



# The Odd Fellows Home Of Massachusetts, Inc. Spring Newsletter 2010

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## Message from the Secretary, Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I'm delighted to congratulate all the staff of the Odd Fellows Home of Massachusetts on a successful, deficiency free survey by the Department of Public Health. I know that an achievement like this would not have been possible without the combined hard work and dedication of each and every one of you. I'm sure that we will continue to show this level of professionalism in all our future surveys.

We are also very proud of the visibility and recognition that we have generated in the community due to our renewed marketing efforts which includes building a brand new website which highlights the mission of this organization and all its services; and our social networking presence on Facebook, we are thankful for our rapidly growing network of supporters on this site.

Last but not the least; On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff of the Odd Fellows Home of Massachusetts, I extend my appreciation to all our generous donors. Your valuable contributions help us keep up the high quality of care and service that we are always known for.

I wish everyone a bright and beautiful spring filled with love, laughter and happiness.

Best Regards,

Clarence Plant, CPPM, CF, Secretary, Board of Trustees



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Odd Fellows Home of Massachusetts is the service mission of the social and benevolent society of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Massachusetts. Our mission is to provide our residents with the finest skilled nursing and rehabilitative services. Dedicated to the basic tenets of *Friendship, Love and Truth* our highly trained staff extend compassionate care in a comfortable, secure environment that affords dignity, meaningful activity and an enhanced quality of life.

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# Odd Fellows Home of Massachusetts, Inc.

## What's in a Name?

The Odd Fellows Home has provided over 100 years of continuous service to the fraternity and the community of Worcester at large. The idea was conceived and the first committee appointed in 1887.

Ten trustees were also elected that year. In 1889, the land was donated by a wealthy philanthropist, Thomas Dodge, who also donated the land across the street to the City, known today as Dodge Park.

With \$61,000 phase one was constructed in 1890 and phase two in 1891 was constructed with \$27,000. The infirmary was built in 1925.

Odd Fellows have a history of caring for the less fortunate as noted in our creed we are commanded to "*Visit The Sick, Relieve The Distressed, Educate The Orphan And Bury The Dead.*"

A noble command that is still the basic principal of the World Wide Order.

It was because of these principals that Thomas Dodge offered the land as a gift if the Odd Fellows would chose Worcester in which to relocate. Written in his hand writing in the original deed are the words,

*And I quote,  
"May god in his infinite mercy smile on the institution thus founded by fraternal love,*

*And grant that the widespread influence thereof may stimulate the growth of a broad and enlightened Christianity, and tend to promote and advance civilization."*

This all new and modern multi leveled skilled nursing facility was opened in 1990 on the same grounds as the original Home to serve the fraternal members and the Worcester community at large. It stands in its shadow as a reminder of the past and the dreams of the future.

## Resident Council

According to OBRA every long term care facility is required to have a Resident Council. The Activity Professional is usually the chairperson for the council and is responsible for assuring that this very important meeting occurs each month.

### What is Resident Council?

The Resident Council is the Political voice of the individuals who reside in a long term care setting. Many of the Residents are *unable* to voice their opinions and/or concerns and need to rely on those residents who capable and interested in the facility events to speak for them. The meetings consist of all interested residents, representatives from the Ombudsman program, any guests that they invite and/or request to speak and the chairperson. A President, Vice President, and Secretary should be elected from the group.

Many residents will be hesitant to take on the responsibility and leadership of a council position as it may be a new and intimidating experience. Because of this, be sure to explain how the meetings work , what the responsibilities are and encourage members to share a position if they are interested. This resident sits at the head of the group along with the chairperson and other officers. Each council has its own personality. Create the positions to meet the needs of the current group along with the stated responsibilities of the council.

The Resident Council is required to take place *one time per month*. In large facilities, there may be additional meetings called as the need occurs. The minutes of these meetings are kept by the chairperson. A copy of the meeting minutes always goes to the Administrator for review so that she/or he is always current on issues, concerns, and resolutions.

## Administrative Staff

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# Odd Fellows Home of Massachusetts, Inc.

## Testimonials

*“I’ve been treated like a prince since I came to The Odd Fellows Home. Everyone couldn’t be nicer. When I first got here, I was in bad shape. The therapy was marvelous. They gave me one-on-one rehab. You’ve heard of Charlie’s Angels? I called the physical therapists Artie’s Angels. The nursing staff was great. Everyone who works here is just a bunch of fantastic people. My room was cleaned every day. The food is great. There is no comparison between the other rehab center I was in to The Odd Fellows Home. I would go nowhere else but here. There is no doubt in my mind about making referrals to The Odd Fellows Home.”*

*Arthur Porter*

*“The care I’ve received at The Odd Fellows Home has been unbelievable. Everyone has been so kind and very respectful. They all know me. I’m going to miss them. The physical therapists really knew what they were doing. My room has been very comfortable and the food was good. I enjoyed the music programs, especially the Valentine’s Dance. I would definitely come back to The Odd Fellows Home.”*

*Richard O’Malley*

*“I came to the Odd Fellows Home from another nursing home. The quality of care I received here was very good. The physical therapy was great – just wonderful! When I got here, I couldn’t move my right leg. Now I can walk using my walker. My room was very comfortable. The nursing staff took very good care of me.”*

*E.H. (Short-term Rehab resident)*

*“The Odd Fellows Home has been wonderful. Everyone has been very friendly and respectful. They have treated me like family. The therapy was very good. My room was comfortable and the building is kept very clean. I enjoyed the activities very much, especially the Wii Bowling, Bingo, and the crafts. I would come back here if I needed rehab again, and I will recommend the Odd Fellows Home to all my friends and family.”*

*Minerva Barboosa*

*“The nurses’ aides have been excellent. They have come immediately any time I called them. The nurses are very good – very professional and attentive. This building is kept so clean. And I loved the activities, especially the wonderful musical entertainment. It made me very nostalgic, but I loved it. I would definitely recommend The Odd Fellows Home. If I ever needed to, I would come back.”*

*Vera Ross*

*“The nursing care and physical therapy at The Odd Fellows Home has been very good. My room has been very comfortable. The food was very good, and I would recommend the Odd Fellows Home to anyone.”*

*Doris Coro*