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Presidential Oaks accepts generous donation from Saturley family

CONCORD –John L. and Doris M. Saturley were known for their generosity when it came to causes near and dear to their hearts. The philanthropic couple not only donated funds but volunteered many hours to various boards, committees and associations.

Their passion for giving was remembered at the Annual Meeting at New Hampshire Odd Fellows Home dba Presidential Oaks on Wednesday during which the gift from the Estate of John L. and Doris M. Saturley was accepted. Son Paul E. McCully, administrator of the estate, was on hand Wednesday representing the Saturley Family to present the donation.

“My parents gave to a lot of charities. This is where they’d hope to spend their final years. I can see why they did give their largest donation here, their true legacy would be to Presidential Oaks,” said McCully. “This marks the 25th anniversary of when (John) was President of the Board and this coming year he would’ve been 100, so it seems very fitting to do this now.”

Mr. Saturley was born in North Pembroke on July 21, 1917. He graduated from Pembroke Academy and Concord College of Business.

Mr. Saturley, who spent 45 years with Concord Lumber and served as President of the New Hampshire Retail Lumbermen’s Association, was past President of the New Hampshire Odd Fellows Home Board of Trustees. He joined Pembroke Grange No. 11 at age 14 where he held many positions and remained a member for the next 82 years.

The Saturley family believed in their community. A member of the First Congregational Church of Pembroke, Mr. Saturley served on the Pembroke School Board for 15 years, was President of the New Hampshire School Boards Association, a Trustee to Pembroke Academy, was named a Trustee to the University of New Hampshire by Gov. Walter Peterson, served on the Pembroke Budget Committee in addition to his dedication to the Odd Fellows.

McCully said he is hoping the gift from his parents will be used in some building, remodeling or updating capacity, since his father was very active on the Home’s Building and Grounds Committee.

“It would be nice to see some kind of remodel or addition in a new room, something with a plaque that reads ‘donated by John and Doris Saturley,’” said McCully.

With more than 130 years in Concord, Presidential Oaks, known as the New Hampshire Odd Fellows Home, offers affordable, accessible retirement living, assisted care and skilled nursing and rehabilitation to seniors. Presidential Oaks now offers private accommodations to skilled rehabilitation patients and a discount for veterans in our Retirement Living accommodations. For more information or to schedule a tour, call 225-6644, visit www.presidentialoaks.org or find us on Facebook.



Caption: Paul McCully, on behalf of the Estate of John L. and Doris M. Saturley, presented a donation to Presidential Oaks CEO Anne Purington during the Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Odd Fellows Home on Wednesday. John Saturley is past President of the Board of Trustees.