

## MCMD Section of NCNW Protocol Guide

### Organizational Terminology

- Our name should read as follows -- *Montgomery County, Maryland Section, National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Inc.*

### Attire

- Installation Ceremony for Section Officers -- Black top and bottom, pin and Shawl. Left side with Montgomery County in the front and NCNW in the back.
- Inspirational Brunch -- Black top and bottom, pin and Shawl Left side with Montgomery County in the front, and NCNW in the back.
- Holiday Activity – NCNW pin should be worn.
- Section Meetings – Dress Noncompulsory.
- When representing the Section at nonNCNW events – members may wear their NCNW Pin, NCNW T-shirt, and/or NCNW Paraphernalia (as appropriate).
- Retreat -- For group picture, wear NCNW t-shirt (or a navy blue t-shirt) and white pants.

Official Color – The official pair of colors are Blue and Gold.

Pin – A design of the NCNW, Inc. symbol.

Wearing of the Membership Pin - By custom, the pin is worn on the left side; the pin is not worn on the shawl.

Use of the Emblem/Banner – the Section must authorize the use of the emblem/banner.

Passing of the Rose Ceremony for Deceased Members – Our Section performs the “Passing of the Rose Ceremony” for a deceased Section member’s funeral or memorial ceremony. All Section members should try to attend the funeral, memorial service or wake of a deceased member. Black dress is required for all members. Members should wear NCNW paraphernalia (shawl) in honor of the deceased.

*Directions:* A semi-circle is formed. The President is stationed at one end of the line and the Chaplain stands at the other end of the line. The President leads the ceremony. The Chaplain holds a rose representing the deceased member. After the President begins the ceremony, the Chaplain will pass the rose to the next member with her right hand. Each member will receive (with her right hand) and pass (with her right hand) the rose down the line to the next member until it gets to the President.

The President will present the rose in honor of our deceased sister to the closest family member.



## ***In Memory of (Member’s Name)***

We, the members of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Montgomery County, Maryland Section, are saddened over the passing of our dear member, (member’s name).

We’d like to honor her life through our “Passing of the Rose Ceremony.”

A rose is one of the most beautiful flowers. Its smell is fabulous to the nose. Its pedals are delicate and its colors are immaculate. It has a wonderful pose and its beauty is unique. The **rose** is considered to be the most “perfect” of all flowers.

Like the **rose**, (member’s first name and last name) was a beautiful flower. Her poise and beauty were unique. The **rose** has an unforgettable smell. (Member’s first name) time on this earth is like the smell, one that we will not forget.

As a (NCNW membership status), (members’ first name) demonstrated her commitment to and love of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (Member’s first name) spirit of love and service were a blessing to NCNW members and to others.

The founder of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Mary McLeod Bethune, shared her legacy in her famous “My Last Will and Testament”. The first words that she wrote in her legacy were “I Leave You Love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13 says “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (NIV)

May our love for (member’s first name) last forever.

And now, we the members of the Montgomery County, Maryland Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. give this **rose** as a loving member of (member’s first and last name).



Fondly submitted, by:  
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and the NCNW, Montgomery County, Maryland Section;  
As read on (day, month, year)

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