



***National Conclave of Grady Graduate Nurses, Inc.
Twenty-sixth Biennial Conclave***

Theme: "The Grady Nurses' Conclave Celebrating 50 years of Courage, Challenge, and Change"

Dear Friends and Members:

National Conclave of Grady Graduate Nurses is a 501 (C) 3 Organization of graduates of the Black School of Nursing at Grady Memorial Hospital "Celebrating 50 years of Courage, Challenge, and Change" Honoring the Legacy of Ludie Andrews.

Mrs. Ludie Andrews was appointed Superintendent to organize training for Black Nurses at Grady Hospital in 1914. Her high morals, excellent nursing and organizational skills were observed by all who worked with her. Ludie Andrews obtained the Charter and Accreditation for the Municipal Training School for Colored Nurses at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Andrews was a 1906 graduate of Spelman Seminary and the first Black Registered Nurse in Georgia. She initiated legal action against the state of GA to secure equal certification for all nurses. Because of her efforts, Black Nurses were able to take the State Board Examination and assume their rightful roles as Registered Nurses in Georgia in 1920.

Our original goals were to adhere to Health Care Standards of Nursing Practices and to Promote Programs designed to improve the nursing profession in communities nationwide. Since the inception of this organization, we have followed national trends of continuing education through donations of scholarships to advance continuing recruitment and education of future nurses.

We have developed continuing education programs that deal with Health Care Classes for growth in knowledge and practice. We continue to encourage personal growth through self-care and travel by land and sea.

As we celebrate, we honor our sister graduates, who set the path for our continued growth.

Thanks to all who will participate in our Souvenir Program Book as we continue to lift -up our organization.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Freeman

Cheryl Freeman, Conclave President

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Zola Jones, Conclave Committee Chair