

MASONIC HOME

It was the suggestion of the Most Worshipful Brother William Morris Seaman in his message in 1900 that brought about the authorization of our first Home Committee. In 1901 this committee reported upon a poll of the lodges and the Grand Lodge authorized a sinking fund of one dollar for each degree conferred and twenty-five cents per capita per year. In 1906 the Home, not yet established beyond the sinking fund stage, was by resolution adopted by a rising vote and named the Reed Memorial Home, in honor of that famous pioneer Masonic Brother, Thomas Milbourne Reed.

In 1909 the attention of Grand Lodge was again called to the recommendation of Brother Amos and also to the \$45,000 which had been accumulated in the nine years. The following year Puyallup was chosen as the place for the Home and as is usual when real work of administration and charity is to be done, the Order of Eastern Star was requested to appoint a committee of two sisters to co-operate with a committee of three of the Grand Lodge.

On June 11, 1912, the ground at Puyallup was dedicated and the administration building completed and occupied in 1914. In a few years conditions became so crowded that it was necessary to enlarge the home. So in 1924 the site at Zenith was purchased and on May 1, 1926 the cornerstone of the new home was laid.

About one-fourth members in the home are from Eastern Star Chapters. About thirty members in the hospital wards continually requiring constant care by night and day nurses. The present Superintendent and Matron have been in charge of the home for eighteen years and are entirely satisfactory and doing splendid work.

Those of you who have visited the home know what a magnificent structure it is and also know how well the members are cared for.

*There is a
new
Supt &
Matron
now.*