Prince Hall Masons led by Grand Master Daniels

The first Maryland Lodge of Colored Masons was warranted Feb. 2, 1825 by the Pennsylvania Grand Masonic Lodge.

In 1878 the name was changed to The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons of the State of Maryland and headquarters was moved from the corner of Saratoga and Davis Sts. to 333-335 Courtland St.

In 1917, the lodge moved to the location at the corner of Mosher and McCulloh Sts. that was thereafter known for 44 years as the Masonic Hall.

Many a gala affair and historic event took place there.

In 1961, the lodge dedicated the new building at 1301 Eutaw Pl. purchased at a cost of over $300,000 in 1960.

The new building was named in honor of the late Grand Master, Dr. Allen, who served as the Masonic leader 38 years, 1923-1961. Dr. Allen died in October, 1961.

During the ceremonies in August, 1961, a portrait of Dr. Allen was hung in the corridor.

SAMUEL T. DANIELS
Elected Prince Hall Grand Master

More than 1,000 Masons took part in the colorful dedication high rituals and ceremonies that lasted four days.

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THE GRAND Master who succeeded Dr. Allen at his retirement in 1961 is Samuel T. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels heads the group of over 5,000 members.

One of the city's leading citizens, Mr. Daniels is executive director of the Community Relations Commission.

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SIGNIFICANT MASONIC events began when members presented a Bible to President Abraham Lincoln as a token of appreciation of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1864.

The 1925 celebration of the 100th birthday of the lodge was an outstanding and memorable occasion.

In October, 1935, the members turned out in a spectacular and colorful welcome extended to William H. Upton, past grand master of the state of Washington and author of Negro Masonry.

In October, 1941, Dr. Allen led a party of members to Timonium, to greet a fellow Mason, the Duke of Windsor, who holds the rank of Past Grand Master.

Grand Masters from 1876 to 1960 include James A. Handy, Robert H. Gibbs, William F. Taylor, Osaac Myers, John Sanks, H .P. Ringgold, Lemuel G. Griffin, Isaac Howard, Samuel E. Young, Walter W. Lewis, James H. Hill, William H. Tilghman, Joseph L. H. Smith, Thomas A. Jones and Willard W. Allen.

Odd Fellows not as big as they were

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

The heyday of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore lasted from the late 1920's up until World War II, a period of over 20 years high popularity.

Today, although the lodge is still in existence and active, the splendor and color of that era is past and gone, victim of rising sophistication and the population's turning to other things.

But, who has not heard of the Odd Fellows, the Shrine and the Elks parades that used to attract all the East Coast to Baltimore?

The memory still lingers and as the hot summer months come, something wondrous is missing from the American scene.

Many are the persons who would give anything to see once more an Elks, Shrine or Odd Fellows parade.

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FOR EXAMPLE the first turnout used to come in June with Household of Ruth Sunday. The big conventions came in August.

The Household of Ruth is the women's department of the Odd Fellows.

The lodge still celebrates the third Sunday in June and this year marks its 108th birthday.

World-wide, the observation witnesses all, adult lodges and children's divisions dressed in the distinctive lodge attire for the parade.

The women's traditional garb is white adorned with the badge, pink silk sash and emblematic medals or jewels showing the crossed sheaves of wheat encompassed within a circle.

The program includes addresses on Ruth, the Mobiless, a sermon and musical numbers. Offerings go to the churches in which the special occasions are held.

The military division, the Women's Patriarchy Auxiliary, complete with units and companies, features military drills and if the old custom is followed, gets the applause of the hour.

Their uniforms are fully military and the Nurses Division attire, sparkling white with red accessories.

MARYLAND'S PARADES used to be joined by guest bands and units from Delaware, D.C. Virginia, Pennsylvania and all points East, North, West and South.

However, the men's lodges usually "take the cake." Heading the parade in white limousines, some on white horses, the male members used to strut like peacocks, displaying all the glory of the famed brotherhood.

The New York Chapter, Philomathean Lodge No. 646 was chartered in 1843. Maryland chapters came in 1845.

From the beginning, members were regarded with veneration by those who had not entered its portals and through this veneration were inspired to follow in their footsteps.

Hence, the great rise in membership soon made the Odd Fellows the most popular lodge of the era.

An AFRO story on the state of Maryland's 14th Biennial Convention on Aug. 22, 1929 reported 70 lodges with 5,286 members with a total treasury of over $85,000.

The 1930 convention in Atlantic City received nationwide press coverage. Leading figures from Baltimore were District Grand Secretary Jesse L. Nicholas and District Deputy Grand Master Louis H. Davenport.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

To get an idea of the grandeur of the golden era of lodges in Baltimore, here

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Wycoff has run Hiram Lodge 20 years

The Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Maryland, located at 1203-05 Eutaw Place, was organized in 1921.

First elected Most Worthy Grand Master was Charles Fenwick, who served seven years.

Present head of the lodge is Most Worthy Grand Master Clarence Wycoff, 33rd degree, who has held one office 20 years.

The lodge hall was formerly located at 1622 Madison Ave.

In April, 1960, the organization purchased the 1203 - 5 Eutaw St. building and spent over $100,000 in renovations that make it the showplace of the area.

Noteworthy among the many contributions from Hiram Grand Lodge to the community are the numerous charities and educational projects it has consistently supported through the years.

In 1957, their special NAACP Membership campaign netted the organization over 300 new members in addition to those lodge members already enrolled.

The order also has a NAACP Life Membership.

Under Grand Master Wycoff, the affiliated bodies added include A.A.O.N.M. Shrine, Knights of Templar, Royal Arch Chapter, Masons.

The local group has entertained the United Supreme Council on two occasions.

Nearly 500 delegates were present from 22 States, Japan and Korea in 1952, on the occasion of the dedication of the new temple.

Grand Master Wycoff is the holder of the following offices and titles:

Pussiant Lt. Sovereign Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry; Imperial Deputy of the Imperial Grand Council of A.A.O.N.M.S.;

Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar; Supreme Deputy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

He is also president emeritus of the Males Usher Board of Emmanuel Christian Community Church.

A member of the NAACP Executive Collbell, he is also a member of the American Legion, former Vice-Commander, and president of the Walter Green Drum and Bugle Corps and vice president of the Association of Colored Municipal Employees.

He and his wife, Mrs. Fanny Hardy Wycoff, have been married 20 years.

Grand Master Wycoff is employed by the Baltimore Department of Education as an engineer.

Other officials include:

Wardell Young, Rt. Deputy Grand Master; Jacob Canty, Rt. Grand Senior Warden; Kenneth Ervin, Rt. Grand Junior Warden; Oscar Harley, Rt. Grand Secretary; James Joyner, Rt. Grand treasurer; James L. Mosley, Rt. Grand Tiler; William H. Nelson, Rt. Grand Attorney; Herbert Smith, president of the board of directors; Dr. William Watts, physician.

CLARENCE WYCOFF
Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Masonic Lodge, AF and AM

Myra Grand Chapter OES to observe its 60th anniversary on Nov. 26

Myra Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliate of the Masonic Lodge, was organized Nov. 26, 1896 and this year marks its 60th anniversary.

A combination of the women's lodges in the state of Maryland, Myra is properly termed The Grand Chapter Adoptive Rite Order of the Eastern Star for the State of Maryland and its Jurisdiction, a lengthy name.

The history of the order's distinguished contributions is just as long and impressive.

The women enrolled in chapters in all areas of the state are outstanding citizens, church, civic and community leaders.

Highlighting each year's activities are programs that benefit equal justice, civil rights and youth development.

Of special note is the contribution Myra Grand Chapter has made to education on the local, state and national scene.

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MRS. ESTHER HALL, Hyde Park, is Grand Worthy Matron. Charles E. Wells, Baltimore, is Grand Worthy Patron and James G. Martin, associate.

Other officers who reside in Baltimore are Mesdames Emma J. Swann, associate grand matron; Alice R. Matthews, grand conductress; Cassie Gaskins, associate; Carrie L. Gross, grand financial secretary; Ruth M. Perry, grand recorder; Elvera Richardson, assistant.

Mesdames Corinne Carsley, grand treasurer, Esther Jackson, grand lecturer; Addie Barnes, associate; Mable Fleet, chairman Five Point Circle; Macdella Storey, associate;

Mesdames Evelyn Robinson, education chairman; Mattie Swinton, charity chairman; Gladys Lewis, associate; Mamie Kennard, representative, Grand Near East and D.C.

Out - of - town officials include Mesdames Madelane R. Williams, Rockville, Five Point Circle chairman; Bernice Williams, Havre de Grace, education associate chairman.

Trustees are Mesdames Earle Davis, Rosa Faircloth, Audrey Smith, Baltimore.

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DEPUTIES INCLUDE Mesdames Celia McCleod, No. 1; Beulah Anderson, No. 2; Baltimore; Minnie M. Compton, Hagerstown, No. 3; Doroth Small, Oxford, No. 4; Mable Taylor, Tyaskin, No. 5; Inez Jennings, Huntingtown, No. 6; Eva Avers, Lusby, No. 7; Mae Avis Grant, Germany; Lovey Wideman, France.

Union Baptist Church was established May 10, 1852 by the Rev. John Carey and several other men who formed the congregation.

GOOD HUMOR

A Baltimore Institution

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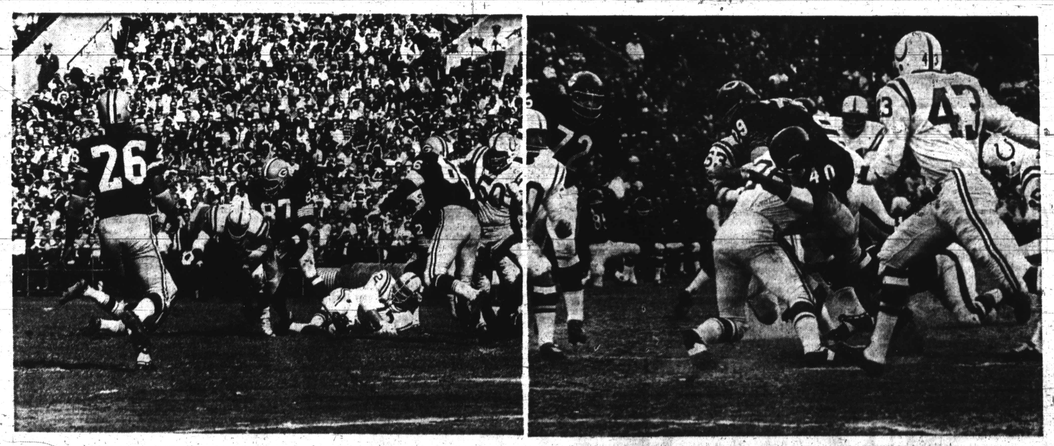
The COLTS ----

Trying to make Baltimore No. 1 in Pro Football in "66"



THE COLTS' 1966 SCHEDULE

PRE-SEASON DATE	TIME	OPPONENT—SITE	LEAGUE SEASON DATE	TIME	OPPONENT—SITE	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT—SITE	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT—SITE
July 29	8:30 p.m.	Colts Intra-Squad Game at BALTIMORE	Sept. 10	8:30 p.m.	Packers at Milwaukee	Oct. 16	2 p.m.	Lions at BALTIMORE	Nov. 20	1:30 p.m.	Lions at Detroit
Aug. 3	8 p.m.	Redskins at Washington	Sept. 18	1:30 p.m.	Vikings at Minnesota	Oct. 23	2 p.m.	Vikings at BALTIMORE	Nov. 27	2 p.m.	Rams at BALTIMORE
Aug. 13	8 p.m.	Philadelphia Eagles at New Orleans	Sept. 25	2 p.m.	49ers at BALTIMORE	Oct. 30	1 p.m.	Rams at Los Angeles	Dec. 4	2 p.m.	Bears at BALTIMORE
Aug. 19	8:30 p.m.	Cardinals at St. Louis	Oct. 2		bye	Nov. 6	2 p.m.	Redskins at BALTIMORE	Dec. 10	3:15 p.m.	Packers at BALTIMORE
Aug. 26	9:30 p.m	Browns at Cleveland	Oct. 9	1 p.m.	Bears at Chicago	Nov. 13	1:30 p.m.	Falcons at Atlanta	Dec. 18	1 p.m.	49ers at San Francisco

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7.75 x 15 tubeless blackwall For models of Chevrolet, Dodge, Ford, Plymouth, Mercury, Pontiac, Rambler, Studebaker, Willys.	TWO FOR $25.25 Plus Fed. Ex. Tax $1.42 each and old tires	TWO FOR $36.36 Plus Fed. Ex. Tax $2.02 each and old tires	TWO FOR $42.42 Plus Fed. Ex. Tax $2.38 each and old tires
8.25 x 14 tubeless blackwall For models of Chrysler, DeSoto, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Mercury.	TWO FOR $31.31 Plus Fed. Ex. Tax $1.58 each and old tires	TWO FOR $41.41 Plus Fed. Ex. Tax $2.32 each and old tires	TWO FOR $48.48 Plus Fed. Ex. Tax $2.72 each and old tires

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