

Masonic Memorial Hospital  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis



Dedication and Presentation

By

THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.  
OF MINNESOTA

Saturday, October 4, 1958

At Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota

# Masonic Memorial Hospital

## University Hospitals

HARVARD AT ESSEX STREETS SOUTHEAST

MINNEAPOLIS 14, MINNESOTA

*Dedicated to patient care, teaching, and research in advanced disease.*

*Ground Breaking* - - - - - May 17, 1957

*Cornerstone Laying* - - - - - October 19, 1957

*Dedication* - - - - - October 4, 1958

*First Patients Admitted* - - - - - October 15, 1958

### FACILITIES

*Beds* — 80; *Area* — 51,000 square feet

*Basement.* Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat Clinic, Laboratory, X-Ray, Locker Rooms, Barber and Beauty Shops, Lunch Rooms for Employees, Mechanical Facilities and Storage Rooms

*First Floor:* Business Office, Occupational Therapy Shop, Lounge and Day Room, Dining Room and Cafeteria, Kitchens, Meditation Room, 30-Bed Nursing Station

*Second Floor:* Day Room, 50-Bed Nursing Station

*The 80-bed section* includes 9 single rooms, 34 2-bed rooms, and 1 3-bed room. The hospital is connected by tunnel to Powell Hall nurses' residence, and to the University Hospitals

*Patients* will be admitted under University Hospitals admission policies which require a medical referral from the patient's local family physician. Priority will be given patients transferred from the University Hospitals.

All specialties are represented for medical coverage. All care will be supervised from the University Hospitals.

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*Funds raised by voluntary subscription in campaign  
conducted among Masons of Minnesota.*

## Dedication and Presentation Program

LUNCHEON at 11:30 a.m. in Coffman Memorial Union

### INVOCATION

Mrs. Jean Larson, Worthy Grand Matron, O.E.S.

### PRESIDING

Mr. Justice Leroy E. Matson, Past Grand Master  
Chairman, Masonic Cancer Relief Committee of Minnesota, Inc.

### REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

Mr. Clyde E. Hegman, Deputy Grand Master

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Robert J. Rice, Grand Chaplain

### PRESENTATION OF THE HOSPITAL TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dr. J. Miles Martin, Grand Master

### ACCEPTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Dr. James Lewis Morrill, President

### INTRODUCTION TO THE ADDRESS OF DEDICATION

Dr. Charles W. Mayo, The Board of Regents

### ADDRESS OF DEDICATION

Dr. Donald J. Cowling, President Emeritus of Carleton College  
President, Masonic Cancer Relief Committee of Minnesota, Inc.

### BENEDICTION

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1:00-4:00 p.m. Tours of the Masonic Memorial Hospital

*Sunday, October 5: Open House 2 to 4 p.m.*

# The Story of the New Masonic Memorial Hospital At the University of Minnesota

The Masonic Memorial Hospital is being dedicated today to the care and healing of patients in advanced stages of cancer. Staffed by University Hospitals, it will also train physicians and surgeons, nurses and technicians, and engage in fundamental research in what are today regarded as "incurable" diseases.

The Masonic Memorial had its inception among Masons of Minnesota three years ago in a profound sense of the tragedy of those afflicted with terminal cancer. As research gradually discovers the cure for cancer, the Hospital will continue to serve those stricken by other diseases not yet conquered. Its beneficent work is destined to continue so long as mankind suffers the assault of disease.

As part of the College of Medical Sciences of the University of Minnesota, the Masonic Memorial Hospital offers its services to patients without regard to race or creed. As does disease, it knows no human boundaries. It is a house of hope for the hopeless.

Seeking a solution to the grievous problem of a home for terminal cancer patients, eighty-seven Masons met on January 14, 1955 at the call of the Grand Master who stated the matter in these words:

*"We have an urgent need for hospital care for patients with cancer and other incurable diseases. These are the most neglected. Their tragedy involves both themselves and their families. What can members of the craft and of associated bodies do to supply leadership in filling this great need."*

Extended discussion brought agreement on appointment of a committee to explore possible projects.

Among these projects was the building of a hospital at the University of Minnesota. This hospital proposal was endorsed on March 15, 1955 at a meeting attended by eight representatives of the University and ten members of the Masonic committee.

The hospital was expected to cost about a million dollars, of which sum the Masons pledged themselves to raise \$500,000. The remainder was expected to come from sources available to the University. This proposal was approved by the Masonic committee on April 29, and by the Board of Regents on May 20, 1955.

The Masonic Cancer Relief Committee of Minnesota was then organized, and plans for the campaign for funds were made. After six months of activity among Masonic lodges, Masons voted to provide the entire million dollars without financial help from either the University or the federal government. As of today, \$948,890 in cash has been turned over to the University. Pledges in the amount of \$87,150 are recorded on the books of the Masonic Cancer Relief Committee where all pledges are retained in confidence.

It is expected, however, that because of illness, financial distress, or death a number of these pledges will not be fulfilled. For this reason the Committee is continuing to seek gifts from those who have not yet had an opportunity to contribute.

Details of the campaign for funds by some 3,500 Masons and ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star are too numerous to record in this brief statement. Perhaps it will be sufficient to say that the original "Committee of 100" was succeeded by the Masonic Cancer Relief Committee of Minnesota, incorporated in 1955.

A Steering Committee of thirty Masons directed the campaign. Six regional and 32 district committees functioned through Blue Lodge workers. The Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota approved the project at its annual communication in 1956. Masonic organizations assisted in the drive and made contributions. The bulk of the monies came, however, from voluntary contributions from some 35,000 individual Masons and their families.

The University of Minnesota will maintain the Hospital and provide the necessary professional services of doctors, nurses and technicians. Admission will be according to the policies of University Hospitals.

It is anticipated that Masons of Minnesota will have a continuing interest in the Hospital they have created. The form in which this interest will be expressed is a subject for later development and decision.

To all who aided in the campaign to build "as Masons build", the Masonic Cancer Relief Committee of Minnesota, Incorporated herewith extends its heartfelt gratitude.

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