



Masonic Villages Hospice





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Objectives

- Understand the mission of hospice & palliative care
- Learn the distinctions between the services
- Understand the payment methods
- Review myths & facts
- Learn about Masonic Village's Evergreen, end-of-life neighborhood



- **Hospice Mission Statement**

- *Hospice promotes the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of the person completing their life's journey, along with their family members, to provide comprehensive and compassionate end-of-life care of the highest quality.*



Palliative Care Mission Statement

Palliative care promotes a patient centered focus to improve the quality of life for patients and families. Palliative care provides a compassionate, interdisciplinary and integrated approach to manage complex and serious illness.



So...What is the difference?

Category	Hospice Care	Palliative Care
Definition	Specialized care focused on comfort and quality of life for people nearing the end of life.	Specialized medical care focused on relief from symptoms and stress of serious illness.
Stage of Illness	Typically for patients with a life expectancy of 6 months or less (if illness runs its normal course).	Can be provided at any stage of a serious illness, from diagnosis onward.
Treatment Goals	Comfort care only; curative treatments are no longer pursued.	Symptom relief alongside curative or life-prolonging treatments.
Eligibility	Requires physician certification of terminal illness.	No specific prognosis required.
Location of Care	Usually provided at home, in hospice centers, nursing homes, or hospitals.	Provided in hospitals, outpatient clinics, or at home.
Care Team	Interdisciplinary team (doctors, nurses, social workers, chaplains, volunteers).	Interdisciplinary team (doctors, nurses, social workers, specialists).
Payment Coverage (U.S.)	Typically covered by Medicare Hospice Benefit, Medicaid, and most private insurers.	Usually covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance like other medical services (part b)
Focus on Family	Strong emphasis on family support and bereavement services.	Provides support to families but not typically extended bereavement services.
Relationship Between the Two	Hospice is a specific type of palliative care for end-of-life.	Broader category that includes hospice care.

How are these services paid for?

- Hospice

- Covered under Medicare Part A
- Patient does need to meet the medical criteria
- What is covered?
 - Hospice visits/staff
 - Medications
 - Medical equipment
 - Supplies

- Palliative Care

- Covered under Medicare Part B
- Billed as a specialty service
 - Co-Pays may exist as any other specialty visit would.
- Not a bundled service like hospice
- Medications/equipment not covered
- Not all insurance plans provide a palliative benefit

***Hospice & Palliative do not cover room and board in a nursing home / personal care / assisted living**



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Let's Test Our Knowledge!



MYTH:

Hospice is only for those who have hours to days to live

FACT:

Hospice is for anyone who has a life limiting illness and their physician certifies that they have six months or less to live.

The earlier an individual starts hospice care, the more time there is to build relationships, address needs and even stabilize the condition.

By bringing in hospice early, individuals can have a higher quality of life than those who wait.

MYTH:

Hospice is only for cancer patients

FACT:

Hospice is for any individual with a life limiting illness such as, but not limited to:

- Alzheimer's disease / late-stage dementia
- Chronic lung / pulmonary disease
- Heart conditions / Congestive heart failure
- Neurological disorders / Parkinson's
- Cancers



FACT:

MYTH:

Hospice
Provides 24-
hour care

- The Hospice team provides 24-hour SUPPORT; but they are not present with the patient 24 hours a day. In special circumstances, for a limited amount of time, hospices can provide up to 24 hours of care.
 - This generally occurs when there are unmanaged symptoms that need to be address.
- Hospice does have a 24 hour on call rotation, so you can always speak to a nurse, chaplain, or social worker.
- Hospice services can increase in visit frequency as medically necessary
- Hospice can recommend home care agencies that can help provide support in the home, if more support or care is requested in the home.
- Hospice can also help with an admission to a skilled nursing facility for 24-hour care, while continuing to receive hospice services in addition.



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MYTH:

Accepting Palliative care
means I am giving up

FACT:

It means getting extra support. Palliative care teams include doctors, nurses, social workers, and sometimes spiritual counselors. They help with:

- Symptom control
- Treatment decisions
- Emotional support
- Care coordination

Research shows that patients who receive palliative care often report better quality of life, and in some cases even live longer.



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MYTH:

Palliative Care is the same as hospice care



FACT:

They are related, but not the same. Palliative care can be provided at any stage of a serious illness, even while receiving curative treatment.

Hospice care is typically for people who are nearing the end of life (usually with a prognosis of 6 months or less).

For example, someone receiving chemotherapy for cancer can also receive palliative care to manage pain and side effects — they don't have to stop treatment.



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The Game
of a Lifetime

MYTH: If I have hospice or palliative care, I will lose my social life and be “stuck” at home



Hospice staff planned a 105th birthday party for Florence, who is pictured above with her family.



Granting Wishes to Make
SPECIAL MOMENTS





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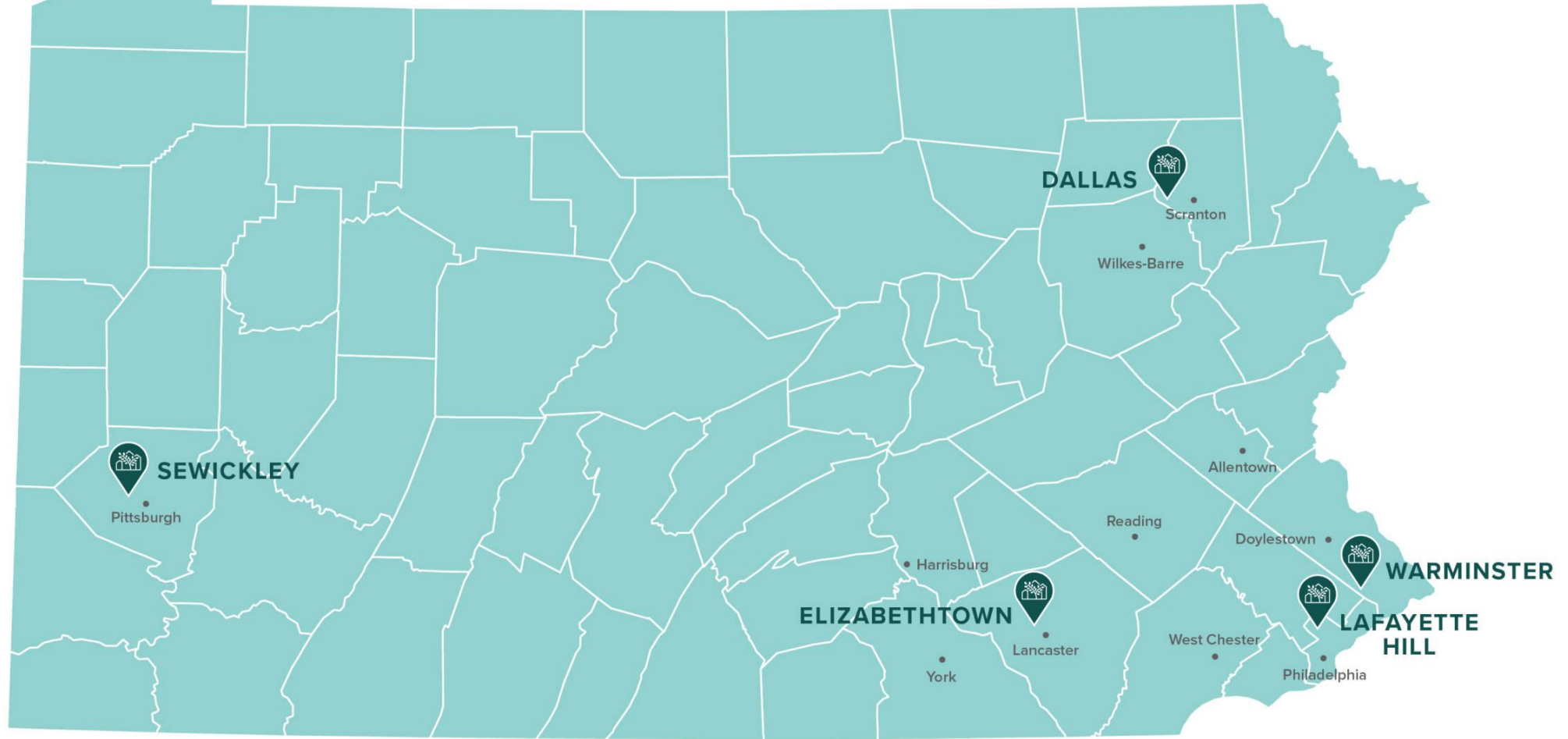


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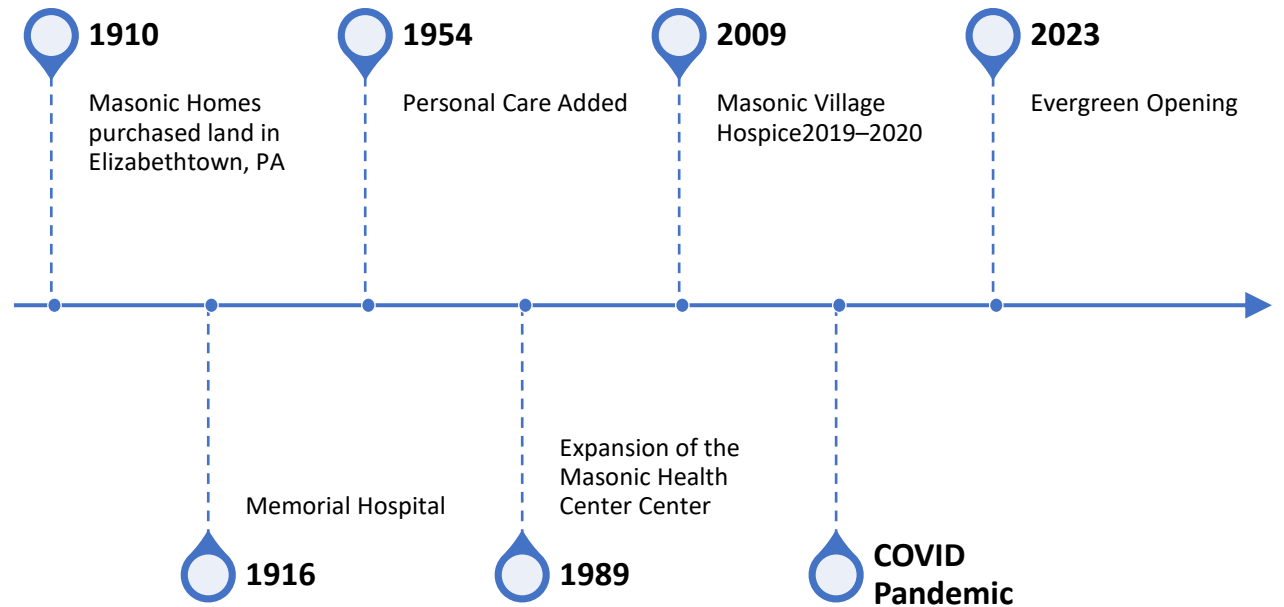
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MASONIC VILLAGE LOCATIONS





Masonic Village at Elizabethtown History



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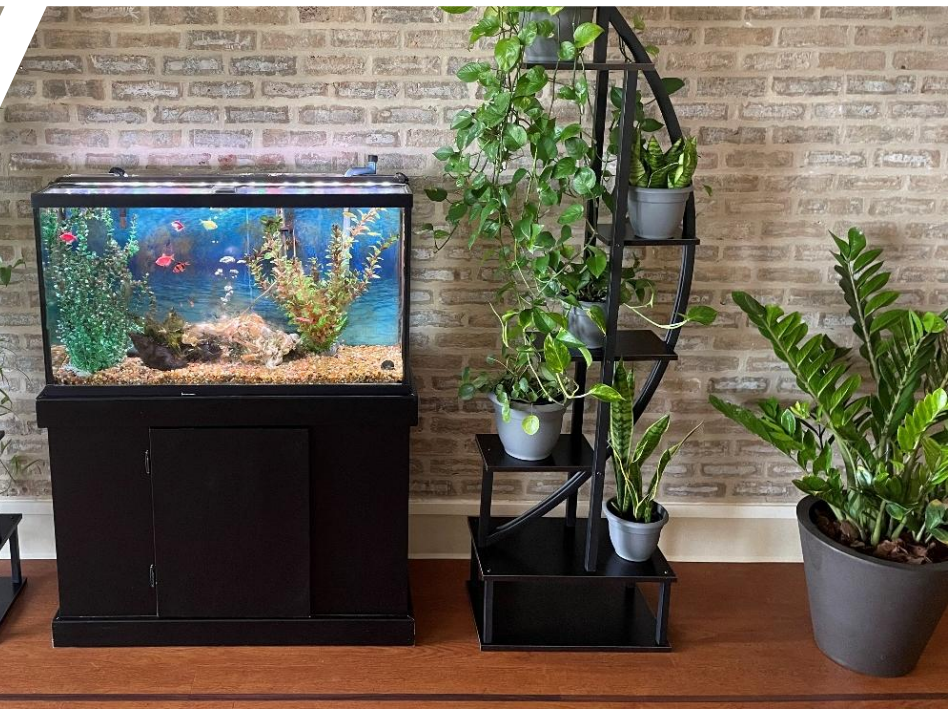
Building Evergreen

- Asked questions to experts in the field
 - Retirement physicians / Pastors / Grief Centers / Funeral Homes / Families
- What was important to offer?
- Capital fundraising
- Who would qualify
- Retirement Living Connections
 - Woodshop – Evergreen Chapel
 - Quilting Club – Walk of Honor
 - Living Plants





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