

Big Job Done: Guests Joined in Cooperative 'Freemason' Mail Task

Nearly 330 mail sacks were required to distribute the first mailing of The Pennsylvania Freemason from our new Distribution Office located at the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

A full week of addressing, typing, labeling and sacking more than 260,000 pieces of mail preceded the actual mailing date, June 25, 1962, for the first general mailing to every state in the Union and numerous foreign countries.

Assistance was given by representatives of the company supplying the addressing equipment, others trained in bulk mailing and the staff of the new Distribution Office.

A special "thank you" goes to the Guests of the Masonic Homes who so willingly worked to make this project possible. Their combined efforts in arranging the 1,400 trays of stencils, alphabetically and within geographical sequence, made it possible to process this first mailing with a minimum amount of hand sorting.

Many incorrect address stencils and stencils of deceased Members appeared in our mailing list. Consequently, copies of The Pennsylvania Freemason addressed from these stencils have been returned to us, at a postage due fee of ten cents each. This alarming number of returns emphasizes the urgent need for each of us to keep our Lodge Secretary promptly informed of any change of address so that he can report it prior to each mailing of The Pennsylvania Freemason.



It takes 330 mail sacks to send The Pennsylvania Freemason to approximately 260,000 Pennsylvania Masons scattered throughout the world. They are shown being loaded on a mail truck above, for the first general distribution of the publication to the Members of our 602 Lodges.

YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS IS MOST IMPORTANT

Once again, you are reminded of the importance of having your correct mailing address filed at the Distribution Office for The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Your Lodge Secretary has special forms for reporting changes of address prior to each mailing. Please notify him immediately when your address changes.

Your cooperation in helping us maintain an accurate mailing list is greatly appreciated.

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Informative Pamphlets Available to Masons

Sets of Eight Pamphlets, published by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture for the use of the Lodge Committees on Masonic Culture in orienting the Initiate, are now available for purchase by the general Membership.

These interesting and informative pamphlets include many important phases of Pennsylvania Freemasonry, not covered by the Ritual, and should prove most instructive to the veteran Member as well as the Initiate.

Another popular publication of the Committee on Masonic Culture is the new 36-page Questions and Answers Booklet. This booklet has 124 answers to questions frequently asked about Freemasonry.

The Eight Pamphlets are \$1.00 per set and the Questions and Answers Booklet is ten cents.

They may be ordered, enclosing check, by writing to:

William A. Carpenter, Librarian
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Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa., board their new bus—purchased through contributions to the Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund. Assisting the Guests

are Bro. Scott S. Leiby, R. W. Past Grand Master and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Masonic Homes, right, and Bro. Paul S. Shank, superintendent.

Masons Buy First Bus for Guests at Homes

\$23,000 from Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund

Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa., have a new, 41-passenger bus—a gift from Pennsylvania Masons.

It cost the Brethren \$23,000.

The Committee on Masonic Homes authorized the expenditure from the Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund.

The bus will be used for many purposes, such as:

- To show Guests the scenic beauty of the 1,500 acres owned by the Masonic Homes.
- To transport ambulatory Guests to the Philadelphia Freemasons

Memorial Hospital to visit and assist nearly 275 Guests permanently confined to hospital beds or wheel chairs.

- To take Guests on recreational trips in the adjacent areas.
- To transport children of the Masonic Homes on recreational and educational trips.
- To carry the various athletic teams from Patton Masonic School.

Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master, said there will be many additional uses for the bus, adding:

"Now, for the first time, our Guests will have opportunities to visit away

from the Homes."

The Grand Master also said that many Guests confined to wheel chairs will now be able to leave the area.

Special Issue

This issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason is largely devoted to the Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.

It gives the Brethren—for the first time—an opportunity to "see" how this important money is used by the Committee on Masonic Homes.

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Grand Master's Message

This is the first time a Grand Master has had the opportunity to make a direct appeal via The Pennsylvania Freemason to all the Brethren in this Jurisdiction on behalf of the Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.

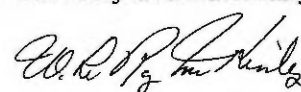
In this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason an attempt has been made to show you how your gifts to the Fund are used by the Committee on Masonic Homes.

I urge you to study these pictures, read the explanatory material, and then judge for yourself the value of the Fund.

Your conclusion will probably be the same as mine—that the Fund makes our Homes a "home" and not just another institution.

When making your contribution, remember that gifts are deductible for income tax purposes.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Grand Master



Former children of the Masonic Homes return "home" to attend the annual meeting of the Masonic Homes Alumni Association.

Alumni Return "Home"

Annual Meeting at Elizabethtown

Doctors, teachers, engineers, nurses and bakers are among the many professions represented in the membership of the Masonic Homes Alumni Association.

Once a year the association meets at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa., in appreciation of what Freemasonry has done for them.

Although the approximate 500 persons eligible for membership are scattered throughout the world, more than 60 former children of the Masonic Homes returned "home" on July 28.

A statistical check showed that approximately 80 per cent of the men are now Masons, and nearly 50 per cent of the ladies are married to Masons.

In several instances both the husband and the wife were children at the Homes.

Several of the men are Past Masters of their Masonic Lodges and continue to take an active interest in Freemasonry.

The association has the addresses of 230 graduates, but missing are nearly 270.

The annual meeting of the association will be held next year on June 29.

Employment Bureau Seeks More Jobs

Masonic Employment Bureaus in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia received a record number of job applications following the last issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

In the past, there were about as many applications as there were available jobs. Now the situation has changed.

The need now is for more jobs, regardless of the location.

In all cases, job applicants are not seeking charity, but an opportunity to work. The Bureaus only recommend applicants who are fully qualified to meet the demands of the employers.

Employers are urged to contact either the Pittsburgh Bureau, Empire Building, Liberty Ave. and Stanwix St., or the Philadelphia Bureau, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Sts. For detailed information, call the Philadelphia Bureau, LOcust 7-4370.

Two New Lodges To Be Constituted

Two Special Communications of Grand Lodge will be held this year to Constitute new Masonic Lodges.

This will increase the total Lodges in this Jurisdiction to 604.

On Saturday, November 3, Perry Lodge No. 796 will be Constituted in Masonic Temple, Pittsburgh.

On Saturday, December 1, Valley Lodge No. 797 will be Constituted at Valley View, Schuylkill County.

Perry Lodge

Perry Lodge will hold its stated meeting at 9600 Perry Highway, McCandless Township, a Pittsburgh suburban community. The building is the meeting place of North Hills Lodge No. 716.

The organization of Perry Lodge is under the direction of Bro. J. Robert S. Aufderheide, District Deputy Grand Master for the 32nd Masonic District, and Bro. Benjamin S. Barbour, Past District Deputy Grand Master.

The selected officers include: Bro. Roland Guttendorf, Worshipful Master; Bro. Joseph T. Nichols, Senior Warden; and Bro. James Manning, Treasurer. The other officers have not been selected.

Valley Lodge

Valley Lodge plans to hold its stated meetings in a new Masonic Hall that is being erected by the nearly 80 Warrant Members of the Lodge. The Brethren purchased a large building lot in the center of Valley View and hope to have the building completed by the end of the year.



Lodges in the Eighth Masonic District hold "Senior Warden's Night" in all 11 District Lodges, a custom started in 1934. At the completion of the 11 meetings, the District Deputy Grand Master certifies those qualified to move to the East. The above picture represents 100 per cent attendance of all the floor officers in the District at a meeting of Levittown Lodge No. 788 in Bristol. Seated front are, left to right: Bro. Charles S. Reyner, Past District Deputy; Bro. Robert W. Hassell, District Deputy, and Bro. Walter M. Carwithen, Past District Deputy. It was Bro. Carwithen who started this outstanding program.

Valley Lodge plans to hold its Constitution in a Valley View School. The community of Valley View has a population of approximately 2,200. The population of the surrounding area is approximately 2,500.

The selected officers include: Bro. Albert D. Boyer, Worshipful Master; Bro. Paul T. Masser, Senior Warden; Bro. Marlin Spotts, Junior Warden; Bro. Horace Sagner, Treasurer; and Bro. Harry A. Spotts, Secretary.

The organization of Valley Lodge is under the direction of Bro. Virgil C. Scott, District Deputy Grand Master for the 11th Masonic District.

Both Lodges will hold afternoon Constitution programs. Masons living

in the Pittsburgh and Valley View areas are invited to attend.

Masons living in suburban communities, interested in Constituting a new Masonic Lodge, should contact their District Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

MT. ZION LODGE DEDICATION

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held May 12 to dedicate the Masonic Lodge Room for Mount Zion Lodge No. 774, McConnellsburg.

The Lodge, Constituted in 1954, purchased a church and completed an extensive renovating program. It is the only Masonic Lodge in Fulton County.



District Deputy Grand Masters, Past District Deputies and appointed officers of Grand Lodge are "schooled" in the problems of operating the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa., at a regular monthly meeting of the Committee on Masonic Homes. Seated at the ends of the conference table

are, left, Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Grand Master and chairman of the Committee on Masonic Homes, and right, Bro. Scott S. Leiby, Past Grand Master and chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee meets at least once a week. This is one of the few times such a meeting was held.



Religious opportunities are important services provided Guests at the Masonic Homes, regardless of religious beliefs. The John S. Sell Memorial Chapel, shown above, is a sacred retreat for the Guests. Here they have the opportunity to continue their worship of Almighty God.



Holiday gifts are being prepared for all Guests at the Homes.



Guests confined to the Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial Hospital have opportunities to spend their \$8 monthly allowance. Shown above is an elderly Guest selecting her daily purchases from the hospitality cart.

Guests Receive Year-Around Benefits From Generosity of Masonic Brethren

Pennsylvania Masons are asked once a year to make a charitable contribution to assist this Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.

Proceeds from the annual request go into the Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund.

It not only provides a wonderful Holiday Season for the Guests, but many other year-around services as outlined in this issue of The Pennsylvania Freemason.

Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, Grand Master, reminds Masons that this fund makes the difference—the difference of a “home” from just another institution.

Although it would be impossible to list all the services provided as a result of this fund, some outstanding examples are:

- \$8 a month spending money for each Guest, totaling approximately \$72,000 a year.
- Approximately \$35,000 for Holiday activities and Christmas gifts.
- Nearly \$15,000 for entertainment, such as movies, band concerts, and special parties.
- Approximately \$5,000 for hearing aids and batteries, watch repairs and television and radio repairs.
- Approximately \$1,500 for tobacco for Guests.
- Nearly \$4,000 for religious programs, prayer meetings, Sunday services, funeral services and weekly visitations to Guests confined to the hospital.
- Approximately \$3,000 to maintain and protect the swimming pool.
- \$10,000 to conduct the athletic program at the Patton Masonic School.
- Special bus trips for adult and children Guests at the Homes.
- Music lessons for children at Homes.
- Athletic program for children at Homes.
- Hospitality cart for Guests confined to the hospital.
- Many special projects such as: \$23,000 for bus for the comfort and convenience of Guests. \$3,000 for protective awnings for hospital Guests.
- Books, magazines and papers, especially “home” towns.
- School activities.
- Post cards and writing paper.

This appears to be a long list, but it is only part of the services provided through the Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund.

Masons who have misplaced the self-addressed envelope provided through their Lodge Notice can send their contributions direct to: Superintendent, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.

When considering this important charitable contribution, remember that all gifts to the Fund are deductible for income tax purposes.



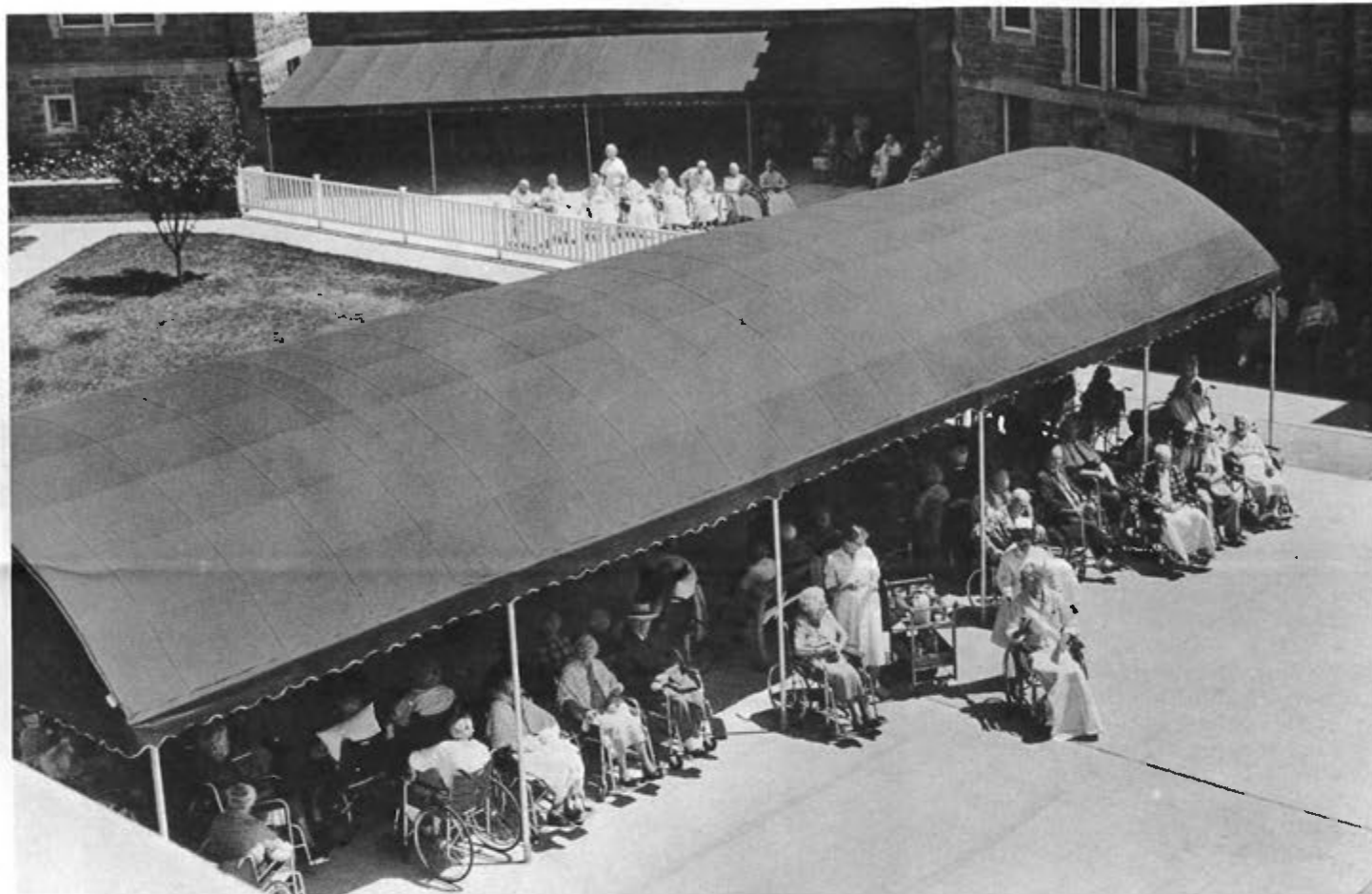
Guests at the Masonic Homes enjoy spending their \$8 a month allowance. A candy, cigarette, and cigar counter is available. Other Guests enjoy their trips to Elizabethtown to make their purchases.



Parties and entertainments are enjoyed by Guests at the Masonic Homes. The above picture shows the Guests enjoying a Halloween Party.



Swimming is enjoyed by the young and old. During the summer months, the pool is “guarded” by well qualified personnel.



Thanks to the generosity of Pennsylvania Masons, Guests confined to wheel chairs can now enjoy outdoor living. A cart, shown in the picture above, is used to deliver cold fruit drinks to Guests enjoying the fresh air and sunshine.



Movies, band concerts and many other special programs are provided year-around for Guests in the air-conditioned George H. Deike Auditorium. The money for these special programs comes from the Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund.

'Outdoor Therapy' Provided at Hospital

Pennsylvania Masons spent \$3,000 to provide two outdoor canvas shelters for Guests confined to wheel chairs in the Philadelphia Freemasons Memorial Hospital at the Masonic Homes.

Nearly half of the 275 Guests in the hospital have had an opportunity to enjoy the shelters.

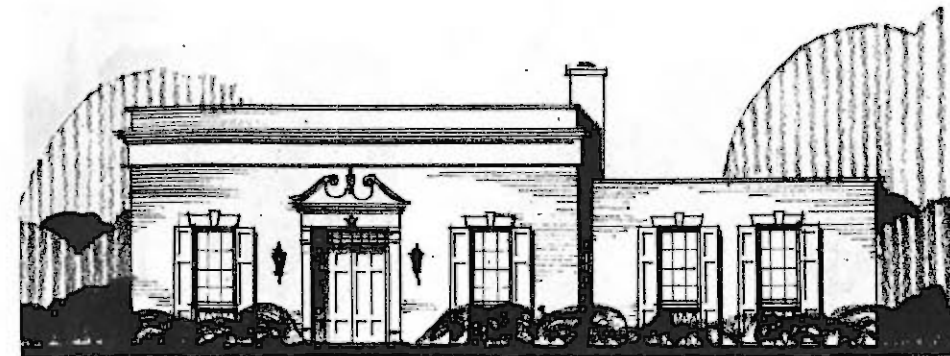
The project also included concreting the areas under the shelter to make it easy to wheel, as well as to eliminate the dampness.

Money for the project was taken from the Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund.

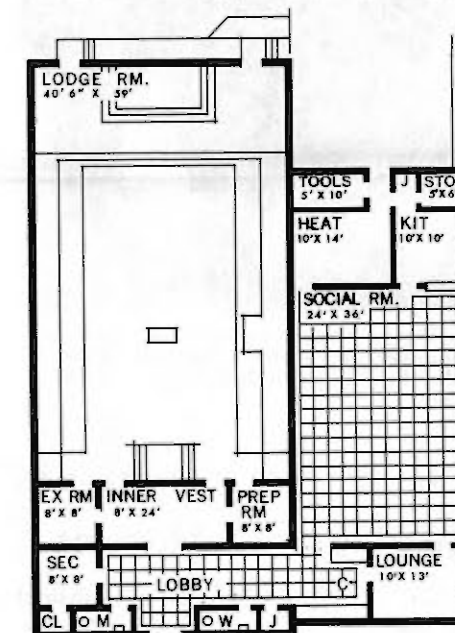
Before the shelters were erected, doctors and nurses hesitated to permit more than a dozen Guests to be wheeled into the outdoors.

They feared the Guests would be sun burned, or a sudden rain storm would not permit more than that number to be wheeled indoors.

Now, wheel chair Guests can select the sun, shade or protection from rain.



The Modified Colonial building, shown above, is one of four designs Grand Lodge is making available to Masonic Lodges contemplating building projects.



The above floor plan is the smallest recommended by Grand Lodge. It has space for 72 permanent seats in the Lodge Room.

Lodges Interested In New Building Plans

Many Lodges have requested information on the four basic Masonic Lodge Buildings that Grand Lodge has made available through the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms.

The architect estimated that the combination shown above, Modified Colonial, could be constructed for approximately \$45,000, not including equipment.

The floor plan at left is considered the smallest basic type desirable for the work to be performed by a small Lodge.

Lodges interested in further information should contact the Grand Master's Office, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia 7, Pa. Detailed plans and specifications are available.

Several scale models of the proposed Masonic Halls are on display in Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Circulating Library Has Variety of Books

The Circulating Library of Grand Lodge belongs to the Masons of Pennsylvania. It is financed by them and managed for them by the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture.

Any Pennsylvania Mason may borrow books from the Circulating Library in person or by mail. Two books are permitted at a time and may be held for a three-week period free of charge, except for return postage, if needed.

A revised listing of the more than 200 titles available, all by outstanding Masonic authors, is now ready.

Make your inquiries and requests through the Librarian, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Sts., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

The Library Staff will be most pleased to serve you.

The following is another partial listing of the many available and highly recommended books for Freemasons to read:

- The Story of The Craft Vibert
- The Newly-Made Mason Haywood
- Brother and Builders Newton
- The Speculative Mason MacBride
- English Speaking Masonry Robbins
- The Cathedral Builders Scott
- Masonic Symbolism Hunt
- The Genesis of Freemasonry Knoop
- Hand to Back Staurt
- Masonic Harvest Claudy
- The Story of Freemasonry Sibley
- Beginnings of Freemasonry in America Johnson
- Short Readings in Masonic History .. Tatsch
- Washington, the Man and Mason .. Callahan
- Concise History of Freemasonry Gould
- Jurisprudence of Freemasonry Mackey
- Religion of Freemasonry Whympers
- History of Cryptic Rite Macoy
- Military Lodges Gould

Bro. Morris Runkle, 99, Oldest Mason in State



Bro. Runkle Bro. Wertman

Bro. Morris Runkle, 99, a member of Schuylkill Lodge No. 138, at Orwigsburg, Pa., is the eighth oldest Freemason (in point of membership) in the United States and the oldest in this Jurisdiction.

He was raised a Master Mason on July 24, 1885—77 years ago.

His Worshipful Master, Bro. Erlin W. Wertman, visits him every week.

Bro. Runkle celebrated his 99th birthday on September 10. He is looking forward to many more.

Bro. Virgil C. Scott, District Deputy Grand Master for the 11th Masonic District, reports that Bro. Runkle is in good health and has a great sense of humor.

Bro. Runkle lives at 200 West Bacon Street, Palo Alto, where he still enjoys his weekly reports on his Masonic Brethren.

He also is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville; Reading Scottish Rite Bodies; and Rajah Shrine Temple, Reading.

COLUMBIA LODGE DEDICATION

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held April 28 to dedicate the Masonic Lodge Room for Columbia Lodge No. 286, Columbia.

Fire damaged the building last year, necessitating a major renovation program. In addition to remodeling, many extra features were incorporated.