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,
labelling and seeking 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 representa­
tives 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
more than 260,000 Pennsylvania Masons scattered throughout the world. They are shown
maintaining an accurate mailing list
is greatly appreciated.

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 avail­
able for purchase by the general Mem­
bership. 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
checks by writing to:
William A. Carpenter, Librarian
Masonic Temple,
Brook and Filbert Sts.
Philadelphia 7, Pa.
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. Although the approximate 50 per cent attendance of all the floor officers in the Pittsburgh and Valley 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, McConnellsville.

The Lodge, Constituted in 1954, purchased a church and completed an extensive renovating program. It is the only Masonic Lodge in Fulton County.
Guests Receive Year-Around Benefits From Generosity of Masonic Brethren

Pennsylvania Masons are asked once a year to make a charitable contribution to assist 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.

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 secret retreat for the Guests. Here they have the opportunity to continue their worship of Almighty God.

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: $25,000 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.

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

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.

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

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 small 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, R. R. and Fitz 89, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

The Library Staff will be most pleased to serve you.

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

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.

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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.