

From the desk of the Secretary.....

Hello Brethren and Friends of Oakland Durant Rockridge Lodge 188,

This month let's start an ongoing conversation regarding Civility. What is Civility? Actually this has been a very difficult question to answer. It usually has been easier to identify what Civility is not (incivility), and then indicate Civility is the opposite of incivility.

What I propose is that Civility is a fundamental respect for others. Civility can also be thought of as a set of beliefs and behaviors. If one has a fundamental respect for others, it will be natural to practice civil behaviors.

As I think through the ideas of civility, if one can accept the concept that Civility starts with a fundamental respect for others, then (at least to me), civility starts with yourself. I need to work on my own ability to show respect for others and be less concerned about how other people act.

Let me know your thoughts. Next month I would like to explore what Civility can do for us personally.