



**Mary R. McGhee**  
24<sup>th</sup> Grand Worthy Matron  
Jurisdiction of North Carolina

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



*...from the Grand East*

Greetings:

My motto is “Catch A Falling Star.” Sisters and Brothers, a question that I propose to you is, ‘How can we take care of our communities so well and not take care of one another with the same care and enthusiasm?’ While our communities suffer with poverty, food, insecurity, drug & alcohol addiction, and physical & mental health issues, many of our members struggle with these same issues. We must stop saying, ‘We are our sisters’ and brothers’ keeper, and be our sisters’ and brothers’ keeper. This is not to say that we haven’t done our part to help. But if we are truly honest with ourselves, more times than not, we have failed to encourage one another, support one another, or be respectful to one another. It’s not what we say. It’s what we do. Actions speak louder than words. We should strive to be Christ like, by focusing more on growing, developing and supporting others. If we do our work with the Be-Attitudes, we can let our actions be driven by service and dedication to a cause or a relationship that we will model with confidence, as we encourage these values in others.

I will continue to do my best to fulfill my duties and obligations. I simply request that you do the same. With God’s guidance and your willingness to work and support the program I am setting before you, all things are possible. Again, thank you for your vote of confidence and for your prayers.

The late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King once said, “If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do, do it, and keep moving forward.”

As we move forward, I thank God for the opportunity to serve as your 24th Grand Worthy Matron for the Jurisdiction of North Carolina. I want to thank you for electing me to lead our Grand Chapter. I look forward to sharing my gifts and talents with the Order that I love so much. I will continue to be the servant leader that emulates the traits of our beloved five heroines.

My theme is “Manifesting Our Be-Attitudes: Be Available, Be Accountable, and Be Acceptable.” Matthew 5:3-12, which is the Sermon on the Mount that Jesus delivers to the people, teaching the Be-Attitudes that we are to uphold as we navigate our daily encounters with one another. We must be willing to ‘Be Available’ to be used by the Holy Spirit so that people can recognize the goodness in our deeds to our communities and to one another. We must be willing to ‘Be Accountable’ for our words and actions. We are not charged to be perfect, but we are charged to learn from our mistakes and grow. We must be willing to ‘Be Acceptable’ to the Holy Spirit so that we have favor. By upholding the Be-Attitudes, we are allowing our light to shine brightly. Please be reminded to: ‘Be Available, Be Accountable, and Be Acceptable’.

**Sister Mary R. McGhee, Grand Worthy Matron**



# MEET YOUR GRAND OFFICERS...



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## Grand Worthy Matron

**Mary R. McGhee** is a graduate of G. C. Shaw High School of Stovall N.C. She furthered her education at Southeastern Business College, Vance-Granville Community College, and Shaw University. She is retired from the state of NC as a Staff Development Specialist. Currently, she is certified as a Basic Life Support Instructor and is a member of CPR Consultants' Inc. Faculty of Raleigh, NC. GWM McGhee is a member of Michael Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Stovall, NC), where she serves as Deaconess.

## Community/Masonic Affiliations

- Member of the Professional Business Chain
- Member of Central Children's Home Day
- Secretary of the Northern Granville Medical Center
- A member of Queen Esther Chapter # 536 OES -PHA
- Past Grand Associate Matron, Past Grand Conductress, Past Grand Dean, Past District Deputy Grand Matron and Past District Lecturer - Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Rite of Adoption for the Jurisdiction of NC



**Reginald McClenton**  
*Grand Worthy Patron*



**Marshal Valentine**  
*Grand Associate Matron*



**Richard Peeler**  
*Grand Associate Patron*

## Grand Lodge Visitation...



**Most Worshipful Grand Master**  
Daniel L. "DT" Thompson  
**Grand Worthy Patron**  
Reginald McClenton  
**Grand Worthy Matron**  
Mary McGhee

**Grand Worthy Matron McGhee,  
Grand Worthy Patron McClenton  
and Grand Officers**



### **Miss OES Queens**

*Sis. Tamar Lipscomb, Category 1 (District #28)*  
*Sis. Diane Cook, Category 2 (District #27)*

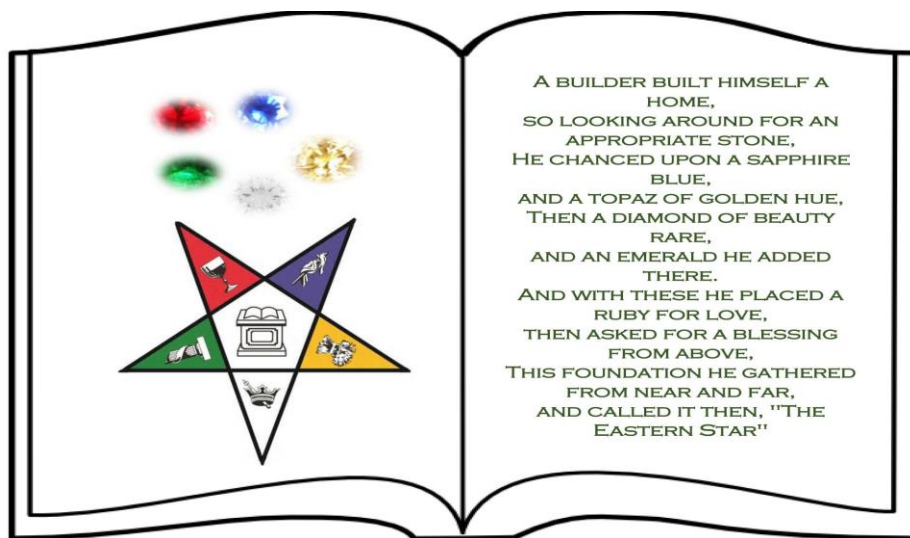


# PUBLIC INSTALLATION of OFFICERS

10:00 AM

Saturday, January 25, 2020  
Poplar Springs Christian church  
6115 Old Stage Road  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Attire: Full Regalia



## Open Season/Healing Process *(Excerpt from Proclamation 2019-2020; Updated 11/21/19)*

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Daniel L. "DT" Thompson has granted us Open Season from **January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020**, please use it and use it wisely. It is imperative that you follow the rules set forth in order to complete all three degrees (**OES, Queen of the South, Amaranth**) within this time frame. **The months of January and February are the designated months to receive the applications, complete the investigations and ballot on the candidates.** The Membership Application of membership must be completed by March 15, 2020. This means that you cannot take in ANY applications after March 15, 2020. With each degree being a 30-day process you will have March 15, 2020 - June 30, 2020 to complete the three degrees. The District Deputy Grand Matrons are to make sure the Administrative Council is ready to do the Amaranth Degree within this time frame. Please be reminded that all memberships should be completed with all degrees within **90 days**.

You should continue to reclaim members as you recruit new members.

# DC Visitation... Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter



*Worthy Matron McGhee surrounded by Grand Officers and a delegation of fifty-one*



*Miss OES Queens,  
GWM McGhee and  
GWP McClenton*



*Waiting on the Rodeo – DC Style*



# 2019 - 2020 Grand Session

*119<sup>th</sup> Session*

*141 Years of Existence*

**Thursday, September 10 -Saturday, September 12, 2020**  
**Benton Convention Center, Winston Salem NC**

## **2020 hotel room reservations:**

- Reservations can be made starting November 11, 2019.
- Must use the code: **Order of the Eastern Star** to get Eastern Star rates;
- **Cut-off date for Eastern Star rates is August 12, 2020.**

### **Marriott Hotel--336-725-3500**

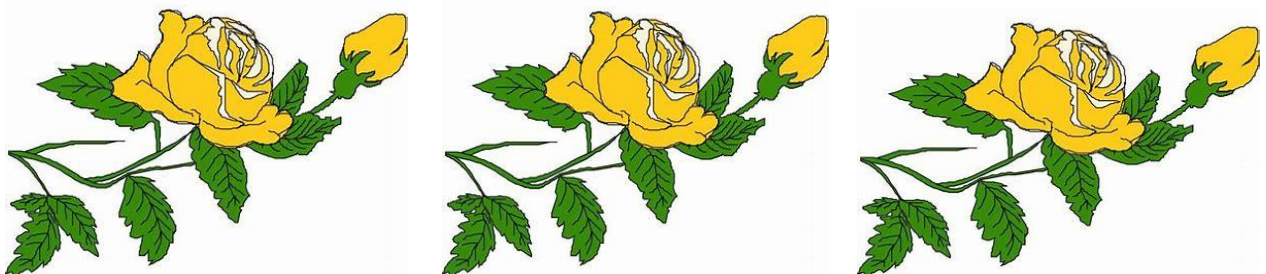
Rates: single/double--- \$149.00 per night plus 12.75% tax per night  
3 or more in room----\$159.00 per night plus 12.75% tax per night

### **Embassy Suites--336-724-2300**

Rates: 1 bedroom suite--single/double---\$169.00 per night plus 12.75% tax per night  
3 or more in room----\$179.00 per night plus 12.75% tax per night  
Two-bedroom suite--\$229.00 plus 12.75% tax per night  
3 or more in room----\$239.00 per night plus 12.75% tax per night

***One night deposit is required with ALL reservations and will be automatically deducted from credit card at the time reservation is made.***

- Guestroom rate includes 1 self-parking overnight pass with unlimited in and out privileges per paid guest room.
- For deposit refund: Cancellations must be made before 7 days of arrival







The holiday season is here and this is a time when there tends to be many security and safety gaps. Here are some tips that will help you stay safe and prevent others from disrupting your holiday season.

### **Credit Cards**

Credit cards are as good as cash and store clerks rarely check identification. Most credit card companies hold the owner responsible for all purchases until the card is reported lost. To prevent credit card loss:

- Keep your cards in a safe place.
- Report any lost cards immediately.
- Take only the cards you need for shopping.
- Ensure your credit card and ID are returned to you before leaving a store.
- Check your credit card transactions for accuracy.
- When using an ATM, beware of "shoulder surfers" to deter theft of your PIN number. Also, immediately pocket your cash before walking away.
- Keep a record of all your credit cards numbers and phone numbers of the issuing company to call if your cards are lost or stolen.

### **Holiday Decorations**

- Replace any string of lights that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini lights and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Turn off all lights and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not overloaded, running across doorways or under carpets.
- Don't leave candles burning unattended.

### **Shopping**

- If you carry a purse, keep it close to your body and zipped. Men should carry their wallets in a front pocket.
- When paying with cash, only take out as much as you need and quickly put it back in your purse or wallet before leaving the counter.
- Park strategically – as close to the store entrance as possible. Park in well-lit areas.
- Ask security to escort you to your car.
- Keep your packages stored out of sight or in the trunk of your car.
- When leaving the store, scan the area for suspicious behavior. As you approach your car check around, underneath and inside before opening your doors.

### **Traveling This Season**

- If you're leaving town for the holidays, invest in automatic timers with battery backup, get your mail held by the post office and ask a neighbor to keep an eye out for anything suspicious. Ask your neighbor to park in your driveway.
- Inventory the expensive items in your home in case of theft, record serial numbers and take photos. It definitely helps to make insurance claims easier to file.
- Don't post your travel plans on social networking sites.
- Let a trusted friend know your travel plans and how to contact you in case of an emergency.



# *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  
Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Its Jurisdictions, Inc.*

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas  
Surrounded by your Precious Family,  
and many blessings for a wonderful Christmas and  
a Happy New Year.  
May peace, love, and prosperity follow you always*

*From  
Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Mary R. McGhee  
Grand Worthy Patron, Brother Reginald W. McClenton  
Executive Board and Staff*

*Merry Christmas*

*— HAPPY • NEW • YEAR —*



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