

## Our History

Since the organization of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of West Virginia on May 10, 1865 we have long remembered the phrase, "To assist Master Masons, their widows and orphans."

The West Virginia Masonic Home was founded early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century serving Master Masons, their widows and their orphans remaining prominent in our Grand Lodge until the onset of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century at which time the decision to close became eminent.

In October 2015 the members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of West Virginia made the decision to continue traditions with new programs reaching all Master Masons across the Grand Jurisdiction of West Virginia.

After lodge resources are exhausted you may make application to the West Virginia Masonic OutReach Program, beginning the process of securing relief, by completing the referral form inside.

This form may be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to the Program Coordinator who will begin the application process.

West Virginia Masonic OutReach Program  
P.O. Box 869  
Parkersburg, WV 26102

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### West Virginia OutReach Program

The OutReach Program was started in 2015 to identify and coordinate needed services for members---services that can improve the quality of their lives and help our older members stay independently in their own communities.

This is done through a variety of channels:

- 1) **Information and Referral:**  
Keeping members informed:  
Trained staff is available to answer questions and make referrals to other agencies in the community that may provide the specific services needed.
- 2) **Assistance with Applications:**  
Making connections with services or providers and solving problems in making connections.
- 3) **Widow(er) Support:**  
The loss of a loved one is a traumatic time for anyone. In times of loss, information and community referral may be provided.
- 4) **Volunteer Opportunities** may be available in your community to make a difference in the lives of aging members.

### Financial Assistance–Eligibility Guidelines

- Must be a West Virginia Master Mason, spouse or widow. Can be of any age.
- The Mason must be in good standing 3 years immediately preceding the date of application in one or more Lodges in the West Virginia Grand Jurisdiction.
- All other avenues for financial assistance have been exhausted.
- The financial need must be from unforeseen or undue hardship, generally outside a person's control.

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### Lodge Referral Form

**Please** Check all that apply and send to the West Virginia Masonic OutReach Program

\_\_\_ West Virginia Mason in Good Standing

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Wife/Widow of a West Virginia Mason

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Child of a West Virginia Mason under 18 years of age

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of person needing assistance\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.\_\_\_\_\_

Does the person know we will contact them?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Reason for Referral/Assistance needed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attach Separate Sheet with additional information if needed

Your Name\_\_\_\_\_

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail\_\_\_\_\_

Contact – Morning\_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon\_\_\_\_\_ Evening\_\_\_\_\_

### OutReach Assistance Program

Temporary financial assistance may be available for qualified West Virginia Masons, their spouses or widows who experience unforeseen, temporary and undue hardship for reasons beyond their control.

### Emergency Assistance Program

Emergency relief may be available to Masonic members and their families when disaster strikes (i.e. flood, tornado, fire, etc.)



The amount of financial assistance is to be determined on a "case by case" basis, dependent on individual needs.

### Referrals

OutReach may be available to members in good standing who are West Virginia Master Masons, a spouse or widow of a West Virginia Mason.

Consider the following personal situations when making a referral: Lack of socializing, unhealthy living conditions, strained finances, transportation needs, and other factors that affect quality of life.

When a referral is made to the OutReach Coordinator, an assessment will be completed and reviewed by The Board of Governors to determine individual need.

There may be assistance available for some services if resources in your lodge and the community are not available.

All other resources, including Lodge assistance, must be exhausted prior to the utilization of financial assistance through the OutReach Program.

All decisions will be made by The Board of Governors of the West Virginia Masonic OutReach Program.