

GUAM LODGES ARE ACACIA HUNDRED PERCENTERS

To Charleston Lodge No. 44 and Milton C. Marvin Lodge No. 123, both in Agaña, Guam, goes the honor of being the first to qualify for group insurance in the new Acacia Mutual Aid Society death benefit plan whereby for an annual premium of P12, without medical examination and irrespective of age, a Brother acquires for his beneficiaries a protection coverage of P1,000. Acacia rules call for only 90% of lodge members as applicants before a lodge qualifies for such a group insurance, but Charleston (44) and Marvin (123) voted 100% last July. In a letter to Grand Master Quasha, V. W. Bro. James T. Taylor, DDGM (20) stated that the first year's dues will be advanced by the two lodges for their members and will reach a total of \$5,000. They are ready to remit as soon as word is received from Acacia. The two lodges thus attained two first distinctions - to qualify for the group insurance, and to obtain 100% instead of 90% coverage for their members. The Grand Master is very much elated with the report and hopes that other lodges will follow the example.

Our Brethren in Guam must be a busy lot indeed. They are lead-

ing in the implementation of the Grand Master's program for the Masonic year. In the line of Masonic education and public service they have undertaken to assist Brodie School for Retarded Children, the Guam Rehabilitation Work Shop, as well as the TB and Children's Wards at the Guam Hospital. They have obtained "Wish Lists" and will soon decide which wish they will fulfill for each organization. Substantial financial support from each of the two lodges are being set aside to assist the Committee on Masonic Education and Public Service in its work.

Both Charleston (44) and Marvin (123) lodges are also reported to be completing plans for intercessory prayers to start in the month of August under the leadership of Brothers Jordan and (Reverend) Needham. This is high in the Grand Master's priority objectives during the year. Preparations are also well on the way for the participation of the two lodges in the coming Golden Jubilee of the Grand Lodge next December. A delegation will be sent to Manila consisting of at least six members.

Another achievement of our Brother Masons in Guam worth mention-

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ing is the success of their Cemetery Committee in setting aside a 2/3 acre lot as burial site for deceased Masons and their families. It is estimated that the lot will be good for the next 50 years. Charleston Lodge does not begrudge the heavy expenses it incurred in this project. "We consider the cost negligible", wrote Deputy Grand Master Taylor, "and a definite public service, for without the Masonic motivation no cemetery would have come about this soon".

Congratulations and more power to you, Brethren!

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