



# Grand Nest Bulletin

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## Future Conventions

Penn Pond	Sheraton Society Hill Hotel Philadelphia, PA	July, 21-25, 2010
Michigan Pond	Amway Grand Hotel Grand Rapids, MI	July, 2011
Alberta Pond	Calgary, AB	July, 2012
Quebec Pond	Quebec City, QB	July, 2013

## Mid Year Grand Nest Officers Meeting

Philadelphia, PA

Sheraton Society Hill Hotel

April 17-19, 2009

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**102<sup>nd</sup> GRAND NEST CONVENTION  
JULY 20-23, 2008 NIAGARA FALL, ONTARIO CANADA**

**Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

The welcome party was a fiesta theme with various food appropriate stations. Salsa dancers with dance lessons for the members and guests highlighted the evening. Pins were passed and friendships started or reunited.

**Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

The 102<sup>nd</sup> Convention was called to order by MLGG Jack Fitch. After the national anthems were led by Miriam Wodrasouriya we were welcomed by Mayor Ted Salei and MLG Alex Walker of Ontario. PMLGG John Bishop led the invocation.

A memorial service was conducted by the Michigan Pond. This was a beautiful service honoring each departed Gander this past year with a red rose and a candle. This was culminated by a Eulogy for PMLGG Marvin Wilson delivered by JA Robert Ross and for PMLGG Robert Rice delivered by GSOF JoAnn Clark.

MLGG Fitch shared his work for the Order during his past year in office. Despite the loss of his mother he still traveled to various Ponds and led the Order firmly during this past year.

Convention Chair Max Brugger shared the convention agenda and changes that always occur with the published agenda.

The Model Initiation followed with the Quebec Pond doing the presentation. The initiation was delivered in a bilingual format of French and English. Although

with the monk's religious garb they wore as the theme, it could have been in Latin!

The committee and Regional meetings followed after lunch.

**Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

After breakfast the Grand Nest business session commenced. The first order of business was the presentation to GKGGE Art LeMaistre with a proclamation making him an Honorary Kentucky Colonel. PMLG Don Greeno presented this noting that if Art was going to represent the South, he ought to have a Title that was appropriate.

GWGQ Terry Maloney reported on a number of various items. The IRS is now requiring each Pond to file a 990 EZ form. A roll call introducing our oldest chapters was announced.

GNH Barry Snyder was called upon to introduce the completion of the history on the second 50 years and recognize all of those who assisted in this effort. The History is posted on our website.

GKGGE Art LeMaistre provided his report on the financial results of this past year. He felt that BG funds were wisely spent and secure.

Various committee reports were provided. GWGQ Maloney emphasized communication being the key element in our future success.

The evening celebrated the Ontario's Pond 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Outstanding food, decorations and musical entertainment make this an event not to be forgotten.

**Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Seattle Pond made their "pitch" for holding the next convention in Reno. They were unanimously approved to host GN in 2009.

The installation of officers installed by PMLGG Snyder was quite a historic event. MLGG JoAnn Clark became the first woman ever elected to our Order's highest office. Her many years of service to BG, even before becoming a member, leaves no question of her love and commitment to our Order.

The final evening was celebrated with a Grand Ball which culminated the many years of exhausting work by the Ontario Pond members led by WGQ Max Brugger. His leadership along with all of the other unselfish volunteers honored their 100 years of existence in outstanding fashion.

Ontario, Congratulations and thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Maloney, GWGQ

**Most Loyal Grand Gander's Report 102<sup>nd</sup> Grand Nest Convention**  
**Sheraton Fallsview Hotel and Conference Centre**  
**Niagara Falls, Canada**  
**Monday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008**



Grand Nest Officers—Past and Present—Delegates, Ganders and Guests:

It has been a great privilege for me to serve as Most Loyal Grand Gander this past year, a privilege that was made possible by the generosity of the Ontario Pond, the support of my fellow officers and the membership of this organization in general.

I would like to first acknowledge the presence here today of three members of the Ontario Pond who between them have enjoyed membership in our Honorable Order for well over 150 years. I would ask that Jack Bremner, Bob Jackson and Dave Jackson all stand and be recognized. All Past Most Loyal Ganders of the Ontario Pond, these three Ganders have shown tremendous loyalty and dedication to our Honorable Order and have earned my thanks and yours.

I would not have taken on the offices of Grand Nest without the encouragement of Jack Bremner and Bob Jackson nor without the support and friendship of Max Brugger, the co-chair, together with Christine Adelhardt, of this Convention, the Permanent Wielder of the Ontario Pond and a tireless worker on the Pond's behalf. When I joined Blue Goose Max Brugger recruited me to the Pond executive and has supported all that I have done on behalf of the Order since.

Max is responsible for having assembled a terrific group of Ganders who have taken on the task of planning, organizing and putting on this Convention. Every member of the Convention Committee has worked hard and done a great job. Although this convention is just getting started, I am confident that it will prove to be one of the best in the history of the Order. Wilson Teixeira and Miriam Weerasooriya, who amazed me by singing the opening national anthems so beautifully, headed our marketing efforts and brought notice of this convention to every Gander through the logos, newsletters and website that they authored. Todd Stewart is hosting a wonderful the Children's program which promises to keep the kids happily engaged throughout the Convention. Harry Grewal has put together a golf tournament for 144 golfers at Thunder Waters, an internationally acclaimed course designed by John Daley, just down the street, which is completely sold out. Chris Giffin has organized live entertainment for all our events. Last night was just the opening act. Laurel DiMaso and Kathleen Davies have designed and organized the decorations for our events. And just to make sure we didn't lose sight of our fiscal responsibilities to the Pond and Grand Nest, our planning and execution are being closely monitored for us by Nick Angellotti, our accountant for this event.

There are others, of course, who also deserve recognition and thanks. Alex Walker, the current Most Loyal Gander of the Ontario Pond and the balance of the current executive, our sponsors who have generously donated to this event and, of course, my partners at Hughes Amys, LLP who have supported my involvement in Blue Goose and who have contributed generous financial support for this convention. Let me extend my personal thanks and yours to all those who have made this event

possible through their hard work and generosity. The credit for the success of this convention is yours.

This past year has been both difficult and rewarding. It has been a year of change for me personally. I have moved my office and my residence. I have lost my mother, one of the dearest people in my life. Throughout the year I have enjoyed the support of my fellow officers and many other Ganders who I have come to know and who I have corresponded with. Using the new communications facilities available to us through the Grand Nest website, with Terry Maloney's help, I have been able to communicate directly with Pond Wielders and with the Membership as a whole and individually. Although there were days when I regretted the amount of e-mail that came with the job, the ability that it provides for us to reach out to each other efficiently and effectively provides a great benefit. I would encourage all of you to make sure that your e-mail address is added to your Grand Nest record and is kept current. The savings in communication efficiency and cost is a significant benefit to our Order.

Although I was not able to travel as extensively as I would have liked to over this past year. I was very impressed with the reception that I did receive where ever I went. Fortunately I was able to attend the National Capital Pond Christmas lunch and the Michigan Pond Christmas lunch both of which were held the same week. These are both exceptional events which raise money for local charities and help promote our Order. If you ever have the opportunity to attend either I would encourage you to do so. Both events drew about 450 people this year and raised thousands of dollars.

My special thanks to Bill Olsen. Bill was kind enough to pick me up at the airport in Baltimore and drive me to my hotel. We had a delightful afternoon together swapping stories and drinking beer before attending a meeting and dinner of the organizing committee for the National Capital Pond Christmas lunch. The lunch, the next day, which goes on well into the late afternoon and is followed by a traditional poker night, was, of course, a great success. Given the late hour Bill Olsen stayed over night at the hotel and arranged to meet me the next morning for breakfast so that he could drive me back to the airport. Unfortunately and uncommonly, for Baltimore, it snowed early in the morning leaving traffic snarled and the roads treacherous. On an overpass, practically within sight of the doors to the departure lounge, Bill's big SUV started to slide uncontrollably into the oncoming lane and the path of approaching traffic. As my life flashed before my eyes, Bill did the only thing he could, pulled hard on the wheel and spun us off the road into the guardrail. Fortunately neither of us were hurt and although Bill's truck was damaged I think the biggest bruise was to his pride. Bill's quick reaction saved us from what might have been a far worse accident and I'd be happy to travel with him anywhere. In recognition of his service to me I am bestowing on him the title of Grand Chauffer. Thank you Bill for your generosity and your friendship.

The effort of our Ganders who devote their time and energy to raising funds for charity deserves recognition not only from us but from the industry and the community. Through big events like the National Capital Pond Christmas Lunch and the Michigan Pond Christmas Lunch and dozens of smaller events put on by Ponds throughout Canada and the United States, Blue Goose raises tens of thousands of dollars for various charities each year. I propose that each Pond should report its fund raising efforts, however modest, to the Grand Wielder each year. I anticipate that the total will

surprise and encourage us. The contribution that Blue Goose makes each year to others is significant.

While our membership has declined from what it once was we are not alone. Other service organizations have also found themselves losing members faster than they could replace them. This is in part a product of our national demographics. The good news is that there is a new generation of young people entering the insurance industry who are capable of bringing renewed vigor and enthusiasm with them. Our task is to recruit them to our cause. The wealth of experience and knowledge which our membership has represents a valuable resource to the next generation of insurance professionals who will be eager to join Blue Goose when they know about the benefits of character, charity and fellowship which Blue Goose offers them. We are seeing a resurgence of interest in Blue Goose which I believe marks a turning point for our organization. I charge each of you with the responsibility of sharing your love of our organization with a suitable member of the insurance industry during the next year and bringing them into our flock. Doing so will benefit you both.

This is an exciting time for Blue Goose. I encourage all of you to embrace the challenges that lie ahead. Our Honorable Order has prospered for over one hundred years and its message of character, charity and fellowship is more relevant today even than in the past. The future is bright. For the last two years, Grand Nest has had a booth at the PLRB, one of the largest insurance industry conventions in the United States. The response to the booth has been overwhelming and many people have inquired about membership as a result. Continuing to promote Blue Goose at the national and international level should remain a priority. This year the PLRB will be meeting in Seattle, Washington and hopefully Blue Goose will be there.

It was a great pleasure to attend the mid year meeting of the Grand Nest Executive Committee in Reno, Nevada. The 103<sup>rd</sup> Grand Nest Convention will be held in Reno in July of 2009. The executive was all treated to a great weekend in Reno and I know the members of the Seattle Pond who have chosen Reno as the site for their convention will do a wonderful job. As JoAnn Clark assumes the office of Most Loyal Grand Gander and in doing so becomes not only the first woman to hold this office but also the first spouse of a Past Most Loyal Grand Gander to do so, I encourage all of you to look forward to a year of renewal and growth for our organization and toward our 103<sup>rd</sup> Convention in Reno, Nevada. And I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Thank you for the privilege you have given me by letting me hold this office.

Jack F.Fitch  
Most Loyal Grand Gander

**Address of Acceptance 102<sup>nd</sup> Grand Nest Convention – JoAnn Clark**  
**Sheraton Fallsview Hotel and Conference Centre**  
**Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada**  
**Wednesday, July 23, 2008**



I am honored to be the first woman national officer of this fine organization. Thank you for continuing to open your doors to the wealth of membership available in this industry. We survive because we change with the times.

I thank my wonderful and steadfast husband, Rex for always being there to help and support me. Even though he knows I have a hard time saying no to requests to volunteer. Seattle Pond deserves a big Thank You for taking on yet another Clark, for yet, another Grand Nest. It should be known as the Convention Pond; having sponsored 1949, '79, '99 and coming up 2009.

Fraternal organizations offer many opportunities for self-development and growth. Blue Goose is at the top of the list for fellowship. For some reason, that I don't know the why or wherefores, is that the insurance and related industries have wonderful people in it. One of the attractions we have is personality, who can forget us when they hear our names and titles. Isn't it marvelous that we can create a smile and chuckle just by telling folks about us. We constantly hear about downsizing, outsourcing and other indications that globalization is creating different ways of conducting business.

We are extremely fortunate in Blue Goose because we are not over structured. We do not have to worry about real estate, numerous employees or excess overhead. We are lean but certainly not mean. This is the basis for growth in the current business community. Because we allow each chapter to determine its own number of meetings, the choice to be a puddle or pond, and very little paper or computer work, we are geared to current needs. We provide friendship, fun and charity work. Charity work gives us good feeling by helping others in need. However, when I was promoting this aspect of our organization, someone commented lots of places offer opportunities to help others. Yes, this is true. So how is Blue Goose different? What can we do to overcome and answer this response.

As mentioned our industry is undergoing some tough times that affect all of us. So how can we offer an alternative to a hard day at the office... By stressing that yes, we do meet, work and help others but we also have fun while doing it. We are people that like people and it shows in the wonderful friendships we have established over the years.

We are very unique by having a family convention, showing that we support good values. Encourage your members to attend our Grand Nest Conventions. Like-minded folks gather together to enjoy a family vacation. Yet with the added enjoyment of the "kids" having fun at what they like to do, while the parents enjoy other activities. This is all happening in the same place at the same time. And all of the preparations are done for you by the sponsoring Pond.

Complacency can invade your group, we are happy, we are ok is not the answer to the future. If you are not adding members you will be facing a big problem. Transfers, age and illness will take their toll; you need to increase your membership, to stay viable and interesting. We need to develop serious and working committee on setting up sponsors and outside sources of funds. This group would also suggest ideas for some internal revenues to increase income. With our interest in getting our message out one venue that is giving us positive results is PLRB. This is expensive for us but a necessary way to acquire members and visibility to the industry and corporations. Grand Nest needs to hear from you if you have suggestions of ideas let us know, we will try to respond to any submissions.

***"Ideas are a dime a dozen- people who put them into action are priceless."*** source unknown

I hope you will make a concerted effort to attend Grand Nest--- when "Seattle Rides to Reno", July 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009. I am looking forward to a busy and productive year for Blue Goose, thank you for your support energy and friendship.

Fraternally,  
JoAnn M. Clark, MLGG Seattle Pond

**Annual Convention and Meeting Report of the Judge Advocate  
Year Ending July 1, 2008  
July 20- July 23, 2008**



Most Loyal Grand Gander, Grand Nest Officers and Ganders:

During this one hundred and second year of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International, the centennial year of the Ontario Pond, and others, your Judge Advocate is pleased to give you this report.

In particular, the Grand Nest continues to be active addressing the immediate and future challenges of the Order. The Grand Nest is focusing on critical issues about the organization as well as annual conventions. Short term, as well as long-term issues are being considered, including the potential reorganization of Regions, as well as the role of the Grand Nest, the Regions as well as the Ponds in putting on annual conventions. The Grand Nest has clarified and defined further the role of the DMLGG.

The Grand Nest continues planning for the future, including expansion and growth of the Order. Efforts are made to work within the structure established over the past one hundred years, but new ideas are welcome and will be considered by the Grand Nest. For example, The Grand Nest supported a booth at the PLRB meeting this year that was a grand promotion of the Blue Goose, brought hundreds of potential applicants to the table from around the U.S. and potentially Canada. For over one hundred years, the Constitution and Bylaws have been strong, and have been changed only to meet the times, opportunities and realities facing the Blue Goose. Fortunately, no significant legal issues have been raised over the past year and we hope for a smooth flight over the coming year.

As we endeavor to pursue our guiding principles of charity, character and fellowship, we must be mindful of the importance of increasing membership, expanding our reach within the insurance community and strengthening our leadership for the continued vitality of our Order.

It has been a great honor and a distinct pleasure for me to serve the past year as the Judge Advocate of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International.

Tote fare,

Robert Tayloe Ross

**AWARD PRESENTATION**

**GORDON F. CROWTHER CHARITY AWARD:**

The criteria is based on all types of varied works of charity. The winner of this year’s award is the **ARIZONA POND.**

**ST. JOE VALLEY POND MEMBERSHIP AWARD:**

This coveted award for the greatest percentage increase in membership went to the **GARDEN STATE POND.**

**LINK OF THE YEAR**

Outstanding internet Pond web site winner is **SEATTLE POND**

**POND PUBLICATION WINNERS:**

1st Place ..... **NATIONAL CAPITAL POND**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place ..... **SEATTLE POND**

**EMAIL/ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION WINNERS:**

1st Place ..... **TEXAS POND**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place ..... **ARIZONA POND**

**HEART OF AMERICA POND’S FELLOWSHIP AWARD:**

This year the pond with the least percentage drop in membership by reason of drop-outs and resignations was the **WISCONSIN HOME NEST POND.**

**KENTUCKY POND’S NO DROP-OUT AWARD:**

This is an extremely difficult award to achieve. This year’s winners are the **OKLAHOMA AND VIRGINIA POND.**

**PEACE GARDEN AWARD:**

This plaque is presented to the Pond having the most First Time attending conventioners. The winner this year is the **REGINA, QUEBEC, UTAH, EDMONTON, ST. LOUIS, AND OREGON PONDS.**

**REGIONAL CHALLENGE AWARD:**

The best Region determined by using 5 membership award criteria is the **CANADIAN REGION\*\*.**

**REGIONAL CHARITY AWARDS**

<b>East</b>	GARDEN STATE	.....	21 - Most New & Reinstated
	GARDEN STATE	.....	30.88% - Best % Increase
<b>West</b>	UTAH	.....	7 - Most New & Reinstated
	UTAH	.....	8.24% - Best % Increase
<b>South</b>	VIRGINIA *	.....	15 - Most New & Reinstated
	KENTUCKY***	.....	23.08% - Best % Increase
<b>Central</b>	MICHIGAN ****	.....	45 - Most New & Reinstated
	HEART OF AMERICA	.....	24.69% - Best % Increase
<b>Canada</b>	ONTARIO *	.....	35 – MOST NEW & REINSTATED
	SASKATCHEWAN	.....	27.08% - BEST % INCREASE

\* 2<sup>ND</sup> Year in a row      \*\*3<sup>RD</sup> Year in a row      \*\*\*4<sup>TH</sup> Year in a row      \*\*\*\*6<sup>th</sup> Year in a row

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HONORABLE ORDER OF THE BLUE GOOSE  
OPERATING STATEMENT

	07-08	07-08	08-09
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
501 DUES - CURRENT YEAR	63,539	71,170	69,124
502 CANADIAN RELIEF	(1,101)	(1,477)	(400)
503 DUES - PRIOR YEAR	10,587	3,000	(700)
511 SALES - EMBLEMS	2,756	2,650	2,550
531 INTEREST - MONEY MARKET	1,142	1,200	1,100
532 CONVENTION MEMBERS DONATION	0	-0-	-0-
541 POND GN DONATIONS	3,500	-0-	-0-
650 ARCHIVE CONTRIBUTIONS	422	-0-	-0-
TOTAL INCOME	<u>80,845</u>	<u>76,543</u>	<u>71,674</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
601 GRAND NEST OFFICE	22,332	22,332	22,332
605 TELEPHONE	1,054	1,200	1,200
607 POSTAGE	702	500	500
609 INSURANCE & BONDING	4,357	4,832	4,357
611 OFFICE SUPPLIES	898	100	300
613 COMPUTER	2,527	4,000	4,000
615 DATA SUPPORT	1,199	2,400	2,000
616 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	2,333	0	0
617 DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	250	250	250
619 ACCOUNTING	2,640	2,640	2,760
629 GNO - PRINTING, ETC.	0	400	400
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>38,292</u>	<u>38,654</u>	<u>38,099</u>
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES			
621 GNO - POND VISITATION	0	1,600	1,550
623 GNO - CONVENTION	3,099	6,000	6,750
625 GNO - EXECUTIVE COMM TRAVEL	2,039	2,000	2,400
627 GNO - EMBLEMS	1,287	500	500
631 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	516	2,500	2,500
633 SPECIAL OLYMPICS	500	500	500
637 MEMORIALS	100	100	100
641 DELEGATE EXPENSE	10,278	14,500	14,000
645 POND EMBLEMS	5,606	2,000	2,000
647 HOST POND FUND	3,151	3,200	3,150
649 ARCHIVE EXPENSE	291	(1,162)	(1,293)
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES	26,867	31,738	32,157
TOTAL EXPENSES	65,159	74,392	70,256
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	<u>15,686</u>	<u>6,151</u>	<u>1,418</u>

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 \*1910 – Chas. H. Pescay, Louisiana  
 \*1911 – Thomas H. Williams, California  
 \*1912 – Wm. T. Benallack, Michigan  
 \*1913 – Ed. E. Wells, Colorado  
 \*1914 – Frank G. Snyder, Kentucky  
 \*1915 – Fred W. Ransom, Ohio  
 \*1916 – J. Ross Stewart, Ontario  
 \*1917 – E.G. Carlisle, Illinois  
 \*1918 – G.M. Wise, Missouri, Kansas  
 \*1919 – W.J. Sonnen, Illinois  
 \*1920 – John A. Hanson, Minnesota  
 \*1921 – E.D. Marr, Heart of America  
 \*1922 – M.M. Hauxhurst, Michigan  
 \*1923 – W.P. Fess, Manitoba  
 \*1924 – John F. Stafford, Illinois  
 \*1925 – W.E. Mallalieu, New York City  
 \*1926 – H. Vem Myers, Iowa  
 \*1927 – Wirt Leake, Texas  
 \*1928 – T.L. Geraghty, Quebec  
 \*1929 – J. Charles Harris, California  
 \*1930 – D.L. McCoy, Dakota  
 \*1931 – Henry L. Rose, Chesapeake  
 \*1932 – Wm. F.C. Fellers, Florida  
 \*1933 – D.A. McKinley, Washington  
 \*1934 – L. H. Bridges, Nebraska  
 \*1935 – Samuel A. Mehorter, New York City  
 \*1936 – T. Ray Phillips, Oklahoma  
 \*1937 – H.B. Leuty, British Columbia  
 \*1938 – J. Clark Buchanan, California  
 \*1939 – Ralph W. Hukill, Ohio  
 \*1940 – General J.R. Knowlan, Penn  
 \*1941 – Ben S. McKeel, Carolinas  
 \*1942 – Clifford J. Malcolm, Ontario  
 \*1943 – H.A. Reynolds, Colorado  
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 \*1945 – Thomas G. Linnell, Minnesota  
 \*1946 – P.M. Winchester, New York City  
 \*1947 – G.E. Edmondson, Florida  
 \*1948 – E.J. Beauvais, Quebec  
 \*1949 – E.W. Trenbath, Seattle  
 \*1950 – J. Ray Hull, Indiana  
 \*1951 – Paul M. Fell, Penn  
 \*1952 – Charles L. Beale, Texas  
 \*1953 – S.L. Sterling, Manitoba  
 \*1954 – John Henry Martin, California  
 \*1955 – A.B. Young, Heart of America  
 \*1956 – R.L. Wiseman, National Capital  
 \*1957 – Jules Simoneaux, Louisiana  
 \*1958 – R.L. Fenerty, Alberta  
 \*1959 – Mark A. Wells, California  
 \*1960 – E.C. "Gene" Saulcy, Michigan  
 \*1961 – Robert F. Stumpf, New York City  
 \*1962 – W.G. Stephens, Jr., Georgia  
 \*1963 – Frank G. Chandler, Ontario  
 \*1964 – Lester L. Large, Oregon  
 \*1965 – Earl S. Hannan, St. Louis  
 \*1966 – K.S. Carmody, Chesapeake  
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 \*1910-11 Walter E. Atwater  
 \*1911-12 C. C. Clark  
 \*1912-14 Rudolph H. Wieben  
 \*1914-16 Bernard A. Lehnberg  
 \*1916-31 Paul A. Rudd  
 \*1931-37 Charles P. Helliwell  
 \*1937-51 Richard Kenzal  
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 1961-62 David Armitage  
 1962-88 J. B. Gravenstine

**PMLGG Robert Rice**  
**December 20, 1916 – April 21, 2008**



*“Even children follow’d with endearing wile,  
And pluck’d his gown, to share the good man’s smile”*  
by: Oliver Goldsmith

I remember Bob as a friendly, smiling MLGG at the 1984 Grand nest in Denver, Colorado. We heard many stories of the ways their Pond raised money for the convention.

They conducted bingo games every Wednesday night for two years. Though Bob was sixty-seven at the time, he donned roller skates every week. Then he tooted around the hall selling “Pickles” also called Pull Tabs. He became known as the “Pickle Man.” Through his effort and skill on skates, he earned \$2,500 for the convention.

Bob was born in Topeka, Kansas and graduated from Kansas University. He married the love of his life Lillian on January 5, 1942. Bob is survived by: Lillian, daughter Sandra Brown, three grandsons and three great grandsons.

He served as an officer in the Army Signal Corps in Parson, Kansas. After WWII, he returned to work for the Kansas Inspection Bureau before joining Home Insurance Company, as a fire protection Supervisor. Bob and Lillian moved to Colorado in 1968 with the National Fire Insurance Company. He later started his own agency and retired in 1982.

He was elected MLGG at the Grand Nest convention held in Banff, Alberta Canada in 1983. Bob was a past president of the Kansas State Fire Protection Association and Past Commodore of the Shawnee Yacht Club. He was a member and deacon in his church, a member in American Legion Post #1, Orient Lodge #51, AF&AM, Topeka Scottish Rite and the Arab Shrine.

Bob and Lillian with Jerry and Bobbie Womack attended the 1976 Grand Nest in Hartford. They decided to tour Boston and drove to the Wharf where the USS Constitution was moored. They were in a van that the rear doors only opened from the outside. Bob was so excited to see the ship that he dashed out and up the gangplank, failing to hear Lillian shouting to let her out! He received a lot of teasing about this for years.

*Honored departed PMLGG Bob Rice, we salute you and greet you in the silent hall of memory. Hail, Friend and Farewell.*

**Presented by GSOF JoAnn Clark**  
**With input from PMLG Jerry Womack**



## **Memorial Service Remarks for Marvin P. Wilson, Jr., PMLGG**

**July 21, 2008**

**By: Robert Tayloe Ross, JA**

We have lost a dear friend and colleague, Marvin P. Wilson, Jr. It is an honor for me to say a few remarks today about our friend who took his last flight on November 10, 2007, just after celebrating his 80th birthday. Marvin was a very special person. He was proud of his prominent southern heritage, his family, his education, his more than 50 years in the insurance industry and the Blue Goose.

Marvin was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1948, with a B.A. in journalism, and where a street was named after his family.

He was employed by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau beginning in 1950. He served as Senior Special Agent in Wilmington, North Carolina from November 1954 to April 1964. While in Wilmington, he served as the President of the Wilmington Jaycees, both Secretary and Vice-President of the North Carolina Jaycees, and the National Director of the U.S. Jaycees. He returned to the Raleigh office in 1964. He held various positions within the company and eventually was appointed manager of the N.C. Joint Underwriters Association/Fair and Beach Plans until he retired in 1992.

Marvin became a member of our Honorable Order on February 7, 1952, when he was only 24 years old. Marvin was an active member of the Blue Goose for over five decades, holding the position of wielder of the N.C. Pond beginning in 1968. On May 1, 1993, he was inducted as a life member. In 1991, he was elected and served as the Most Loyal Grand Gander, representing the Southern Region. The convention was a grand moment for our Order, the Southern Region, the North Carolina Pond and for Marvin.

The 2002 Convention in Raleigh was special, where Marvin and other members of the North Carolina Pond greeted all of us, whether we were from the Quebec Pond, the Arizona Pond or the Virginia Pond, with a warm, gracious and welcoming hug. Marvin will be remembered for his wit, his smile and endearing personality.

At the convention, and in his life, he treated all of us in the Blue Goose as members of his family. As Terry Maloney would say, he treated all of our children as though they were his grandchildren. During the Raleigh Convention, he was delighted to learn that he was a relative of Ed Morgan, PMLGG from Nova Scotia. The Raleigh Convention was a great celebration for Marvin's family, as his wife Gwynn, and daughter Vicky, who worked with other members of the North Carolina Pond to see that everyone felt welcome, and that the Convention went smoothly. We will be forever grateful to Marvin for sharing with us his love, charm and leadership. We will truly miss our dear friend, Marvin P. Wilson, Jr., PMLGG, and true gentleman!