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From the
GRAND MASTER

Brethren:

As we begin a new year in Masonry in North Carolina we also begin a "New Area" in Masonry. It is best described by our immediate Past Grand Master, M. W. William A. Hooks: "A series of area meetings in the State where all Masons interested in improving themselves in Masonry will be invited to come for a day of down-to-earth discussions on the subject of Freemasonry, led by Masons fully qualified to conduct educational meetings on this subject."

After thorough study by your committee we found it absolutely necessary to fully utilize the organizational structure and personnel of the Grand Lodge — with one objective in mind — to achieve a long range educational program that would reach every Lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction. This means that all Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Lecturers, and District Education Chairmen will be fully utilized. These Brethren will be conducting Area and District Workshops for the benefit of all Lodge Officers in our Jurisdiction. A complete outline of this comprehensive program will be furnished each Lodge for study and planning.

The most urgent problem facing Masonry today is not that of more members or increased attendance, but rather that of competent and dedicated leadership. This can be accomplished by the implementation of a long range educational program as set forth by your Educational Committee. You can and you must select qualified men as Officers of your Lodge, then see that they follow the training program for a period of years as outlined by your committee. This will prepare them to serve as Master of the Lodge with competency, confidence, and zeal.

I am confident if we have your full support, this program which is sorely

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