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Grand Master Solomon Wallace, New York



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Grand Master Leroy J. Williams, Rhode Island



Grand Master Howard L. Woods, Arkansas

charities, etc.

"No system of educating our young and older citizens can be successful without family and community input...and especially since family life among so many Black Americans is a thing that no longer exists, our entire community must become surrogate "fathers and mothers" and "sisters and brothers." We must take these goals seriously. We ask the help of the Department of Education and all others in achieving our essential literacy-enhancement and/or "community-building" goals of transforming the communities of Black America into such secure, mutually-supportive, productive and hope-filled environments that illiteracy and its resultant ills will be unlikely to occur again. So, on behalf of Free Masonry and all in AOIP, I say, thank you. and ask your help, along with God's gift of guidance."

## Thanks to AOIP Supporters

**D**r. Calvin W. Rolark then introduced the BMI publishers and their corporate clients who had done—and still are doing—so much to enable this unprecedented and vital *uplifting* thrust to take place within Black America. A very special and deserving tribute was to Byron Lewis, Board Chairman of UniWorld Group, Inc. whose agency has volunteered its full staff to serve the needs of AOIP without cost.

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## Briefings and Objective Orientation

**P**rior to the launching ceremonies and after, there were briefings from senior officials of the U.S. Department of Education in

seven (7) key subject/concern areas. After lunch, which was supplied through the courtesy of the United Black Fund of America (also headed by Dr. Rolark), the First Step Objectives toward our *Year 2000 Campaign* were outlined for all present. Basically, this first-step would involve the following:

1. *Completion of Divisional and Local Unit organizing in every state with all Masons joining with the Interorganizational Liaison Committee—under Dr. Mildred Bradham and Mr. James Floyd— in an oversight capacity*

2. *Conducting of "How To" orientation sessions beginning immediately within every AOIP-participating organization. These sessions would be on how our overall "community-building" activities will be focused and coordinated locally, state-wide and nationally.*

Longer term objectives, which have to be modified at regular intervals, will be included in the next issue of the *National BLACK MONITOR* and are available from State Grand Masters who are presented throughout this article.



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