

SETTING MASONRY TO ACTION

During the Grand Master's dinner of April 24, 1962, at the Scottish Rite Temple, Manila, Wor. Bro. Domingo C. Bascara (82) delivered a thought-provoking speech in which he stressed the need for a better understanding of Masonry by the public. Inspired by the idea, M. W. William H. Quasha, in his inaugural address as Grand Master, emphasized that one of his major plans was to make Subordinate Lodges undertake important community projects. "The image of a Mason today," he said, "must be the man with a mission for good. We must help the growth of the nation . . . We must give more of ourselves to the entire community."

Immediately after his installation, he created a Special Committee on Education and Public Service composed of the following:

- Wor. Bro. Domingo C. Bascara,
Chairman
- Most Wor. Bro. Conrado Benitez,
Member
- Most Wor. Br. Luther B. Bewley,
Member
- Most Wor. Bro. Werner P. Schetelig,
Member
- Wor. Bro. Macario C. Navia,
Member
- Wor. Bro. Sinforoso G. Padilla,
Member
- Wor. Bro. Venancio Trinidad,
Member
- Wor. Bro. Federico Piedad,
Member
- Wor. Bro. Raymond E. Wilmarth,
Member

Bro. Joseph T. Howard, *Member*

Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escocosa, *Executive Secretary*

This Committee will not conflict with nor duplicate the work of the Joint Educational Committee of the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council because it is designed precisely to help in the implementation of the program of the latter, and in addition, look for opportunities for other public service in our communities.

The Committee has had two meetings in which the Grand Master urged that conscious and organized efforts be exerted to prove that a Mason is part and parcel of the community, vitally interested in and personally concerned with its welfare.

In order that the Committee may be better enabled to plan programs which it can effectively carry out, it took stock of the "assets and liabilities" of the Order in the Philippines. The result is an interesting revelation of our strength as well as our weaknesses and the information adduced is helpful in our orientation for the task the Committee desires to undertake. The findings show that the Fraternity has material and moral potentials for making its influence for good strongly felt wherever Masonry may be found in the country.

In connection with the educational program of the Joint Committee, it is the consensus that members of

The New Death Benefit And Health Benefit Plans

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Blue Lodges can do a great deal to help by writing individually to their Congressmen urging support for the Educational Stabilization Fund Bill. This practice is something which is seldom, if ever, tried here but is consistently and successfully done by tax-paying citizens in the United States whenever they want their influence felt in important public issues. The Committee also feels that much can be done by individual Masons acting through their Blue Lodges if they will establish good relations with their respective Parent-Teacher Associations as well as with Barrio Councils for the same purpose.

In short, this Committee is a Guiding Committee which will attempt to bring Masons, their Blue Lodges, and Masonry into more intimate identification with the community life of the nation. It is hoped that every Lodge will give a great deal of time to a discussion of the Grand Master's Circular on this subject and that the results of their efforts will be reported to the Committee which will undertake to transmit to the other Lodges information which will be helpful to them in their respective projects.



There are but two ways which lead to great aims and achievements — energy and perseverance. Energy is a rare gift, — it provokes opposition, hatred, and reaction. But perseverance lies within the affordings of everyone, its power increases with its progress, and it rarely misses its aim.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Having at heart the welfare of the brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction, our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William H. Quasha, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, has placed in the hands of the brethren a challenge to accept a bold new plan, which is called the Group Death Benefit Plan. This will give to a member's beneficiary a protection coverage of P1,000.00 for a yearly contribution of only P12.00.

To be entitled to this protection coverage it is necessary that 90% of the members of a Blue Lodge apply for this plan. No medical examination is required. Every brother is qualified for coverage under this plan irrespective of whether he is young or old and whether he is sickly or in good health.

This plan will start on October 1, 1962. This P12.00 that will be collected from each brother will be kept in trust by the Lodge Secretaries until they have a 90% participation when the total collections will be turned over to the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, provided that they must turn in the list of members and the collections to Acacia before October 1, 1962.

If death occurs prior to October 1, 1962, only the amount of P12.00 paid by the brother will be returned to the beneficiary. If death occurs during the first year of mem-

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