

THE ROSE DE LIMA HOSPITAL AUXILIARY....

ITS PURPOSE AND HISTORY

The primary purpose of the Rose de Lima Auxiliary is to relieve trained help from menial tasks so that their services may be used in their specialized fields.

Twelve Years ago, the Auxiliary was formed from a nucleus of women of all faiths who wished to donate their time and services to the Hospital operated by the Sisters of St. Dominic. As their number has grown with members, so have their services expanded. Volunteers assist in the Pediatric Ward, Dietary Department, the transporting of patients, cashiering in the Coffee Shop, and setting up functions for the patients of the Psychiatric Ward. An additional service is the Gift Shop, introduced and managed by members of the Auxiliary, with all proceeds aiding the Hospital.

The original single-storied, 65-bed hospital building was erected in 1942, with the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan assuming its administration in 1947. In 1960, Rose de Lima was expanded to a new and modern three-storied building. Renovation of the old building has been going on for the past two years, and is presently continuing. In 1962, a 20-bed Psychiatric Department was established in affiliation with the Nevada State Mental Health Program. Affiliation with the University of Nevada at Las Vegas include an outstanding training program for X-Ray Technicians; and the Associate Arts Nursing Program, whereby nursing students receive psychiatric, medical and surgical experience.

The most recent departmental additions to the Hospital include a Physiotherapy Unit and a 4-Bed Intensive Care Unit, the latter opened last August through the financial assistance of members of the Henderson Industrial Plant complex. Not to be forgotten is the Cobalt Unit, installed in 1960; which with recently purchased radiology equipment, including a Scanner,

provides a complete treatment center for cancer patients of this area.

Rose de Lima Hospital is a member of the Southern Nevada Hospital Council, the Nevada Hospital Association, the American Hospital Association, the Western Hospital Association, the Catholic Hospital Association; and has been fully accredited by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Hospitals since 1959. Certification is also held for participation in the Federal Medicare Program.

Rose de Lima Hospital is classed as a non-profit institution by the American Hospital Association, and has never turned a patient away for lack of funds. The patient's needs are the prime concern; the ability to pay, secondary.

The present Hospital Administrator is Sister M. Georganne, O. P., R.N., who also serves as a member of the State of Nevada's Health Facilities Advisory Council; the State of Nevada's Medical Care Advisory Group; and is currently the President of the Nevada Hospital Association for 1969-70.

In its drive for financial assistance, the Auxiliary sponsors an annual Mardi Gras Ball. This year marks the twelfth anniversary of this event, which has netted the Hospital approximately \$175,000; all of which has been delegated for needed equipment and expansion. Since the Mardi Gras Ball is the only fundraising event, it is the main source of income for the growth of the Hospital. This year's proceeds will be used for new pediatric beds and supplementary x-ray equipment.

The Ladies of the Rose de Lima Hospital Auxiliary consider it a great privilege to be associated with this fine Hospital; and sincerely wish to thank all of the wonderful and generous people who make the Mardi Gras Ball a success, by contributing to this worthy cause.