

Maryland Odd Fellow



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“Elevating the character of mankind by mail”

Grand Masters' Message:



Greetings;

Brothers and Sisters:

Since my first report to everyone, the Officers of the Grand Lodge have been very active with visitations to lodges throughout the jurisdiction. In July, there were visitation to a joint meeting of Memorial #44 and Fort Carroll #11, and the initial meeting of the 2011 Joint Banquet & Sessions Committee at Baltimore City #57 in Granite.

In August the BGLO met with the financial advisors from Smith Barney for discussions of all investments status of the Grand Lodge of Maryland – more about this meeting and status through another forum. I also went for a visit and inspection of the status of the new temple being built by the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

September was extremely active with most lodges restarting visitations and fall activities. Visitations began with a joint meeting with Mizpah #66 and Triumph #16 (which I unfortunately missed); visits to Centre Lodge #40, Helena Lodge #171, Providence Lodge #116, and finally Poolesville Lodge #97 in conjunction with the Officers of the Grand Encampment of Maryland for a joint visitations and dinner. A special meeting of the GM, DGM and GW was held with Towson Lodge #79. The second meeting of the B&S Committee was held at the Hotel in Hagerstown, site for the 2011 sessions. Finally, the 21st Poolesville Day parade and celebration was held with the Odd Fellow information booth, raffle sales, and plenty of hamburger/hot dogs/soda for all the workers. I wish to especially thank GS Robert Beatty for bringing the GL midget cars for inclusion in the parade and for helping getting out the word on Odd Fellowship and selling raffle tickets all day. This was Robert's second consecutive year for his help with Poolesville Day Celebration. Thanks Robert!!

October started with the annual crab feast dinner and visitation at Metropolis Lodge #17. Grand Guardian Bill Poole, who was born and has lived his entire life in Maryland had a once in a lifetime experience during the dinner, he ate his first crab. That is like saying a Tennessee boy has never eaten catfish! The second visitation of the month was at King David Lodge #50 in Frederick.

On October 8th the Wildey Memorial Celebration was conducted in Baltimore at the grave site of Thomas Wildey followed with a delicious spaghetti dinner furnished by Providence Lodge #116.

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Grand Patriarchs' Message:



Greetings:

Patriarchs and Matriarchs

The Way to a Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song;

To recall the right and forgive the wrong;

To forget the things that bind you fast

To the vain regrets of the year that's past;

To have the strength to let go your hold

Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old;

To dare go forthwith a purpose true,

To the unknown task of the year that's new;

To help your brother along the road,

To do his work and lift his load;

To add your gift to the worlds good cheer,

Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

In Faith, Hope and Charity

E. Virginia Dietrich

Grand Patriarch

Rebekah Assembly Presidents' Message:



Greetings:

Sisters and Brothers;

Fall is past and part of winter is behind us. We have been very busy. I want to thank all that attended the Wildey Memorial on October 8th and also especially that all that made the Joint Divine Service on October 16th. We need to do this every year. It gives us a chance to be together for fine fellowship and at the same time thank our Creator for all he does for us and our Great Lodge.

I hope your Thanksgiving was the best – a chance for families to be together and I know your holidays will also be special.

I have heard of the fine things you all have done for the unfortunate this holiday season. Your Lodges are to be commended. This is Odd Fellowship.

Moving on into the New Year, we will also be busy. I will visit Cecil, Helena and Forestville Lodges. We will have the Joint Testimonial on March 24th; the Conclave in New York and our Session in Hagerstown. I hope you all can attend all of these. I thank you very much for all the good works your Lodges do.

I look around and see the Fellowship and Love in all you do. This makes me proud of being the President of such a great group of people.

Again, thanks for putting your trust in me.

God Bless my Sisters and Brothers. God Bless our Rebekah Lodges. God Bless America.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Tony Pirrone,
President
Rebekah Assembly of Maryland

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While it was a beautiful day and all the divisions of the Grand Lodge of Maryland were represented, plus the Sovereign Grand Master, the small attendance (approximately 20-25) reflected poorly on the Grand Lodge of Maryland as the “Mother Jurisdiction of American Odd Fellowship”. Thank you to those Brothers and Sisters who attended and participated, we received a blessing. For those who missed the celebration, you missed out on great fellowship.

October 16th a Joint Devine Devotional Service was held at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Poolesville, with refreshments after the service. This is an event that has not been conducted for a few years, but at one time was an integral part of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. It was a beautiful day and I wish to thank those Brothers and Sisters who traveled long distances to attend the service and fellowship. Once again it was a very small attendance from outside the Poolesville area (approximately 10) and seems to be indicative of the problems this Jurisdiction is facing, **an attitude of us or them**. I would like to charge each brother and sister in all the divisions of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, including myself, to revisit the **Obligations** we pledged to ourselves when we became an Odd Fellow (everyone must have been an odd fellow prior to becoming members of the other divisions) and strive to keep them in our hearts.

The friendship, love, truth, and **fellowship** shown to myself as Grand Master and the entire staff from the Grand Lodge of Maryland has been tremendous and extremely welcoming and heartfelt from all the Lodges we have visited.

In Friendship, Love and Truth – and Fellowship
Dr. Tom Dillingham
Grand Master

Sharon P. Thomas, P.P.
Candidate for Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland

I joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in September of 1986 as a member of Forestville Rebekah Lodge #36.

I joined Oriole Lodge #47 serving as Noble Grand from October 28, 2008 until February 23, 2010.

I am currently serving as Right Supporter to the Noble Grand.

I am a member of Maryland Encampment No. 2

I have also been elected to serve on the Foundation established last year as a 501 3-C foundation to collect and disburse tax deductible charitable donations.

I was elected to serve as Second Vice President to the Mid Atlantic States Conclave Committee

This year I am very honored to be serving Grand Master Dr. Tom Dillingham as his Grand Marshall as well as serving as Chairman and member of several committees for him.

I was also appointed in 2002 by Sovereign Grand Master Jon Petersen to serve on the Sovereign Grand Lodge United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Committee.

When I joined the order women were not afforded the opportunity to join the men's lodge and I was honored to join the Rebekahs where I served in every position of my lodge and worked my way through the Rebekah Assembly, serving on many committees and appointed offices. I was elected and served as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Maryland from 1996 - 1997. I am currently serving as Secretary. I was honored to be presented the Meritorious Jewel at session this year

My proudest moment in being involved in our great order was my involvement with the Youth. All three of my sons are Past Chief Rulers of Red Beret Junior Lodge and one of my daughter-in-laws is a Past President of Forestville Theta Rho Girls club where I served for many years as an Advisor.

Darlene Parker Candidate for Grand Warden

Darlene Rosie Parker entered the mysteries of Odd Fellowship on November 5th, 2005 in Towson Odd Fellow Lodge # 79 served as Noble Grand 2009, this is her third term as Financial Secretary, she received her Grand Lodge Degree in 2010. Served as Grand Guardian under Grand Master Frank A. Raczniaik 2010-2011. Sister Darlene has served on the following Grand Lodge Committees:

1. Visual Research & Eye Bank; Worked to secure needed funds for this worthwhile project
2. Membership & Education
 - a. Organized membership Drive at Towson University & Goucher College
 - b. Organized membership drive at Towson Odd Fellows
 - c. Participated in Membership drive at Dundalk Heritage Fair
 - d. Has secured 23 new members and continues relentlessly to secure new members.
 - e. Attended membership Seminar at the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Winston Salem, NC
 - f. Organized a website for her home Lodge
3. Session & Banquet
 - a. Organized and served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Opening of the 2010 Session.
 - b. Acted as Mistress of Ceremonies for the 2011 Fun Night.
4. Wildey
 - a. Arranged for the meal following the ceremony at Greenmount Cemetery 2010.
 - b. Placed wreaths at the ceremony in 2009 for the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and in 2010 for the Jurisdiction of Arizona.
5. Youth
 - a. Attended Youth Meeting at the Middletown Home in Pennsylvania 2010
 - b. Helped with the feeding of UN Buses at North Point Lodge # 4 and at Memorial Lodge # 44.

Arthritis 2011; Chairing this committee, she has since May of this year contacted lodges, met with a representative of the Maryland Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and has been in contact with the lodges about raising funds.

Sister Darlene attends the ceremony at Arlington Cemetery at the Tomb of the unknown Soldiers. She organized holiday baskets and gift certificates for the needy through the Salvation Army, Baltimore City and Baltimore County Department of Social Services. She is chairman of the fundraising activities in her home lodge and has held successful dinners, raffles and sidewalk sales. She is faithful to her obligation and visits the sick, shut ins and those in distress.

Sister Darlene has been recognized for her service by receiving the following awards:

2008 VIP Plaque by Grand Master Sell

2008 Heart in Hand Medallion by Grand Master Sell

2010 Silver Medallion for recruiting members by Grand Master Poist

2011 from Girl Scout Troop #4441 for contribution from Towson # 79.

2011 Merit Jewel presented by Memorial # 44 for Outstanding and Exceptional Service to Memorial Lodge.

2011 Sovereign Grand Lodge & international Association of Rebekah Assemblies Medallion Award for Outstanding, Dedication and Service to the Promotion of Odd Fellowship.

Sister Darlene is a native of the Maryland Eastern Shore. She graduated from Frostburg State University in 1976 (in 3 years) and received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with 4.0 grade point average. She continued her education at Loyola State University graduating with a Master Degree in Counseling Psychology. Sister Darlene is a Sunday school teacher at Maryland Church of God in Christ where helping people became her mind set.

Darlene married her childhood sweetheart, Rick, in August of 1977 and they have one child Ursula who has a PHD in Health Science Administration and was born in September, 1980. Since 1984 she and her husband have owned and operated Fresh Fresh Seafood Restaurant in Towson. Sister Darlene absolutely believes that benevolence and charity is a necessary tool for helping mankind.

Vaughn "Pete" Thomas, P.G.M.
Candidate for Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland

I joined Loyalty Lodge #165 as a result of my affiliation with Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troop and Pack 716, I was an assistant Scout Master and Cub Master of the Pack. We were having problems with our sponsor and sought out a new sponsor which became Loyalty Lodge. Because of their eagerness to support scouting I decided to join in 1984. Loyalty Lodge has since consolidated with Oriole Lodge #47. I have served in every chair in my lodge having been Treasurer for the past 15 years.

I am an associate member of Baltimore #57. Serving as District Deputy Grand Master.

I am an associate member of Forest Lodge #41, serving as Treasurer.

I am a member of Maryland Encampment #2 serving as Treasurer.

I served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland from 1989 - 1990.

I served as Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Maryland from 1996 - 1997

I am currently proudly serving as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, a position I have held for many years.

I am also proudly serving as the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Maryland.

I have been honored to serve many Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs in positions on staff and committees.

At the 2009 session I was presented the Meritorious Service Jewel that I felt very honored to receive.

My involvement with the Youth of our Order has been a very rewarding experience for me. I served as an Advisor for Red Beret Junior Lodge from the time the lodge was initiated, having my three sons serve on the drill team and as Past Chief Rulers.

I have been the tour leader on 5 United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth tours.

I am proud and honored to serve as your Treasurer.

Joseph Labuda Candidate for Grand Treasurer

Joe was initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship on May 8, 1974 in North Point Lodge #4. He received the First degree on May 15th 1974 in Helena Lodge #171. Second degree was conferred on him on May 24th 1974 by Memorial Lodge #44. The Third Degree was done on May 31, 1974.

Joe served as Noble Grand in 1977. He received his Grand Lodge Degree at the session in Frederick in 1978. He was selected by Grand Master Roy Williams to be his Grand Marshal and by Grand Master Melvin Harris to be his Grand Conductor. Joe has served as District Deputy Grand Master many times and on many Grand Lodge Committees serving as Chairman of By Laws, Banquet & Session and United Nations Pilgrimage. Joe was Chairman of the Joint Youth Committee in 1983-84 when Forestville Theta Rho Girls Club was instituted.

Joe is currently serving under Grand Master Doctor Thomas Dillingham as Ambassador to Grand Lodge Visitors. Joe meets our Visitors and takes them on a tour of Baltimore showing them our Historical Fraternal sites and sees to their care.

Joe is the secretary of North Point #4 and Scribe of Salem Encampment #13. He served 2 terms as Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment. He is also the Degree Captain of North Points Degree team he does a part in all the degrees. Joe is also on the North Point Installing team most Lodges have been installed at some time by this team. Generally January and part of February are consumed by the Installation of Officers. Joe received the Meritorious Service Jewel in 2006 and was awarded the Merit Jewel in 2011.

He has visited Lodges in Denmark, Sweden and Iceland and made many friends over seas. He still visits his European friends. He also chaired the UN pilgrimage for youth and attended meetings held by the SGL Committee. He arranged for the feeding of the Busses in Maryland and met the busses in Fort McHenry for their tour of Baltimore.

Joe continues to serve North Point and Salem along with Fort Carroll #11 his associate Lodge and Memorial #44 where he was their District Deputy Grand Master. Joe is also a member of Monumental Canton and Crown Rebekah.

Joe Graduated from Sparrows Point High School in 1964 and spent 2 years at the University of Baltimore. Spent time in the US Army and received an Honorable discharge. He returned to Bethlehem Steel where he took an apprenticeship for electronics. He worked for Beth Steel for 38 years as an Electronic Technician. He carries a 1st class FCC license and a Marine Engineers license. He retired from Beth Steel in 2002.

A lifelong hunter he has hunted all over the United States. In 1992 he hunted in Scotland for stags and bagged a Brown Bear in Alaska in 1995. He has belonged to Baltimore County Game and Fish Protective Assoc. Since 1983 and teaches hunter safety on their team.

Volunteers

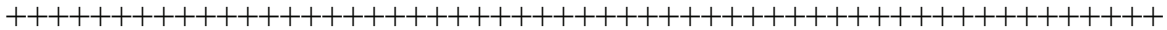
Hands that Serve Hearts that Care

A very special THANK YOU is extended to PG Jeanne Giuliano # 11, NG Leonard Giuliano # 102/11, PGM, PGP Edward Foreman, # 171, 3rd Degree Patricia Sheets # 44, 3rd Degree Robert Sheets #44 and NG Bradley Lloyd # 41 for coming into the Grand Lodge Office to complete the September/October Newspaper and the 2011 Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

On Friday September 30th, Brothers PGM Cliff Poist, Grand Senior Warden Leo Rollins, PG Dale Shirk #4, PG Jeanne Giuliano#11 and NG Leonard Giuliano #102/11 worked for four hours cutting grass and cleaning up the court yard at the Grand Lodge Office.

Thank You for your help. If you would like to volunteer please call Robert E. Beatty, Grand Secretary 410 327-2400 or email robertb@glmdioof.org all are welcomed.

Fraternally
Robert E. Beatty
Grand Secretary/Editor



News From Rainbow Rebekah Lodge

On October 10 Rainbow Rebekah Lodges were installed in their chairs as follows
Barbara Moxley Noble Grand
No Vice Grand
Betty Jo Graybeal Secretary
Loretta Strong Treasurer
Betty Mea Peterson Warden
Betty Caudill Chaplain
Sharon Bode inside Guardian

submitted by Barbara Moxley

Needing our Prayers and Cards:

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Helena # 66

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Mary Grace Lassiter Forestville #36

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LaVale, MD. 21502

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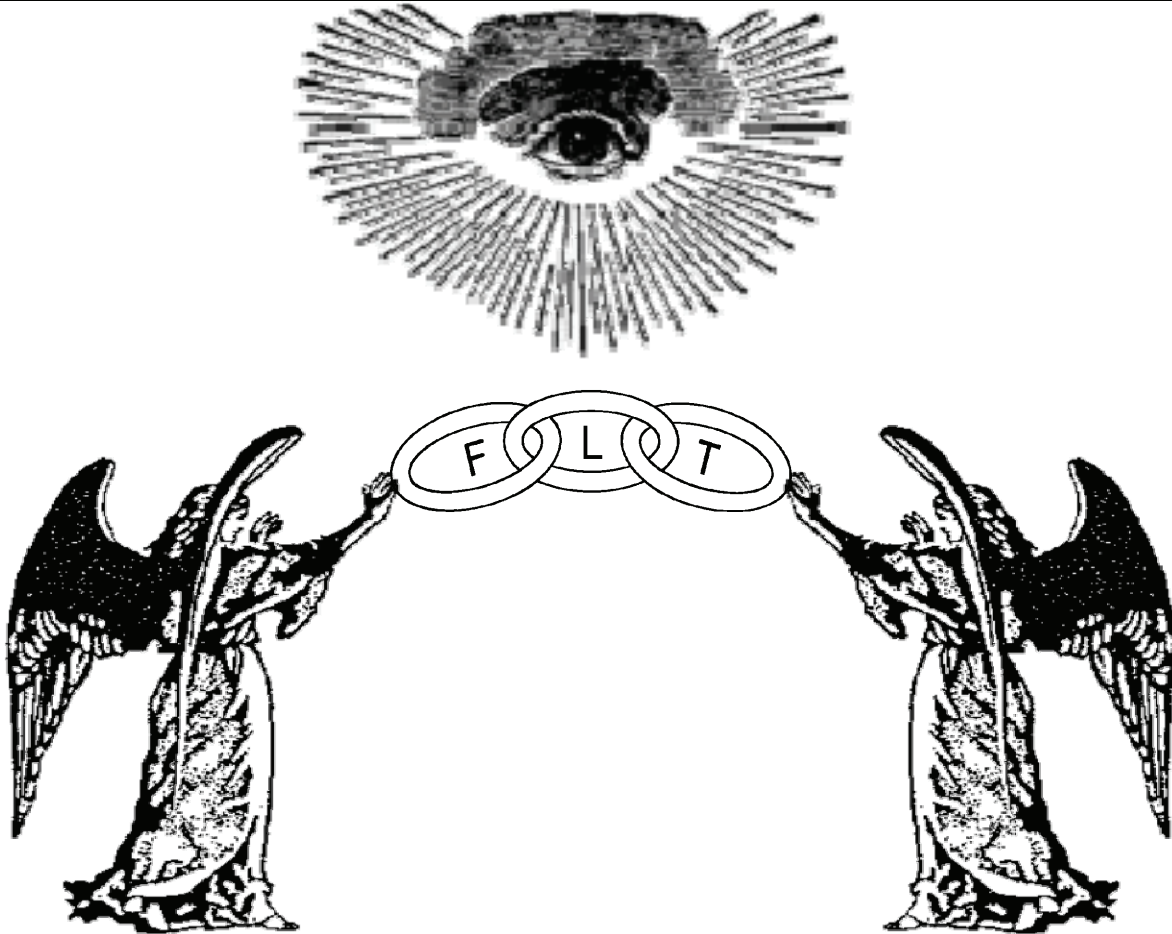
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Hazel Baublitz # 79

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Those Who Have Answered The Last Roll Call:



Howard Mckeever The Officers & Members of National Lodge # 37 announce with sorrow the passing of Past Grand Howard Mckeever on September 10th, 2011. Brother Howard entered the mysteries of Odd Fellowship on March 6th, 1972 and was a faithful and dedicated member. Brother Mckeever served in many offices and at the time of his passing he was serving as Treasurer. He will be greatly missed.

Spaghetti Dinner

To Benefit Arthritis Foundation

511 York Road

Towson Maryland 21204

Noon to 3 pm

\$10.00 per person children under 5 free

Guest Speaker Alex D. Stone

Vice president Corporate and Constituent Relation

Arthritis Foundation Mid Atlantic Region

For tickets Call Darlene Parker

Chairman Grand Lodge Arthritis Committee

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