

R. W. Grand Master Calls for Renewal of Spirit of Charity

Dear Brethren:

One of the difficult tasks a Grand Master has to perform is to personally urge every Mason to make a contribution to the Guest Fund at the Masonic Homes.

For instance, it is my task to remind Pennsylvania Masons that we need \$500,000.00 in the Guest Fund this year.

This figure was not drawn out of a hat. It is money needed to make your Masonic Homes a "Home" and not just another institution.

Last year, 22 per cent of our members contributed \$315,419.00. If the other 78 per cent would make a special effort this year, we would reach the goal of \$500,000.00.

I am sure we face the future with confidence. I am confident that Pennsylvania Masons will understand the problem and meet the need.

Let us recognize that we are faced with an inflationary economy at our Masonic Homes.

This calls for a renewal of the great spirit of charity.

Let us face the challenge with determination and confidence, according to I Corinthians 13:13:

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

In addition to the appeal in your Lodge Notice, I am also sending a letter direct to every Member of the Masonic Fraternity in this Jurisdiction to be sure that every Mason has been contacted. I urge you to please respond to one of these appeals.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John K. Young
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R. W. Grand Master

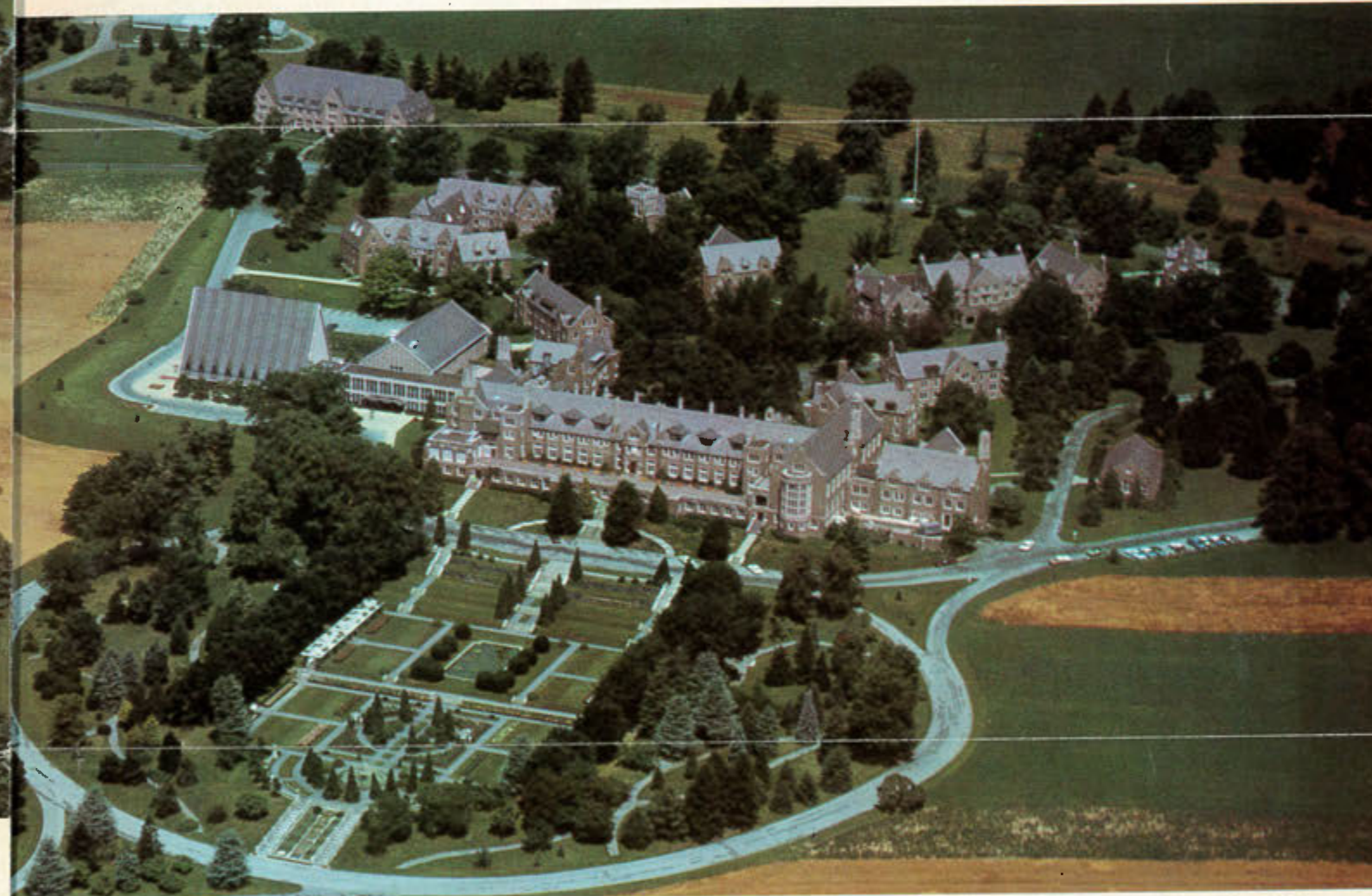


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An aerial view of The Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa., showing the scenic beauty of the main group of buildings on the nearly 1600 acres. Portions of the freshly plowed farm land and the Philadelphia Freemasons' Memorial Hospital complex are shown in the wrap-around on the last page.

'Guest Fund' Goal Set at \$500,000

The Grand Master has urged 247,364 Pennsylvania Masons to make a charitable contribution of \$500,000 for the Guest Fund of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown.

This represents an average contribution of approximately \$2.00 a Member.

In urging all Masons to make a special effort to participate in the fund, Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, said:

"To keep pace with increasing costs at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown and the Patton Masonic School, the need is to increase our giving to an average of \$2.00 a Member.

"I realize that we are all faced with the same problem — maintaining adequate standards in an inflationary economy."

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In Memoriam

BRO. CLARENCE C. REINEKE

Bro. Clarence C. Reineke, District
Deputy Grand Master for the 14th
Masonic District, was killed in a head-
on automobile collision on June 3
while on his way to
the Quarterly Com-
munication of Grand
Lodge at the Ma-
sonic Homes, Eliza-
bethtown.



His wife was ser-
iously injured in the
crash. They were a
short distance from
their home at Lake-
ville, near Hawley, in
the northeast section
of the state when the accident hap-
pened.

Bro. Reineke was appointed a Dis-
trict Deputy Grand Master on May
21, 1966, vice Bro. Clyde M. Canouse,
who had passed away.

He was made a Mason in Hawley
Lodge, No. 305, in 1939 and served
as Worshipful Master of the Lodge in
1943. He also was a member of An-
thony Wayne Royal Arch Chapter, No.
204, and Savona Commandery, No. 89.

Bro. Reineke was born May 24,
1918. He was self-employed as a ma-
sonry contractor.

From Our Grand Secretary's Office

Quarterly Communication, June 4, 1969

The spacious and comfortable Deike Auditorium at the Masonic Homes at
Elizabethtown was filled to capacity by the large turn-out of Members for
this Communication.

All the R. W. Past Grand Masters and most of the District Deputy Grand
Masters were present.

The Landmarks Committee and
Committee on Finance held their usual
Quarterly meetings on the previous
day, while the facilities available at
the Masonic Homes were discussed in
detail at the District Deputies meeting
on Wednesday morning; also the
necessity to obtain complete informa-
tion relative to all applicants for ad-
mission to the Homes, especially their
specific physical condition. A tour of
the Homes was taken in the afternoon.

Committee Reports

Various interesting Committee and
Trustee Reports were presented. Many
Lodges continue to up-date their By-
Laws with the very capable assistance
of the Committee on By-Laws.

The Budget Receipts for the first
six months of the fiscal year exceeded
the Expenditures by close to \$150,000.
Upon the recommendation of the Com-
mittee on Finance, four resolutions
were approved covering expenditures
for needed equipment and improve-
ments, and also salary adjustments, at
the Masonic Homes.

The Hospital at the Masonic Homes
is now filled to capacity and as a result
there is a waiting list for admittance
of new Guests who require Hospital
care.

Twelve boys recently graduated
from the Patton School, and there are
openings for additional students at the
School. Applications should be filed
as soon as possible.

Many Lodges throughout the Jur-
isdiction continue to improve their
Lodge Rooms and associated facilities.
The Committee on Masonic Temples,
Halls and Lodge Rooms is always
available for these projects.

Amendments to Ahiman Rezon

Two Amendments were submitted
and will be acted upon at the Decem-
ber Quarterly.

It is proposed to amend Article
XIII, Section 34, to limit the term of
newly elected members of the Com-
mittee on Masonic Homes to ten
years. This amendment would not af-
fect the present Members of this Com-
mittee.

The proposed Amendment to Article
X, Section 1 (Subsection 7), would
permit the Lodges, if they so desire,
to remit the Grand Lodge dues of
Members who have been in good
standing for 50 years or more.

Membership Statistics

The final Membership statistics for
1968 show a net loss of 2,057. While
there were 5,316 new initiates, 6,203
deaths occurred and suspensions con-
tinued high.

The meeting was conducted by the
R. W. Grand Master with dispatch,
and as a result the many Brethren
present thoroughly enjoyed the en-
suing fraternization and refreshment
period that followed.

We continue to receive many
thought-provoking letters from recipi-
ents of Fifty Year Emblems. A recent
one said in part: "I think that next to
being an American I am equally proud
that I am a Mason and will surely
enjoy wearing this Emblem."

Bro. William Brunton of George W.
Bartram Lodge, No. 298, who received
his Fifty Year Emblem back in 1957
and is now 101, was happy to be
present when his son, Bro. William E.
Brunton, received his Emblem recently
in the same Lodge.

Bro. and Dr. William B. Griggs, of
Jenkintown, who was made a Mason
in Harmony Lodge, No. 52, back in
1905, was honored recently at Hahne-
mann Medical College for having
graduated from Hahnemann 75 years
ago. Best of all, he is still active in his
profession.

Bro. Earl H. Beshin was made a
Mason in North Star Lodge, No. 241,
in 1898. He recently celebrated his
99th birthday and still walks to his
busy law office in Warren. He was
Worshipful Master in 1902.

Here's another record that is hard
to match. Bro. Harry Harrison, at age
101, was made a Mason on June 9,
1969 in Rising Star Lodge, No. 126.

As Lawrence Welk says, "Keep a
Song in your Heart," and perhaps you
can match some of the above feats.

Fraternally,

Ashby B. Paul

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R. W. Grand Secretary

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devoted to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown in an
effort to show Pennsylvania Masons some of the many
projects provided by contributions to the Guest Fund.

Bro. Young pointed out that it would not be possible
to show pictorially all the projects and programs provided
by this important Guest Fund. He related:

"This is my last opportunity as Grand Master to urge
Pennsylvania Masons to remember generously our Guests
at the Masonic Homes.

"It is our opportunity to practice one of the tenets of
Freemasonry — to be charitable."

Bro. Young specifically thanked Pennsylvania Masons
for contributing \$315,419.00 to the Guest Fund last year.

He showed that approximately 22 per cent of the
Members contributed to the fund last year — an increase
of \$33,410.00 over the previous year.

The contribution last year only equalled an average of
\$1.27 a Member.

Bro. Young requested the 22 per cent of the member-
ship who contributed last year to at least equal their last
year's gift.

He made a special appeal to the other 78 per cent of
the membership who contributed nothing last year. He
urged:

'Guest Fund' Makes Possible '... that extra something'

Guest Fund expenditures at the Masonic Homes in-
clude:

- \$88,000 for Guests' spending money. Each Guest at the
Masonic Homes is given \$10.00 a month to use as he
or she desires. This money provides small pleasures not
necessarily provided by the Homes.
- \$50,000 for the Occupational Therapy Program. This pro-
gram provides instructors and materials for Guests to
occupy their time with creative projects, such as leather
and metal crafts, painting, jewelry, pottery crafts and
many others. This program includes Guests permanently
confined to hospital beds.
- \$52,750 for Holiday Gifts and Activities, such as Christ-
mas presents and Christmas programs, Easter treats, other
holiday activities and holiday dances.
- \$25,000 to maintain Barber and Beauty Shops.
- \$40,000 for Recreation and Entertainment, such as movies,
picnics, bus rides, children's music lessons, school activi-
ties, including summer camp for the children.
- \$10,000 to Patton Masonic School at Elizabethtown to
conduct its athletic program.
- \$28,500 for Audio-Visual Aids, including additional tele-

"I realize that we all cannot contribute equally, but
every Mason should make a special effort to contribute
something.

"In an effort to keep every Mason as fully informed
as possible, you will note a separate story in this issue on
the expenditures of the Guest Fund.

"You will also note that the total expenditures do not
equal \$500,000. This is understandable since this sum has
never been collected in one year.

"We need many things at the Masonic Homes, such as
additional transportation facilities, increase in occupational
and recreational therapy, increase in the monthly spending
allowances of Guests, physical therapy and many other
projects.

"It is not possible to meet the need without the addi-
tional funds."

FOR YOUR OWN CONVENIENCE

September Lodge Notices will include special, self-
addressed, postage-paid envelopes for convenience in
participating in the Guest Fund of the Masonic Homes
at Elizabethtown. Make your check payable to the
Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, and mail as soon as
possible in the envelope provided, or address your
envelope to Guest Fund, Masonic Homes, Elizabeth-
town, Pa. 17022.

vision sets for the hospital, with special inter-com ar-
rangements to broadcast church and other programs to
those confined to the hospital.

- \$6,000 for Religious Services, to compensate visiting
ministers who conduct year-round religious services, such
as Sunday services in the Sell Chapel, weekly prayer
meetings, visits with those confined to the hospital and
burial services.
- \$25,000 to operate the Masonic Homes' special bus, to
operate the Deike Auditorium, the Masonic Temple and
Recreation Room beneath the Deike Auditorium, for spe-
cial clothing for Guests, including special dress require-
ments for those attending school at Elizabethtown.

The need is great, for instance:

- Additional transportation for Guests.
- Additional appropriations to assist Patton School.
- Replacement of various canopies for special out-of-doors
rest areas for Guests.
- Increased monthly allowances.

The list is long, the need is great. If the goal of \$500,000
can be reached, many of the needs can be provided.

... there will your heart be also.

(Matthew 6:21)



Guests helping themselves to a potted plant, from the new greenhouse, to take back to their rooms.



A corner of the Gift Shop where items made by the Guests in the Hobby-Craft Shop are for sale to visitors to the Homes.



Enjoying the solitude at the well-stocked fish pond with fishing tackle furnished by the Guest Fund.

A modern swimming pool for young and old alike, with life guards, instructors and necessary maintenance is provided out of Guest Fund.



Recreational equipment, such as the popular sliding-board, shown above, are provided from funds in the Guest Fund.



The Guest Fund provides for barber and facilities and that debonair appearance.



A fully-equipped ambulance, always ready and waiting to accommodate the needs of the Guests, is just one of the several necessary items made possible by the Guest Fund.



Guests, confined to hospital, also participate in the Hobby-Craft program made possible by the Guest Fund.



The current magazine and book cart makes frequent stops at hospital rooms. Another Guest Fund extra.



The very popular beauty parlor and beauticians made possible by Guest Fund.



Even wheel-chair patients can enjoy an outing because of Guest Fund.



Guests lined up, paper bag in hand, and receiving sundry items provided by the Guest Fund.



Greeting cards and goodies, brought right to the side of Guests confined to hospital, is another Guest Fund extra.

Four-month Itinerary of GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Lodge Offices have a busy schedule to the end of the year.

- September 3—Grand Lodge Officers: Quarterly Communication, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
- September 6—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Harford Lodge, No. 445, Hop Bottom.
- September 13—Grand Master: District Officers Meeting; Districts 23, 25 and 52, Franklin.
- September 13—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Harmony Lodge, No. 429, Zelenople.
- September 18—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Welcome Lodge, No. 453, Philadelphia.
- September 26—Grand Lodge Officers: Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- September 27—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Mount Pickering Lodge, No. 446, Upper Uwchlan.
- October 3—Grand Lodge Officers: Public Ceremony, Lay Cornerstone, Erie Unit, Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children.
- October 4—Grand Master: District Officers Meeting; Districts 29, 31 and 43, Washington.
- October 4—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Claysville Lodge, No. 447, Claysville.
- October 11—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Zeredatha Lodge, No. 451, York.
- October 18—Grand Master: District Officers Meeting, Districts 28, 35 and 51, Pittsburgh.
- October 18—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Zaradatha Lodge, No. 448, Sharpsburg.
- October 2—Senior Grand Warden: 50th Anniversary, Euclid Lodge, No. 698, Harrisburg.
- October 23—Grand Lodge Officers: Consultants' Dinner, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- October 24—Grand Lodge Officers: Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.
- October 25—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Slatington Lodge, No. 440, Slatington.
- October 31—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Mary Commandary, No. 36, Philadelphia.
- November 1—Grand Lodge Officers: Special Communication of Grand Lodge; dedicate the Lodge Room of East McKeesport Lodge, No. 765, East McKeesport.
- November 8—Grand Master: 150th Anniversary, Evergreen Lodge, No. 163, Monroeton.
- November 10—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Landmark Lodge, No. 442, Wilkes-Barre.
- November 15—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 449, Philadelphia.
- November 22—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Stephen Girard Lodge, No. 450, Philadelphia.
- November 29—Grand Master: Visitation, Williamsport Scottish Rite Bodies.
- December 3—Grand Lodge Officers: December Quarterly Communication, Philadelphia.
- December 17—Grand Lodge Officers: Grand Visitation; Grand Master's last Visitation; Melita Lodge, No. 295, Philadelphia.
- December 27—Grand Lodge Officers: Annual Communication, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

Bro. Wilmer E. King Has Been Appointed New Grand Steward



Bro. Wilmer E. King

Bro. Wilmer E. King, Past Master of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, Harrisburg, has been appointed a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, vice Bro. Willis R. Michael, deceased.

Bro. King was Postmaster of Harrisburg, retiring in 1965.

He is Commander-in-Chief of the Harrisburg Consistory. He is a past president of the Vestry of the Zion Lutheran Church and serves as a teacher and Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Bro. Robert F. Stark Appointed Member of The 1976 Committee

Bro. Robert F. Stark, Worshipful Master of Lucius H. Scott Lodge, No. 35, Chester, has been appointed a member of Grand Lodge's 1976 Committee, vice Bro. Edward J. Griffiths, deceased.

Bro. Stark is the official court reporter, Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District, Philadelphia.

He is also Deputy for District 41, Order of DeMolay.

The Committee, headed by Bro. Theodore K. Warner, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District "J," is planning for Masonic participation in the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Are Maconnes Gudder Men Then Odhers?

This thought-provoking question is found in an old English manuscript which claims to have been written by the hand of King Henry VI, and seems to be a transcript of an oral examination taken by a member of the Brotherhood of Masons, possibly in the presence of the King.

To what extent Henry was influenced by this examination we shall never know. However, in 1450, he was initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, and immediately put a stop to the persecution of the Craft, whose assemblies had been prohibited by Parliament since 1425.

"Are maconnes gudder men then odhers?"

There can be no denial of the fact that at first thought the question seems to be a fair one, especially if asked, whether five hundred years ago or in our own day, by one who is trying to make an honest appraisal of the Craft.

Are Masons better men than others?

Upon more mature deliberation it becomes patent that it is a question which no thoughtful Mason would dare to answer by a mere "Yes" or "No." There have always been, and, no doubt, will always be many good men, and, alas, some evil men, both in and out of the Fraternity. Our unknown Brother, who stood before the King and answered the questions put to him, was well aware of this fact. He dared not say that Masons are better men than others. What, then, was his reply?

"Some maconnes are not so virtuous as some odher menne; but, in the moste parte, they be more gude then thay woude be if thay wer not maconnes."

In other words, while he would not claim that Masons are better men than others, and admitted that some Masons are not as virtuous as some other men, of one fact he could be, indeed, was sure: That in the most part Masons are better men than they would be if they were not Masons.

In this truth we find much of the glory of Freemasonry. Its influence through the centuries has been such that, in the most part, those who have followed its teachings have become better men than they otherwise would have been. If this were all that could be said in its favor, surely this, and this alone, would be a sufficient excuse for its being.

Designed for Giving . . .

In an effort to assist those desiring to make bequests to the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, the following suggested forms are provided as a matter of convenience. The forms are recommended to assure the tax free character of gifts in all states.

BEQUESTS of PERSONAL PROPERTY

"I give and bequeath to The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, now located at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the sum of Dollars, free and clear of all estate, transfer, succession, inheritance or other similar tax or charge, it being my express intention that said bequest be received by the named legatee in full without reduction for taxes or contribution for taxes, to be used and applied in and about the upkeep, maintenance and operation of the Masonic Homes owned by and under the control of the said Grand Lodge."

NOTE 1: The Testator may, if desired, provide that the gift be held perpetually, and the income used for maintenance, by the following language:

If for the Masonic Homes, "I direct that this gift shall be added to and form a part of the Endowment Fund established by said Grand Lodge for the upkeep, maintenance and operation of the Masonic Homes owned by it and under its control."

If for the Patton School, "I direct that this gift shall be added to and form a part of the fund held by the

DEVISE of REAL ESTATE

"I give and devise unto The Trustees of the Title to the Masonic Temple and Other Real Estate of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and their successors, now located at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, free and clear of all estate, transfer, succession, inheritance or other similar tax or charge, it being my express intention that said devise be received by the named devisee in full and without reduction for taxes or contribution for taxes, ALL THAT CERTAIN lot or piece of ground with the improvements thereon erected, described as follows: (here describe the real estate).

"I direct that the said real estate and the proceeds derived from the sale thereof, shall be used and applied in and about the upkeep, maintenance and operation of the Masonic Homes owned by and under the control of the said Grand Lodge."

Trustees of the Thomas Ranken Patton Masonic Institution for Boys, the income thereof to be used for the upkeep, maintenance and operation of said Institution."

NOTE 2: Although subscribing witnesses are no longer required under Pennsylvania Law on a Will containing a charitable gift, such witnesses are required in many other States and, since a Testator may die domiciled in another State or devise real estate situated outside of Pennsylvania, it is recommended in all cases that the Will

BEQUEST and DEVISE of RESIDUARY ESTATE

If the gift is of the balance or the residue of the estate, the following language is recommended:

"All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real and personal, of every nature and wheresoever situate, I give, devise and bequeath unto the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, now located at One North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to be used and applied in and about the upkeep, maintenance and operation of the Masonic Homes owned by and under the control of the said Grand Lodge."

be signed in the presence of three credible witnesses wherever possible, and that they subscribe their names and addresses to the Will in the presence of the Testator.

NOTE 3: The death of the Testator within thirty days after executing his Will may, under certain circumstances make the charitable gift void. It is therefore recommended that if an older Will, containing a charitable gift, be in existence when the new Will is executed, the old Will be preserved for a period of thirty days after the execution of the new Will.