

# 2003 Installation of Officers



SAN MATEO - On October 23, 2003 the installation of officers for the Grand Encampment and Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary took place at the San Mateo Convention Center. Convention Committee Host John Meierdierks along with Master and Mistress of Ceremonies Marshall Hansen, PGP and Joan Meza, PGM welcomed the guests. Special dignitaries included Rowena Whitney, President, Rebekah Assembly, Dorothy Brouse, President, Department Associations Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant, Justin Reed, Deputy Grand

Ruler of Grand Junior Lodge, Ken Kuklish, Grand Warden of Grand Lodge and Richard Brouse, Department Commander, Patriarchs Militant. Marshals for the evening were Hugh Steinman and Emma Tiner. Marie Sommers and James Sossaman were the Musicians and the Invocation was done by Walter Fox. The presentation of retirement of the colors were done by Oscar Delferrial, Raymond Biagi, Allan Peter and Martha Gordon. Grand Patriarch Eugene Rasor dedicated country song, "Pillar of My Life"

to his wife Betty, and Grand Matriarch Ernestine Olson gave a short speech. The evening included the presentation of the PGP and PGM Jewels and Presentation of Past Officer Jewels. The final benediction was given by Doris Henderson.

Installing Officers included Grand Patriarch Jack Fowlkes, PGP and Grand Matriarch Barbara Coleman, PGM; Grand Marshals

Jack Reasoner, PGP and Betty Jean Reasoner, PGM; Grand Senior Warden Gladwin Maplethorpe, PGP and Winnie McCallister, PGM; Grand Chaplains Richard Henderson, PGP and Carrie Fowler, PGM; Grand Scribes Barry Cheney, PGP and Doris Williamson, PGM; Grand Treasurers Marshall Hansen, PGP and Joan Meza, PGM and Grand Inside Sentinels George Hassard, PGP and Gwendolyn Johnston, PGM.

The incoming Grand Officers were installed into their offices in regular form. Grand Encampment Officers installed were Grand Patriarch Eugene Rasor, Grand Senior Warden Bobby Keller, Grand Junior Warden Fred Runnells, Grand Scribe John Meierdierks, Grand Treasurer Robert Bareilles, Grand High Priest Ivan Tella, Grand Trustee Jack McCallister, Director-Youth Camp Don Pixton, Grand Representative Marshall Hansen, Grand Marshal Raymond Biagi, Grand Color Bearer Gordon Foster, Grand Inside Sentinel Kenneth Astill, Grand Outside Sentinel Kenneth, and Grand Instructor Jack Whitney. Installed for the Grand Ladies Encampment Auxiliary Officers were Grand Matriarch Ernestine Olson, Grand Senior Warden Ruth Keller, Grand Junior Warden Debbie Shuler, Grand Scribe Nora Belle Maxwell, Grand Treasurer Gwendolyn Johnston, Grand High Priestess Barbara Jennings, Grand Trustee Peggy Burdick, Director-Youth Camp Doris Anderson, Grand Marshal Jeanette Hughes, Grand Color Bearer Martha Foster, Grand Inside Sentinel Roberta Prosk, Grand Outside Sentinel Mari Hoenig and Grand Musician Phoebe Astill.

## First Adoption Completed!

GILROY - Rebekah Children's Services has just completed their first adoption! Three children who are siblings have been adopted through the Family Linkage Program. Executive Director, John Wilkinson, said, "The most important outcome we can provide for children is to ensure they have a loving, nurturing, safe and permanent home." Odd Fellow and Rebekah support for the past 107 years has helped to provide just this. For more information on Foster Care Placement and Adoption, call Melissa Driscoll at Family Linkage (408)846-2219. Donations may be sent to Rebekah Children's Services at 290 IOOF Avenue in Gilroy, CA 95020.