



Lodges Encouraged to Tour Scenic Masonic Homes' Grounds

The scenic beauty of the 1,500 acres of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is well known.

The pictures reproduced in color on this and other pages of this issue are only examples of what is in store for those making a personal visit to the Homes.

Visitors are welcome every day. In fact, well-trained guides are always available in Grand Lodge Hall.

The Grand Master urges Masonic Lodges to plan special trips to the Homes, including families in the party.

Arrangements can be made with the Superintendent for special groups of Masonic Lodges to be served dinner in the main dining room.

Many Masonic Lodges have accepted this opportunity. Others are urged to include it on the program in the near future.

Remember, when visiting the Homes, excess fruit and vegetables are on sale. Be sure to get a bushel of apples for the Thanksgiving Season.



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Looking through the formal gardens to Grand Lodge Hall at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Pa.

'Guest Fund' for Masonic Homes Needs Support of All Brethren

The Guest Fund—to assist our Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown—must have the support of every Mason in this Jurisdiction to reach the goal of \$250,000.

Formerly known as the Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund, the name was changed to Guest Fund since every dollar donated goes to the benefit of our Guests—the older folks,

the children and the boys at Patton Masonic School.

Many Masons in the past believed that moneys collected merely bought presents and entertainment at Christmas. This is far from the fact. Without this important money, your Masonic Homes would be just another institution.

SPECIAL ISSUE

The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown are featured—showing the beauty of the Homes and the continued need to keep it a Home for our Guests and not just another institution.

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The Recessional at any graduation is a happy event. It was no exception at Patton Masonic School. The picture of Bro. Thomas Ranken Patton, who provided funds to establish the school, is shown. Standing by the picture is Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master.

'Guest Fund' Helps Patton Activities

The \$10,000 Patton Masonic School receives, annually, from the Guest Fund is used in the following ways:

It pays the cost of the School's publications, "The Review" and "The Guild."

It covers the cost of the athletic program—football, basketball, baseball, track and tennis.

It provides funds for educational



The 1963 graduates of Patton Masonic School anxiously await their diplomas. Many of the graduates will go to college, while others have obtained positions in vocational trades.

Thirty-Sixth Commencement

Eleven Receive Diplomas in Patton Class of '63

Eleven young men were graduated at the thirty-sixth Commencement of The Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic

Institution for Boys at Elizabethtown on Saturday, June 8, 1963.

Six of the graduates were in the academic course in preparation for college; two in vocational, machine shop; two in electronics, and one in vocational, carpentry.

The 1963 Patton graduating class included:

William F. Bisbing, class president, of Mt. Pocono, sponsored by Pocono Lodge No. 780.

Richard D. Comerford, of Swarthmore, sponsored by St. Alban Lodge No. 529.

John A. Harris, of Berwindale, sponsored by Coalport Lodge No. 574.

Rodney C. Hildebrand, of Oreland, sponsored by Friendship Lodge No. 400.

Karl F. Krimmel, of Pottsville, sponsored by New Temple Lodge No. 720.

Robert J. Leonard, of Lancaster, sponsored by Lancaster Masons.

Ronald W. Maury, of Wheeling, W. Va., sponsored by Ohio Lodge No. 1, Wheeling.

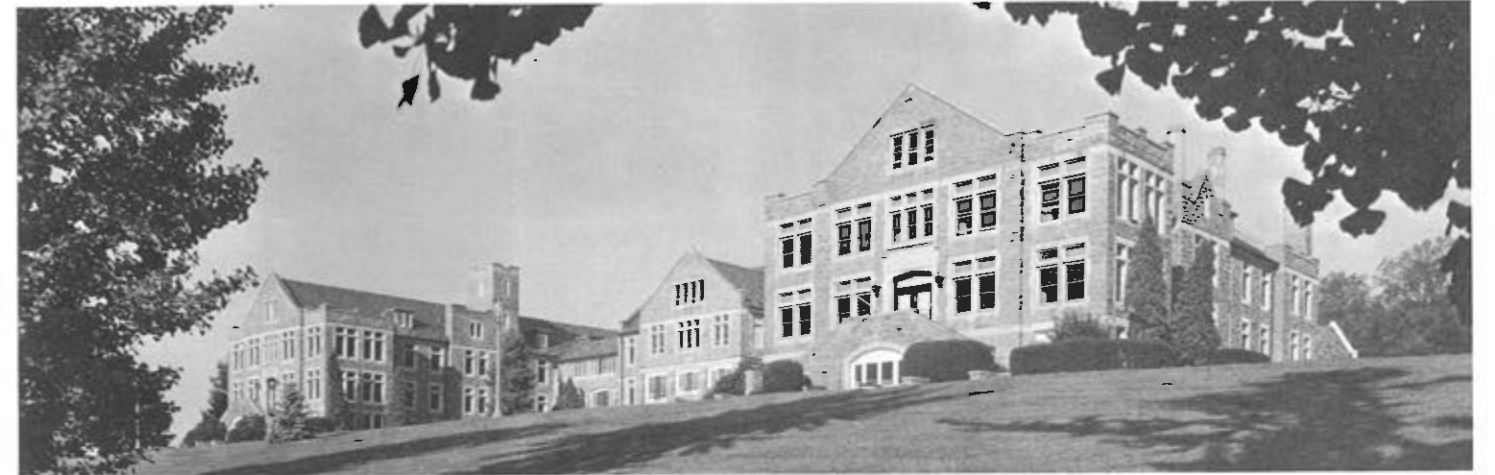
Warren D. Pennypacker, of Reading, sponsored by Lodge No. 62.

David W. Phillips, of Coaldale, sponsored by Panther Valley Lodge No. 677.

John F. Stuff, of Washington, D. C., sponsored by Mt. Pisgah Lodge No. 443.

Lee H. Wiggins, of Quarryville, sponsored by Washington Lodge No. 156.

Lodges wishing to obtain applications for orphaned boys should contact Dr. David H. Stewart, Superintendent, Patton School, Elizabethtown, Pa.



The modern Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown is considered one of the finest geriatric hospitals in the world. It is equipped

to care for approximately 270 patients, but it was designed so that it can be expanded by doubling the number of beds in the larger rooms.

Patients in Hospital Benefit from Support of Homes' 'Guest Fund'

The Guest Fund is a great help to the nearly 270 patients confined in the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

These Guests—including approximately 240 permanent patients—have very few pleasures in life except those provided by Pennsylvania Masons through the Guest Fund.

For example, each hospital patient is provided with \$8 a month spending money which amounts to \$4,320 a month, or approximately \$26,000 a year. This is part of the \$72,000 needed for all Guests' monthly spending money.

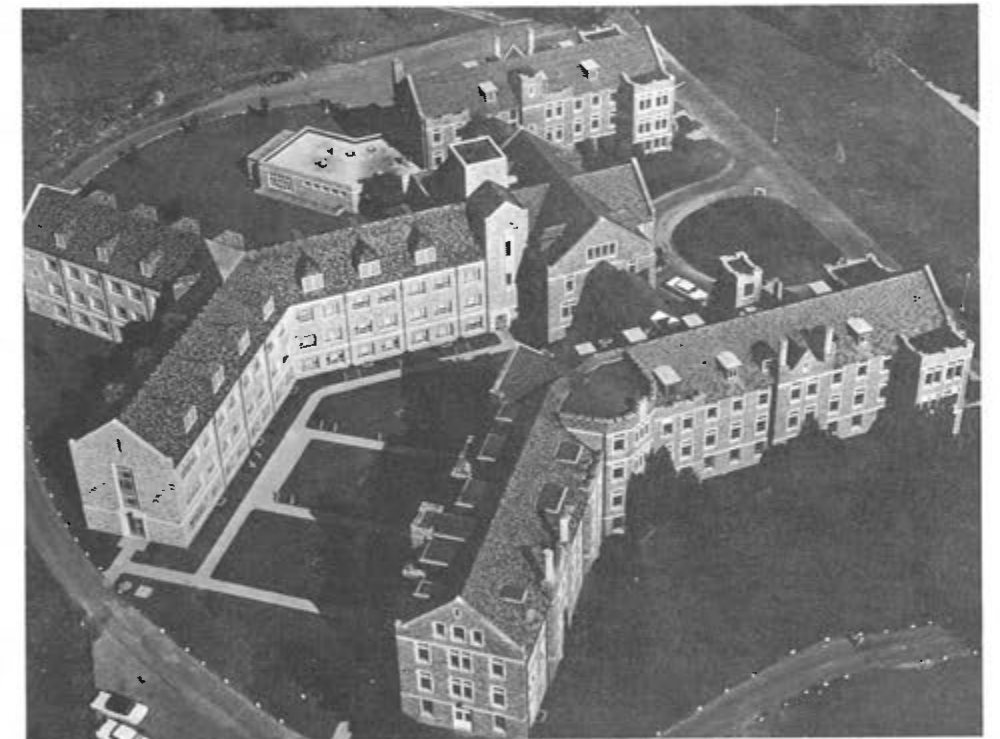
This past summer, hospital Guests enjoyed the "outdoor therapy" made possible by two huge canvas shelters purchased with Guest Fund money.

Wheel chair Guests were able to enjoy the outdoors without fear of rain or the blistering sun.

Television is an important recreation for patients confined to hospitals. This is no exception at the Masonic Homes. Television sets have been placed throughout the hospital with money from the Guest Fund. This fund also keeps them in good repair.

Many other services are provided hospital Guests with moneys from the Guest Fund, such as magazines, newspapers, special movies and hearing aids.

Perhaps the most important service provided by the Guest Fund is spiritual guidance, coupled with individual visits by ordained ministers.



Only an aerial view can show the size of the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown. The center wing was completed in 1957 at a cost of approximately \$2,000,000.



Hospital Guests enjoy baseball via television. Sets are located throughout the hospital and positioned for convenient viewing.

Grand Lodge Hosts DeMolay Leadership Workshop at Homes

DeMolay "Dads" and officers, representing more than 60 DeMolay Chapters in Pennsylvania, attended a DeMolay Leadership Workshop at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown on August 16, 17 and 18.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania provided housing, food and meeting room facilities for the workshop.

The program, attended by more than 100 "Dads" and officers, was undertaken at the suggestion of Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master, as a continuing program of the Grand Lodge in support of the Order of DeMolay in Pennsylvania.

Recognizing adult leadership and continued training of DeMolay officers to be one of the outstanding needs of the Order of DeMolay, Bro. McKinley proposed the workshop program as a contribution which Grand Lodge could make to the work of this outstanding youth organization.

The workshop was under the direction of Bro. William J. McCulley of Lancaster, Executive Officer of De-



DeMolay teaches young men reverence for God and the highest respect and regard for parents and womanhood. This is a typical DeMolay altar scene. The Grand Lodge encourages Masonic Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction to assist this youth organization.

Molay for the DeMolay Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Bro. McCulley was assisted by a staff, including: Brothers William C.

Graham, of Butler; James E. Sawyer, of Camp Hill; H. Eugene Wright, of Lemoyne; William J. Jobling, of Abington; John E. W. Douglas, of Elizabethtown; Harold F. Shunk, of Bethlehem; James N. Deeter, of St. Marys; Kenneth H. Fraelich, Sr., of Wilkesburg, and Paul D. Fisher, of Reading.

The Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay, sponsored by Abraham C. Treichler Lodge No. 682, Elizabethtown, served as the host Chapter. It holds its regular meetings in the Masonic Temple at the Masonic Homes.

A bus tour of the 1,500 acres of the Masonic Homes, in the bus purchased by Guest Fund moneys, was also included.

The first night at the Homes, August 16, was devoted to an informal, get acquainted session. Following this session, the "Dads" and leaders attended the regular Friday night movies at the Homes. Included was the DeMolay movie, entitled, "The DeMolay Story," a color motion picture about the Order of DeMolay.

Saturday, August 17, was devoted to work sessions that started at 8 a.m. and concluded at 10 p.m. Bro. McKinley and Bro. Earl F. Herold, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, were guests at the Saturday dinner. The Grand Master spoke.

Sunday, August 18, was devoted to religious services in churches of their own choice in Elizabethtown.



Bro. W. LeRoy McKinley, R. W. Grand Master, in Masonic Dress, received the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor from Bro. William J. McCulley, Executive Officer of DeMolay, and two DeMolay young men at the DeMolay Workshop at the Masonic Homes.



The facilities in the Masonic Temple and Recreational Buildings at the Masonic Homes will be available for many of the occupational therapy programs that have been inaugurated for our Guests. The Recreation Building includes

the George H. Deike Auditorium with a seating capacity of 550. On the ground floor is a recreation room with a stage and dance floor. The entire building is air-conditioned. The Masonic Temple has a large dining room on the first floor.

Occupational Therapy at Homes

'Guest Fund' Provides Two Skilled Specialists and Facilities

The Committee on Masonic Homes has allocated \$25,000 from the Guest Fund for a complete occupational therapy program for Guests at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

It also has engaged the services of a well trained couple to conduct the program.

In taking this forward action, the Committee has made a major step to see that our Guests have an opportunity for a full life.

This program would not be possible without the continued generosity of Masons contributing to the Guest Fund at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

As Masons, it is our challenge to see that the twilight years of our Guests are meaningful and satisfying.

We can no longer be content with treating our elderly Guests *en masse* once a week with a movie, card game or band concert.

They need cultural arts, group discussions, occupational hobbies and many other activities which will intrigue their interest and provide an outlet which will allow them to feel they still play a significant role in life.

We can't turn back the clock for our senior Guests. However, we do have

the responsibility to broaden the remaining years of their lives.

This is a country where it is wonderful to be young. Now we can make our Masonic Homes a wonderful place to grow old.

In an effort to inaugurate the occupational therapy program as soon as possible, the Committee on Masonic Homes engaged the services of Mr.



Mr. Holmes



Mrs. Holmes

Robert F. Holmes and Mrs. Vivian S. Holmes.

This man and wife team reported for duty on July 1. They will live in an apartment on the Homes grounds. The program is now under way.

Mr. Holmes, well qualified in occupational therapy work, graduated from Hartwick College, Oneonta, N. Y., in

1951, and did graduate work at Cortland State University Teachers College and Springfield College.

Mrs. Holmes graduated from Indiana State Teachers College in 1954, and did graduate work at Waynesburg College, Western Reserve University, Lewis Hotel Training School and University of Buffalo.

The \$25,000 allocated to the therapy program from the Guest Fund covers the salaries of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and all the equipment and supplies necessary.

When the program gets into full swing, it will include many of the activities here listed:

Trips: Sporting events, garden shows, shopping, historic points of interest, general sightseeing, and important events in the area.

Special Interest Groups: Instrumental music, choral, photography, ceramics, painting, millinery and sewing, little theater, gardening, woodworking and fishing.

Educational Activities: Swimming, concerts, bingo, cards, arts and crafts, shuffleboard, book reviews, and special holiday programs.

Soon, visitors to the Homes will be able to visit a gift shop where items, made by Guests, will be on display and for sale.

'Beyond the Budget'

By W. LeRoy McKinley
R. W. Grand Master

Beyond the cold, calculating, mathematical exactness of the budget, so necessary for the successful operation of any worthwhile activity, is an intangible something which is every bit as important and necessary as the dollar calculations of the budget itself.

This might well be called the heart of the activity and in our Masonic Charity it is that which produces the happiness in the hearts of our adult Guests and the smiles on the faces of our children.

As a fraternal organization we are, of course, dependent upon the dues of our Members, portions of our initiation fees and the income from our trust funds for our very existence, and the limit of expenditures is therefore very definitely established.

We cannot increase the budget, yet there are more and more things we can and should do in our charitable work. The transition from private life to institutional life is quite a shocking experience for many of our Guests, whether they be adults or children, and we must therefore strive constantly to make the shock less severe and the institutional life more acceptable.

To finance this phase of the work we must seek the generosity of the Masons of Pennsylvania. A gift from the heart is necessary to finance the heart of the activity.

More than two-thirds of every Masonic dollar expended annually by our Grand Lodge goes not for the maintenance of our fraternal organization but for the charitable work at our Masonic



This is a typical Guest Room today at the Masonic Homes, following a \$100,000 refurnishing project—paid for by the Guest Fund. The new furnishings include: lamps, beds, chairs, window shades, chests, mirrors, night tables, desks, rugs and draperies.

Homes and the Patton School.

It is therefore quite evident that something more than the budget dollar is required to maintain the wonderful record we have established.

To meet this need, to go "beyond the budget," is the reason for the annual appeal by the Grand Master for contributions to the Guest Fund. The old title of "Christmas, Entertainment and Recreational Fund" was found to be misleading. The many uses of the fund are far beyond the implications of the original title.

For the year ending in March, 1962, the Masons of Pennsylvania generously contributed about \$178,000.00, and for the year ending in March, 1963, after an explanation of the many uses

of the fund to as many Masons as was possible, the total reached approximately \$214,000.00.

Now, because of the extended number of activities to make the lives of our adult Guests more pleasant and to "help, aid and assist" to a better life the children entrusted to our care, I have asked for a quarter of a million dollars this year.

That is not very much for 257,000 Pennsylvania Masons; it is less than one dollar per person.

I hope many will make their contributions substantially larger this year than ever before and thus help to create, "beyond the budget," the happiness and smiles so necessary for the kind of a life we want our Guests, both young and old, to have.



Two Guests at the Masonic Homes inspect \$25,500 worth of new rugs that have been installed in all the Guests' rooms—purchased with moneys that Masons contributed to the Guest Fund.



A modern swimming pool is maintained for children and adult Guests at the Masonic Homes. Money for life guards, swimming instructors and general maintenance is provided by the Guest Fund.



The beauty shop is an important service at the Masonic Homes. A Guest is shown fully enjoying all of its benefits.



Music lessons are important opportunities for all children. Those at the Masonic Homes are given this opportunity.

Contributions to 'Guest Fund' Provide Extra Services

The Grand Master has urged Pennsylvania Masons to make a charitable contribution of at least \$250,000 this year to the Guest Fund at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

This is important money. 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.

Remember that contributions to the Guest Fund are deductible for income tax purposes.

From the Guest Fund in the past several months, the Committee on Masonic Homes was able to completely furnish all the Guests' rooms with new furniture, replacing outmoded and old furnishings.

This project alone cost \$100,000. The purchases included:

Lamps, \$9,000; beds, \$4,000; chairs, \$27,000; window shades, \$2,500; chests, \$5,000; mirrors, \$1,000; night tables, \$7,000; desks, \$14,500; rugs, \$25,500 and draperies, \$4,500.

It would be practically impossible to list all the services provided with moneys from the Guest Fund. However, the following are some outstanding examples:

- Guests are given \$8 a month spending money. This totals approximately \$72,000 a year.

- Special holiday programs, such as Christmas, Easter, New Year's, Fourth of July and all the others, are financed by the Guest Fund. This takes approximately \$35,000.

- Special entertainment, such as movies, band concerts, and other special parties takes \$15,000.

- Hearing aids, hearing aid batteries, watch repairs, television repairs and new television sets take approximately \$8,000.

- Guests are provided pipe tobacco and other smokes. This takes an expenditure of approximately \$2,000.

- The services of ordained ministers are a must at the Homes. Sunday services are held in the Sell Memorial Chapel. Prayer meetings are held every week in Grand Lodge Hall. Pastors make weekly calls on the sick at the hospital. This service costs approximately \$5,000.

- The swimming pool is a very important facility, especially for the children in the summer months. Life guards

must be hired and the pool kept clean and sanitary. This costs approximately \$3,000.

- Patton Masonic School is an outstanding example of Freemasonry in action. It provides an education for orphaned boys. A school must have an athletic program and other special activities. The Fund provides Patton School with \$10,000 to cover these projects.

Other projects where the need varies from year to year include:

- Special bus trips for children and adult Guests. Example of these trips are baseball games, visit to Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, circus, and many others.

- Music lessons for children at the Masonic Homes. Every child is given the opportunity to become proficient in music if he so desires.

- Athletic programs for children at the Masonic Homes. Like other children, school is out in the summer months and a playground atmosphere must be maintained at select hours of the day.

- Guests confined to the hospital can't leave their beds to spend their \$8 a month. To overcome this, a hospitality cart is wheeled to bedsides.

- Books, magazines and "home town" newspapers.

- Special school activities, such as dances, yearbooks, dates and party dresses.

- Post cards and writing paper.

This could go on and on. If you need further proof of the need for the Guest Fund, visit the Masonic Homes.



A library, with plenty of current magazines and daily "home town" newspapers, is an important service provided Guests at the Masonic Homes.

Masons who have misplaced the self-addressed envelope provided through the Lodge Notice, or never received one, can send their contributions to the Guest Fund direct to: Superintendent, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa.