

Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter, OES-PHA
Acceptance Speech
December 13, 2008

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,

First I thank you for all your many blessings and ask you to be in our midst this evening and bestow upon us your love, compassion and mercy. Father God, none of us can accomplish any task alone, we put you first and ask you to touch and guide each of us in all that we do, I ask that you will temper my actions and deeds and instill me the qualities of a good leader to cause peace and harmony to prevail. I ask that you bond us together in love, peace, kindness and understanding for each other. Let us strive together to raise your banner high to be your servants and magnify your name. Bless all assembled here this evening and I ask that you bless our entire Masonic family, may we always do the things that are pleasing and acceptable in Thy sight. We will never cease to give you all the praise and glory. These blessings I now ask in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Most Worshipful Grand Master McWilliams, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Myers, Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful and Worshipful Brethren of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Grand Worthy Patron Young, Associate Grand Matron Ellerbe, Past Grand Worthy Matrons, Past Grand Worthy Patrons, Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, My Sisters and Brothers. Good-evening.

I am truly grateful to you for bestowing upon the highest honor that can be achieved in this order. Words are not adequate enough to express my gratitude to each of you for the faith and confidence you have show in me. I know I can not succeed alone and solicit the support, cooperation and dedication of each of you to continue the legacy of our Grand Chapter. I am committed to the principles, philosophy, values and beliefs of our Order and will do all with in my power to continue to carry on the work of Georgiana Thomas Grand Chapter with the dedication and love of our founders and my predecessors. My Sister and Brothers my pledge to you is to lead with true commitment, dedication, love and respect, respect for each of you and respect for our Order. My heart is filled with gratitude for the honor you have bestowed upon me and I sincerely thank each of you. I ask God to guide me and help me to be worthy of this honor. May God's peace and blessings always be with each of us.

Fraternally with love,

Diane L. Hearn, Grand Worthy Matron