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President's Message

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By the way of these brief introductory remarks, it is not possible to set forth the many advantages available to the public at the Illinois Masonic Hospital. To acquaint the recipient of this booklet with a more or less complete review of the hospital facilities, it is quite necessary to read carefully the story that we attempt to tell herein in words, pictures and data.

Our Hospital is dedicated to a service that proposes to develop in the community where it is located the highest standards obtainable in medical science. We are committed to a program that will tend to alleviate pain and distress wherever possible; to provide shelter and security for our sick and afflicted fellow citizens; to render to our Fraternal Brotherhood and mankind in general a service that is compatible with our charitable obligations. All this we propose to accomplish without fear or favoritism and regardless of the financial status, race, creed or color of the individual who seeks relief at our institution.

I personally wish to emphasize that our friends and loyal supporters can make us secure in our efforts to add to and expand our hospital facilities if they elect to sustain our humane and benevolent objectives by making gifts, bequests or similar overtures in the nature of generous contributions to a just and worthy enterprise.

In concluding this message, it is my considered judgment that the sentiments I have endeavored to express in this condensed message is best illustrated by the quoted words to follow:

> "I expect to pass through this world
> but once.
> Any good thing, therefore, that I can
> do, or any kindness I can show to
> any fellow human being, let me do it
> now.
> Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I
> shall not pass this way again".

Sincerely,

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By: Edgar A. Jonas
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Dedicated to the Service of Mankind

The history of mankind is a long story of struggle against adverse circumstances, disaster and misfortune as well as one of triumph, progress and glory. It is, therefore, two stories, two skeins of life unraveling side by side. Some among us dedicate their lives to achievement in one phase and some to the other; one group to the continuing mastery by man over the creative and productive world, the other to binding up the wounds and control of the destructive forces that not only hamper progress but bring sorrow and suffering in their wake. The Illinois Masonic Hospital, a great and growing institution, organized and incorporated not for profit but for service, belongs to the latter group.

In this service of mankind needs constantly grow but never lessen. Therefore expansion of the facilities of the Hospital is

View of the New Lobby

again necessary. It is not expected those who have little contact with illness and injury will be acutely conscious of these needs. Their time and attention must be largely devoted to the duties and pursuits wherein good health and well being dominate. Quite different is the picture seen by those whose time and energies are spent almost entirely in caring for the sick and injured. It is heart-breaking daily to turn away ill and despairing patients because we have no space for them. It is painful to realize that with added space and with more of the modern equipment now available we could not only serve more people but serve them all better, yet lack these facilities.

However, it is heartening to have officers and a Board of Trustees keenly aware of the situation, giving unsparingly of their

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time and abilities to meet it. The present establishment valued at over $1,750,000.00 in money and priceless in its service, is a monument to their devotion and superb judgment as it is to the great Fraternity that responded so nobly to their leadership.

The Board now proposes to erect a completely new and modern addition for the treatment and hospitalization of people in need of such care. This will be a separate building, seven stories in height, adjoining the present wing to the north of the hospital. It will include an outpatient department affording the patients as well as the doctors the most modern equipment and facilities available, equaling those found in any hospital. There will be a separate outpatient entrance and spacious, comfortable waiting rooms for those undergoing treatment. Room facilities will be maintained for those wishing a routine check-up so that they may come and go as they please so long as the tests being made are not interrupted.

One section of Clinical Laboratory

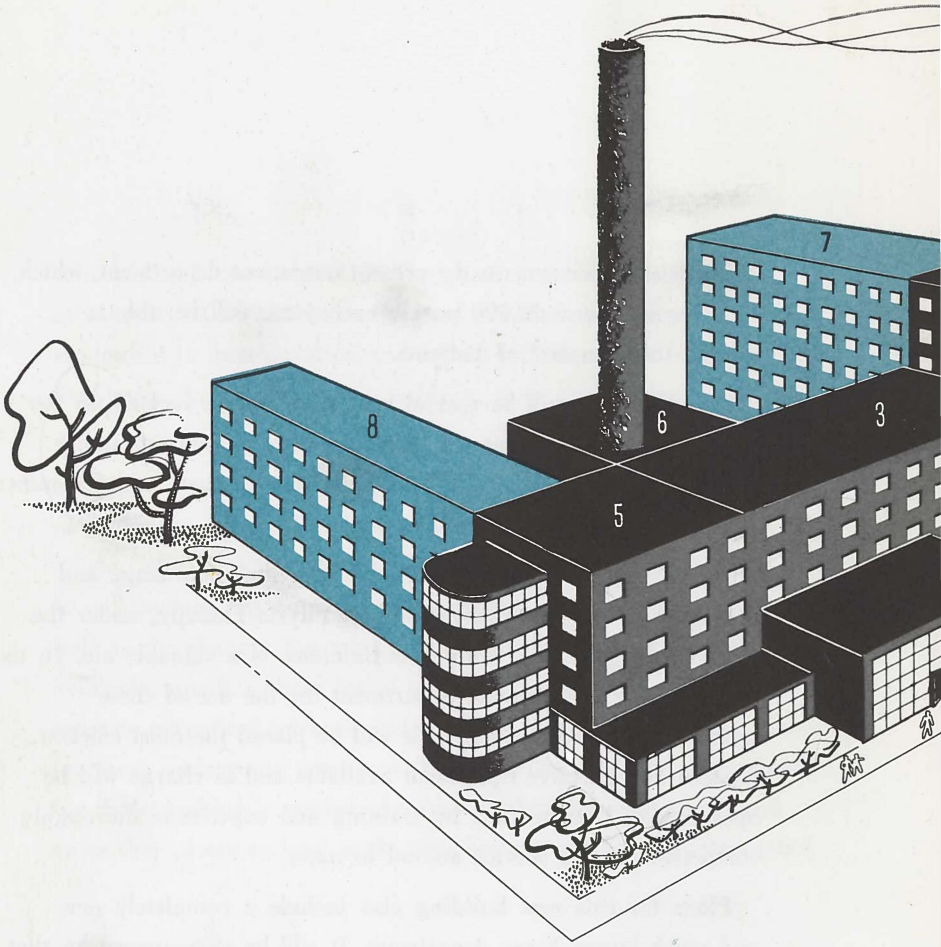
With these improvements the present outpatient department, which now receives over 22,000 people each year, will be able to double that number of patients.

Provided also will be special examining rooms located on the ground floor, convenient and easy of access. Special operating rooms are also planned for the application of casts and for minor surgical treatment required by many.

In the treatment of many cases during the acute stage and especially in the convalescent period, Physio-Therapy, under the skilled management of trained technicians, is a valuable aid. In the new building an adequate department for the use of these treatments will be created. In it will be placed the most efficient, modern and effective equipment available and in charge will be operators and technicians by training and experience thoroughly competent to give service second to none.

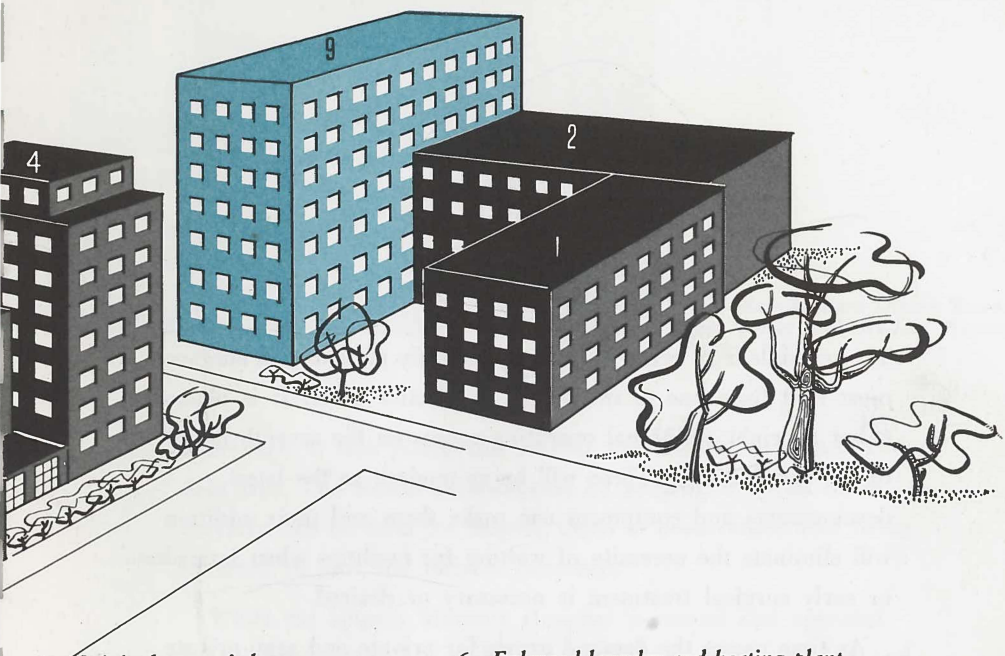
Plans for this new building also include a completely new and much larger X-ray department. It will be unsurpassed by that of any other hospital. X-ray is becoming more and more important in the treatment and diagnosis of illness. It is one of the most valuable and important facilities used and no hospital can function with full efficiency unless supplied with the latest, most modern equipment operated by technicians trained to use it. A gift of $30,000.00 has already been pledged for the establishment of this department which is half of the amount required. When an equal amount has been subscribed this greatly expanded service to the sick will be assured. This new department is to be located on the first floor.

On the second floor there is to be a special department for



children where it will be possible to care for 25 children at all times. Special facilities will be installed therein for the isolation and treatment of children's diseases. This is an important phase of hospital work as will be seen from the fact that with our present limited capacity 681 children were admitted in 1948.

On the fourth floor will be established a complete, new maternity department. It will be furnished with new labor rooms, new nurseries, new patients' rooms, everything modern and designed to give maternity patients the best care skill and science can provide. How important this is can be seen from the fact that



1. *Original nurses' home*
2. *New addition to nurses' home completed 1945*
3. *Original hospital*
4. *Hospital wing completed 1927*
5. *New hospital wing completed 1948*
6. *Enlarged laundry and heating plant completed 1946*
7. *Proposed new addition to hospital and clinic (Estimated cost $1,000,000.)*
8. *Hospital for chronic diseases (Estimated cost $1,000,000.)*
9. *Addition to nurses' home (Estimated cost $750,000.)*

during 1948 1200 babies were born in this hospital.

On the third floor space will be provided for thirty beds to be installed for surgical patients. A recovery room for patients coming from the operating rooms will be located on this floor. This will avoid removing the patient immediately to his own room or ward after surgery which will lessen tension on other patients and make for more efficient care of surgery cases. How valuable this will be is reflected in the fact that there were 3500 surgical operations performed in the hospital in 1948.

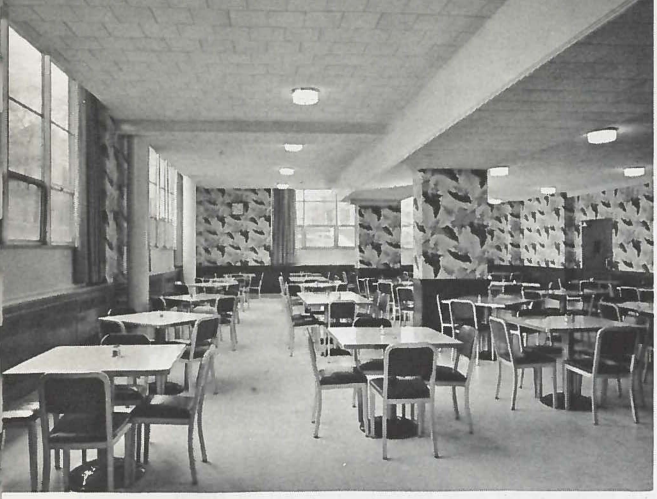
At present there are 4 operating rooms available in our hospital.

The schedule is so heavy now that frequently patients and surgeons must wait from one to two weeks on elective cases. It is planned to set up eight additional operating rooms on the seventh floor of the new building. These will be as modern as the latest developments and equipment can make them and their addition will eliminate the necessity of waiting for facilities when immediate or early surgical treatment is necessary or desired.

As time passes the demand grows for private and semi-private rooms. This demand is met among both hospitalized patients and outpatients. With our present facilities we are unable to provide what these persons desire; but in the new building these accommodations will be available on the fifth and sixth floors.

Plans for this new addition also include a complete new pharmacy located on the ground floor, which will serve both the hospital and the outpatient department. It will be modern, efficient and fully equipped to render immediate service to all.

The above comments briefly describe some of the major improvements and additions planned to expand the services of the Illinois Masonic Hospital in erecting this new building. The estimated cost will be $1,000,000.00. Of that sum approximately $250,000.00 is now available and set aside for this purpose. Actual construction can not begin until the remaining $750,000.00 has been secured. This is due to the fixed policy of the Board which is not to make any commitments for mortgages. Through



The New Modern Dining Room for Nurses and Student Nurses

adherence to this policy the present fine institution stands entirely debt free. The Board believes that by keeping it so all funds received can be used for helping those in need rather than being diverted in part for interest payments.

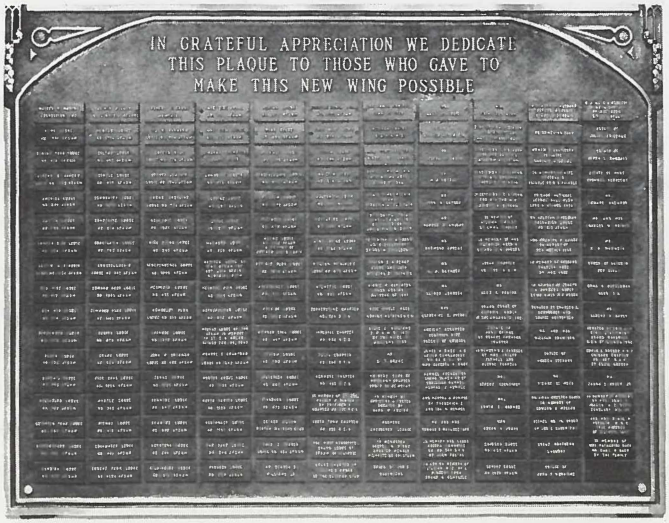
While the Illinois Masonic Hospital is owned and operated by the Fraternity, it is dedicated to the service of mankind and therefore serves all regardless of race, creed or color. It also serves those who are unable to pay as well as those who are. Approximately 20% of those admitted are unable to defray any part of the expenses involved. This cost is met in part by those who can pay full rates and from legacies and bequests to the hospital by friends of the Institution who wish to have some share in its service. Many individuals and organizations make regular and systematic contributions to the charity work of the hospital. An increase in these benefits to the hospital will enable us to expand this aid to the needy.

The erection and equipping of this new building actually is but the first of a three part program of expansion developed by the Board. It is of the most immediate necessity. But to follow it as soon as the funds are available is the building of a new Home for Nurses which will cost an estimated $750,000.00 and a new unit for the care and treatment of chronic diseases which will

cost an additional $1,000,000.00. The need for and the cost of these developments are projected upon the scope of present demands being made upon the facilities and services of the hospital. Any one of these projects will be started immediately when the funds are available. We hope to be able to complete all of them within a comparatively short time. Calls for help become tragic when the need can not be met.

The present hospital ranks with the best in our state. It is recognized and approved by the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, State of Illinois for Nurses Education, recognized for the training of doctors for residencies in different specialties, and is approved as a charitable Institution.

Plaque in the Lobby bearing the names of the donors who gave over $500.00.



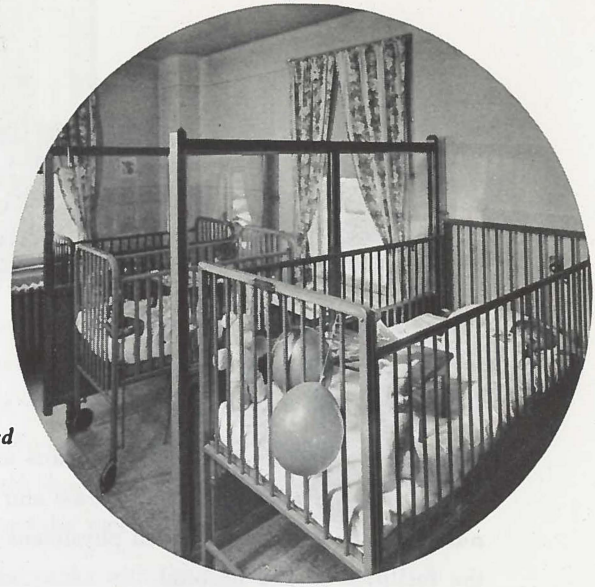
A Corner of the Lobby

It maintains thirteen resident physicians and surgeons, a number of internes, a corps of graduate nurses and one hundred student nurses. More than two hundred physicians and surgeons use the facilities of this hospital.

In view of what the Illinois Masonic Hospital has done and is doing in unselfish service to mankind without plan or intent to gain profit we believe it to be worthy of earnest consideration by those planning to assist some worthy cause either by making immediate funds available or by arranging for bequests in their wills. Any and all financial assistance given to this hospital will be used in its entirety for the purposes designated. None will be spent for administrative expense or for retirement of debt. All will be used to help, aid and assist the sick and needy.

Knowing that clients often appeal to trusted attorneys and trust officers for suggestions in the matter of bequests we courteously request them to investigate this Institution and the great good that can be brought about by aiding it. We invite inquiry and if you wish will be glad to have any Board member, officer or the Superintendent call upon you to present the complete facts.

We believe we are neither prejudiced nor wrong when we suggest no finer monument to nobility of character, a charitable heart and a true spirit of brotherhood can be left than in the walls and humanitarian services of an effective institution dedicated for all time to the healing and aid of mankind.



Children's Ward

Private room in New Wing

Students' Room

Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to ILLINOIS MASONIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, Chicago Illinois, a corporation organized not for profit under the Laws of the State of Illinois, for its corporate purpose, the sum of _____dollars.

I give, devise and bequeath to the ILLINOIS MASONIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, a charitable corporation, not for profit, located in Chicago, Illinois, the sum of $_____, to be used exclusively for Charitable Purposes.

Form of Devise (Real Property)

I give and devise to ILLINOIS MASONIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, Chicago, Illinois, a corporation organized not for profit under the Laws of the State of Illinois, for its corporate purpose, all that, etc. (Here describe the property.)

You may also name ILLINOIS MASONIC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION as Contingent Beneficiary in the event there may be no surviving heirs.

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October 5, 1948

Illinois Masonic Hospital Association
Board of Trustees
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Dear Sirs:

We made the audit of the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association, Chicago, Illinois, for the past several years. We found that there was no outstanding indebtedness of the association except for current accounts payable. Such accounts are paid promptly, and discounts taken. The outstanding contracts for additions and alterations to institutional properties are being met and paid currently.

Respectfully submitted,

WOLF AND COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

"What you do for yourself
dies with you—
What you do for others
lives on forever"

Designed by Roy Larsen