

# CIRCULAR No. 1

Attention of all Lodges and Masons under this Jurisdiction is hereby invited to the following resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines on April 29, 1964:

"Be resolved, and it is hereby resolved, that membership in the group insurance system of the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc., shall be compulsory on every mason in good standing in his lodge and residing in the Philippines and that he shall be assessed by his lodge at least six pesos per annum for such death benefit as the Acacia may award."

It will be observed that the foregoing resolution applies only to a mason in good standing and residing in the Philippines; it does not apply to a mason whose permanent residence is outside the Philippines and it does not apply to oversea lodges and their members.

Anyone who is already a participant in the Acacia group insurance system the membership in which was formerly optional shall have the option of continuing the certificate already issued to him by continuing the annual payment of the contribution of P12 of joining the new compulsory group insurance system and paying thereon the rate of contribution assessed by his lodge. In the latter case, the change in the rate shall take effect on the next anniversary date of his certificate. The optional group insurance system described in the prospectus recently issued by the Acacia (April, 1964) no longer applies to the masons in the Philippines but it applies only to oversea lodges and their members.

In connection with the above resolution, every lodge in the Philippines shall submit immediately to the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc. (1440 San Marcelino, Manila) The following:

- (1) A list of all its members in good standing, whose residence is in the Philippines;
- (2) A list of its members who are already participants in the former (Optional) group insurance system of the Acacia;
- (3) A copy of the lodge's resolution fixing the uniform of annual contribution (whether 6, 7, 8, . . . , or 12 pesos) each member of the lodge shall be assessed;
- (4) The remittance of the annual contributions the members are assessed; and
- (5) The application of each member which is required for statistical and actual purposes of the Acacia. (This can be sent later.)

This group insurance will take effect on the first day of the calendar month following the month during which the Acacia received the contributions from each lodge. If the death of a brother occurred before the said first day, he would be considered insured and his beneficiary would be entitled only to the refund of his contribution.

Therefore, in order to protect the best interests of every member and his wife and children, it is absolutely necessary that every lodge remit promptly to the Acacia all the contributions required of its members.

Concurred in:

(Sgd.) L. R. SALVOSA  
*President & Actuary*  
Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc.

Attest:

(Sgd.) ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ  
*Grand Secretary*

(Sgd.) CHARLES MOSEBROOK  
*Grand Master*