Thompson, KYGCH 33°
Most Worshipful Grand Master, MWPHGLNC

There were times we did not know what to do or which way to Go
but we did know "who" to go to for guidance, direction and to get
Peace. We do thank God for holding us and this great Jurisdiction in
the palm of His hand.

Theme: "Manifesting Our Be-Attitudes
Be Available, Be Accountable, Be Acceptable"

Motto: "Catch a Falling Star"
Color: Yellow/Royal Blue
Flower: Yellow Rose



**Scripture: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill
cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a
basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the
house.**

We pledge to strive onward and set forth this Proclamation to be:

**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good
works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16**

- informative to the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star-Prince Hall Affiliated Membership,
- prepare all for our upcoming grand session in September

- instructive of programs and committees to further enhance the foundation of our Great Order, and
- a continuation of the programs initiated by our Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons.

A 'Special Thank You', is extended to all our Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons, as we can never forget you, or the awesome contributions you have made to our beloved Order. You have served this Grand Chapter well; paving the way, and leaving your ideas, wisdom, instructions and guidance for those of us that are in service now and for those that are yet to come. Thank You!!!

We thank our *Carolina Gems*, Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Past Grand Worthy Patrons: Sisters Olinzie D. Johnson, Carolyn M. Torian, Valeria Sessoms Collins, Juanita Bright, Margaret S. Dixon, and Brenda C. Thompson, and Brothers Franklin D. Brown, James Harrell, Harold Chestnut, Telessie McGhee, Charles McCullough, Jackie Robinson, and Clinton L. Hamm for giving us such broad shoulders on which to stand.

Further, we pay tribute to and continue to lift up our 'Golden Gems' that are now asleep, but will awake at the trumpet's call,

"WE THANK YOU ...

Sisters: Julia Foy, J.J. Scott, Rosa D. Jenkins,
 Fannie E. Jones, Fannie Badham, Sallie Evans, A.L. Dillard,
 Ella C. Pegues, E.B. Cartwright, V.A. Lofton Rosa M. Morris,
 Maggie L. Strong, Elizabeth Tilley, Margaret Minor,
 Marion E. Covington, Patricia L. Simmons, Pattie G. Brown, and
Brothers: J.W. Hood, A.G. Oden, W.J. Moore, Colonel J. H. Young, Rev.
 J. W. Telfair, L.R. Randolph, E.S.W. Simmons, W. George Avant, James
 E. Shepard, T.S. Wright,
 Charles W. Costner, Rev. Williams, James E. Carter,
 Frank Evans, James Mungo and L. Waddell Alston
 ... and **WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU"**

2021 Grand Chapter Elected Officers

Sister Mary R. McGhee (23)-----Grand Worthy Matron
 Brother Reginald W. McClenton, Sr. (21) ----- Grand Worthy Patron
 Sister Marshall P. Valentine (8) ----- Grand Associate Matron
 Brother Richard R. Peeler (33)----- Grand Associate Patron
 Sister Cynthia B. Wilkerson (24) ----- Grand Secretary
 Sister Angela J. Williams (23) -----Grand Treasurer
 Sister Rose S. Nelson (33)-----Grand Conductress
 Sister Cynthia Powell (13) -----Grand Associate Conductress
 Brother William "Mike" Simmons (13)----- Grand Trustee Chair
 Grand Trustees: Sister Mariea Alston (24), Brother Michael Barnes
 (21), Sister Cynthia Banks (22), Brother Calvin Jordan (27)

This has been a very prosperous year. We completed our Constitution and not far from completion of our By-Laws.

We changed our fiscal year to a calendar year, January 1-December 31. Which means that All Constituent Chapters reports are due to the Grand Chapter by January 31.

Dues are due by December 31 and Elections are held in the month of November. In the Month of December, WM and WP will receive the Administrative Degree.

In the month of October, Audits are due to the Grand Chapter

Edicts were sent out:

Definition of an Edict: An official Order or Proclamation issued by a Person in Authority

The Edict went to the Deputies on April 28, 2021 giving all chapters the authorization to perform the following:

1. Vote to accept or give demits.
2. After performing the National background check on members requesting reinstatement and reaffiliation to your Chapter, the members can proceed with voting on them.

The Grand Chapter can assist Chapters with getting their National background checks. Just call the Grand Chapter for assistance. There will be a fee of \$25.00 for the process of setting up the check (919) 683-6368

The Edict went to the Deputies on May 20th authorizing Virtual Degree Meetings. This Edict included guidelines for the OES and the Queen of the South Degree. Praying that all Districts are making preparation to do this Degree work. The Grand Chapter's Zoom may be used by a District that do not have Zoom. Please call the Grand Chapter's Secretary to make arrangements to schedule the Zoom. The number is 919-683-6368.

Executive Orders were sent out by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc. and The Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Rite of Adoption for the State of North Carolina, An Affiliate of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc. to Open all Lodges and

Chapters for all who would like to go back to physical meetings. This is not Mandatory. Please read the attachment "Meetings in the Jurisdictions of North Carolina as of June 2021 References: MWP HGLNC 20200927-001 MWP HGLNC 20210219-001

Fundraisers:

Executive Orders were sent out by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc. and The Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Rite of Adoption for the State of North Carolina, An Affiliate of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc. are authorized to have fundraisers. Please read Attachment: MWP HGLNC20210604-002: June 4, 2021.

GRAND SESSION REGISTRATION:

Registration is \$150.00 per Member.
Registration is opened July 1, 2021 through August 6, 2021.

NO ON-SIGHT REGISTRATION

Mask will be worn to all meetings, Social-distancing will be in place

All Registrants acknowledge will be required to sign a waiver of liability at the registration desk when picking up their registration packets

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120 Years Observance of 142 Years of Existence

Annual Grand Chapter Session

September 8-11, 2021

Benton Convention & Civic Center, 301 W. 5th Street, Winston-Salem, NC

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Attire - Casual

- 11:00 AM** ----- Meeting with Grand Credentials/Registration
- 12:00 PM** ----- Meeting with Grand Coordinators & Team
- 1:00 PM** ----- Meeting with Grand Hospitality/Nurses
- 2:00 PM** ----- Grand Credentials/Grand Registration Open
- 3:00 PM** ----- Rehearsals Begin
- 5:00 PM** ----- Executive Board Meeting
----- (Marriott Hotel Grand Worthy Matron's Suite)
- 7:00 PM** ----- Registration Close

Thursday, September 9, 2021

***Sis. Marshall Valentine, GAM & Bro. Richard R. Peeler, GAP
(Attire - Sisters / Long White
Brothers / Masonic Attire or White suits or White Tails)***

- 7:00 AM** ----- Grand Credentials/Grand Registration Open
- 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon** -----Registration Closed
- 11:00 AM** ----- Posting of the Colors

Thursday, September 9, 2021 (con't)

- 11:00 AM** ----- ***Prayer Brunch***
- 1:00 PM** ----- Dedication of Meeting Room
Grand Chaplains Sis. Jessie Blakeney, Sis. Barbara Wardlow, Sis. Ici Monroe/Grand Chapter Devotion Committee
- 1:15 PM** ----- Entrance of Committees/
(Grand Chapter Appointed and Elected Officers)
- 1:30 PM** ----- First Time Attendees

Ritualistic Opening

- Reception of Past Grand Matrons & Patrons
Past Grand Worthy Matrons & Patrons & Miss OES Queens
- Rules Sis. Rose Nelson
Grand Conductress
- Establishment of Protocol..... Sis. Daisey Renfrow
Past Matron (Grand Dean)
- Roll Call of Subordinate Chapters Sis. Cynthia B. Wilkerson
Grand Secretary
- Roll Call of Grand Officers ----- Sis. Cynthia B. Wilkerson
Grand Secretary
- Committee Reports ----- Nursing, Sis. Nellie Pearsall
Hospitality, Sister Carol Johnson
Risk Management Coordinator, Bro. Cassius Williams
- Financial Reports Department
- Finance Department

Thursday, September 9, 2021 (con't)

Auditor's Report Thomas & Gibbs
 Credentials Report ----- Bro. Kenneth Buchanon

 Nomination of GC Elected Officers ----- The Honorable Daniel "DT"
 Thompson, Most Worshipful Grand Master

 Session Called from Labor to Recreation -- Sis. Marshall Valentine
 Grand Associate Matron

 Past Matron Degree Administered ----- Sis Rose Nelson, Grand
 Conductress

7:00 PM *Joint Chapter of Sorrow and Lodge of Sorrow*
(Attire - Sisters / All Black, Fez and White Gloves
Brothers / Masonic Attire)

Friday, September 10, 2021

(Attire - Sisters / Long White
Brothers / Masonic Attire)

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM ----- Voting (if needed)
7:00 AM ----- Grand Credentials/Grand Registration Open
7:30 AM ----- Inspirational Time
 (Grand Chaplains & Grand Devotion Committee)
8:00 AM ----- Session Called to Labor -----
 Sis. Marshall Valentine
 Grand Associate Matron

 Receiving of Password ----- Grand Conductresses

Friday, September 10, 2021 (con't)

(Grand Worthy Patron/Subordinate Chapter
 Conductresses/Grand Associate Patron & Past Grand Patrons)
 Reading of Minutes for September 9, 2021 Meeting -----
 Grand Recording Secretary

9:30 AM.....Official Visitation with the Brothers (MWP HGLNC)

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM ----- Registration Closed

 ~Membership Lunch on Your Own~
Senior Delights Luncheon Grand Worthy Matron's Luncheon
with District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand District
Lecturers

2:30 PM ----- Registration Re-Opens
2:30 PM ----- Session Called from Recreation to Labor
 Sis. Marshall Valentine, Grand Associate Matron
 Amaranth Degree ----- Grand Deans and Lecturers
 Election Results ----- The Honorable Daniel "DT" Thompson
 ----- Most Worshipful Grand Master
 Session Called from Labor to Recreation ---- Sis. Marshall Valentine
 Grand Associate Matron

7:00PM.....**Joint Awards Banquet**
 Sis. Cynthia B. Wilkerson & Sis. Angela Williams

Saturday, September 11, 2021

(Attire – Sisters / Long White; Brothers / Masonic Attire or Black Tails)

7:00 AM ----- Grand Credentials/Grand Registration Open

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM -----Health Fair
(Winston Lobby in Convention Center)

7:30 AM ----- Inspirational Time
(Grand Chaplain & Grand Devotion Committee)

8:00 AM ----- Session Called to Labor -----
Sis. Marshall Valentine, Grand Associate Matron
Receiving of Password Sis. Rose Nelson, Grand Conductress &
Sis. Cynthia Powell Grand Assoc. Conductress
(Grand Worthy Patron/Subordinate Chapter
Conductresses/Worthy Patrons & Worthy Patrons-at-Large)

Reading of Minutes for September 10, 2021 -----
Grand Recording Secretary
Awards.....
Grand Worthy Matron, Mary McGhee
Grand Worthy Patron,Reginald McClenton

9:00 AM -----Reception of Guests & Charity Recipient
❖ Concordant and Appendant Bodies
❖ State Gleaner Matron and Cabinet
❖ State Master Knight and Cabinet
❖ Gleaner Directress, Sister Geraldine Langford & Officers
and Members

❖ Saturday, September 11, 2021 (cont.)

- ❖ Knights Directors, Brother Robert Hassel & Officers and Members
- ❖ The Honorable Daniel “DT” Thompson Most Worshipful Grand Master (NC),
- ❖ Grand Master’s Cabinet and Other Masons

Military Tribute ----- Captain (Rt.) Helen Nelson
Official Welcome Sis. Marshall Valentine, Grand Associate Matron
Response..... ”A Moment of Silence Contemplation”
in Observance and Remembrance of 9/11/01 (20 years)
Remarks ----- State Gleaner Matron / State Master Knight
Grand Addresses

Bro. Reginald McClenton, Grand Worthy Patron
Sis. Mary R. McGhee, Grand Worthy Matron

Greetings ----- Representatives of Heads of Concordant and
Appendant Bodies, State Gleaner Matron and Cabinet, State Master
Knight and Cabinet, The Honorable Daniel “DT” Thompson, Most
Worshipful Grand Master

~Membership Lunch on Your Own~

3:30 PM Session Called to Labor --- Sis. Marshall Valentine, Grand
Associate Matron
Receiving of Password ----- Grand Conductresses
(Grand Worthy Patron/Subordinate Chapter Conductresses/
Worthy Patrons & Worthy Patrons-at-Large)

Saturday, September 11, 2021 (cont.)

Minutes of Saturday Morning ----- Grand Recording Secretary
 Committee Reports Continued, Grand Officers' Addresses,
 Final Credentials Report
 Official Remarks to North Carolina and Jurisdiction

Installation of Grand Chapter Elected Officers -----The Honorable
 Daniel "DT" Thompson, Most Worshipful Grand Master

Ritualistic Closing ----- Grand Chapter Officers

8:00PM Pageant/Banquet **"Miss OES Bride Contest"**
 Sis. Linda Tucker-Gooding

**We will be giving out Awards in the following categories for
 the year 2021: Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron Award.
 Secretary, Treasurer, The Mentoring Academy
 Award/Certificates (Please make your nominations.)**

**Please make your room reservations: Marriott still have
 Rooms. One parking pass available per room.**

**We are very please to announce that all who have rooms in
 the Embassy Suite will pay significantly less money per night-
 look at chart below:**

**Sleeping Accommodations: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - Sunday,
 September 12, 2021**

Date	Occupancy	Standard 2 Queen Suite		Standard King Suite	
		Rooms	Rate	Rooms	Rate
9/7/21	S	2	\$139.00	0	\$139.00
9/8/21	S	40	\$139.00	20	\$139.00
9/9/21	S	65	\$139.00	35	\$139.00
9/10/21	S	65	\$139.00	35	\$139.00
9/11/21	S	65	\$139.00	30	\$139.00

All room rates are net & subject to a local and state taxes, which is currently to occupancy tax
 charge and sales tax per room night.
 Complimentary WIFI
 No free parking Past.

Just a reminder: Our Queen Contest is the "only" fundraiser
 that support our charity, scholarship and general fund.
 Please continue to work hard to raise money. We want to
 continue to be a "charitable" organization.

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Miss OES Queen Contest

In 1950, under the leadership of Grand Worthy Matron
 Sister Maggie Strong the Bride Contest was initiated to raise
 money for the Grand Chapter. GWM Sister Strong gained
 approval to split the money on a percentage basic to be used
 for Scholarships, Charity and Grand Chapter operational
 funds.

In 1987, Grand Worthy Matron Sister Margaret Minor
 changed the Bride Contest to the OES Queen Contest.

Each District was and still is being asked to be competitive as they support this major project. This project is still being used as it was designed to be used in 1950 and it is the Major Fund -raiser for the Grand Chapter

- Scholarship
- Charity
- Grand Chapter General Fund

Each district must raise at least \$3,000.00 dollars in order to receive a \$1000.00 Scholarship and if they raise \$3500.00 dollars or more, they will receive \$1200.00 Scholarship. It is mandatory that all Districts be of a “competitive spirit” by insuring some young person from their District will receive one of these scholarships. As an extra incentive the district who wins in each category will be given a scholarship in the amount, they received for the next three years. It is “mandatory” that all Chapters participate to help their District to get a scholarship and as well as getting the District “Crowned the Queen”. No Chapter should give less than \$10.00 per member for the queen contest.

Charity of \$1000.00 is given to all four regions once a year. All HBCU Colleges and Universities, the Central Children Home of Oxford and some of the health-related Charities will receive these funds in accordance with the Budget. The Grand Chapter General Fund portion is used for day-to-day Grand Chapter Operations. According to the Budget set.