



HOW WE FINANCE OUR SERVICE TO OTHERS

Eighty-three thousand Kansas Masons pay \$1.00 a year towards the support of the Kansas Masonic Home. Seventy thousand members of The Order of the Eastern Star pay ten cents a person towards the support. An endowment fund of over \$900,000 brings an annual return of approximately \$36,000. Personal gifts, from people who are interested in the home, gifts of clothing and food by friends help out considerably throughout the year. From these five items comes the support of the Kansas Masonic Home. Last year our operating cost was \$120,484.98. Our capital outlays and repairs on buildings, etc., was \$8,710.72—making a total operating cost of \$129,195.70.

COMPARATIVE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COST

	1941	1947
1. Salaries and Wages	\$24,774.89	\$43,087.35
2. Hospital, Physician, and Drugs	2,343.32	2,369.41
3. Funerals & Cemetery	1,439.25	1,894.77
4. Dry Goods, Clothing Shoes	3,682.01	2,800.55
5. Table and Bed Supplies	1,146.75	733.50
6. House and Kitchen Supplies	2,033.69	2,691.06
7. Office, School Bus Transportation	861.99	708.84
8. Telephone & Telegraph	388.82	423.39
9. Light & Power	2,361.69	2,359.82
10. Water	877.29	1,102.13
11. Fuel	3,281.18	3,658.74
12. Laundry & Soap	4,624.96	7,609.60
13. Groceries & Produce	22,415.87	37,201.40
14. Meats & Lard	6,018.35	9,187.67
15. Barbering	998.65	960.00
16. Repairs—Incidental Building	954.79	6,456.18
17. Repairs—Furniture, etc.	736.03	76.16
18. Engineering, Plumbing, etc.	712.16	874.40
19. Furniture & Fixtures	130.46	3,118.57
20. Automobiles	450.20	531.62
21. Electric Repairs and Supplies	432.51	839.70
22. Garden & Lawn	402.89	232.32
23. Miscellaneous	202.63	278.52
Total Operating Expenses	\$81,270.38	\$129,195.70



With our Federal Government's Old Age Benefit Program, the Federal Social Security Program, the American people are becoming more and more self-reliant in their declining years. Also, with the Federal program on orphan children, the demand for private orphanages is gradually becoming minimized. This is causing our number one problem.

Let's face our first problem! With the advent of Social Security and Old Age Benefit, it now enables many aging persons to be self-reliant until they become physically handicapped and are unable to physically take care of themselves. More and more aging people are staying out of the home until some minor ailment gives a warning signal that they may become physically handicapped. Application is then made for entrance into the home. They are accepted, admitted, and become residents of our Masonic Home. And in many instances, shortly thereafter, become hospital cases—often times demanding surgical and constant medical and nursing care. These circumstances are putting a tremendous burden upon the crowded infirmary and the medical and nursing staff now employed by the Kansas Masonic Home. The need that is gradually arising, and will become critical within the next ten years, is the need for larger



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and more adequate hospital facilities. Under present by-laws, persons greatly handicapped by physical deficiencies or contagious disease cannot be admitted to the home—it is strictly a home for the physically well where they can be happy and have a home much like the one they have had all their lives. The facilities of the home and the present rules consequently work a hardship on the



person who attempts to be on his own as long as possible and becomes physically handicapped, then finds he cannot have entrance into the home because of these physical handicaps. With our present Federal Social Security program, a person no longer needs care just because he is elderly, but the people who need care are those who cannot physically take care of themselves. And our problem is keeping up with this changing social condition.



Our second problem involves maintenance and operating cost. In the past, our income from Masons and members of the Eastern Star, along with our large endowment, has never provided an adequate operating budget; and with these inflated times, our endowment brings a comparatively small return and our inflated costs are making it impossible to operate on our present income. The home needs a much larger endowment fund if it is to have a financially secure future.



What YOU Can Do

"How," many Masons will ask, "can I help?"

First of all, the Masons of Kansas can get acquainted with the facilities of the Kansas Masonic Home, know how it operates, how to be admitted. Get a copy of the rules, regulations, and by-laws and understand how your Masonic Home operates.

Second, you can help build up the endowment fund—assign some of your government savings bonds to the Masonic Home, or remember the endowment fund in your last will and testament.

Gifts to the endowment fund are deductible from your income tax. If you would like to leave a memorial to someone, the Kansas Masonic Home Board will be more than happy to talk with you and arrange it.

Also, you can go over and get acquainted with those who are living at the home. They look forward to visitors—people who will come and visit with them, who will drive by and take them for a ride.

And most of all, be a real friend of your Kansas Masonic Home.