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## Message from the GRAND MASTER

Bruce H. Bonnell



This is my last news article as Grand Master. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank all the brethren and their ladies for all of the things you did for the Grand Lodge. The sale of the pocket watches, wrist watches, pineapple pins, lodge donations, individual donations and shirts have brought in over \$10,000 to the Grand Lodge Building Fund. Your smiles, cooperation, and handshakes have been an inspiration to me.

Being Grand Master has meant a lot to me and my family. It has been a wonderful experience thanks to your vote of confidence. We have met many people, made new friends, and reacquainted ourselves with others who had moved to "greener pastures". We have traveled to California, Oregon, Washington and the neighbor islands this Grand Year. We learned about new programs and also found common problems and concerns within the fraternity.

Our last trip was to The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. It was held over the President's Day weekend in Portland, Oregon. Grand Masters from all fifty States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Mexico were in attendance. Appendent Bodies, Grand Lodges from other foreign countries and vendors were also there.

Hawaii was represented by myself as Grand Master, Oscar Jayme, Deputy Grand Master, Dennis Ing; Senior Grand Warden, Jorge Disuanco, Grand Treasurer, A. Lee Skinner, Grand Secretary, and Stuart Cowan, Past Grand Master along with our Ladies. The Grand Masters sat alphabetically in an open square [horseshoe fashion] facing the speakers. Other members of the State delegation sat behind their respective Grand Master. During the morning and afternoon sessions, we heard reports, the business of the conference and breakout sessions covering pertinent topics. We all learned from this conference, made new friends, and did a lot of networking which will help the future leaders of our Grand Lodge. It is recommended that all elected Grand Lodge officers attend this conference. It is worth their investment of time and money.

The Grand Lodge has progressed this year but we have a long ways to go. We feel more togetherness within the fraternity and with the concordant bodies. The Grand Lodge news letter is back; we raised 53 new masons in our fast classes; a new Grand Lodge office with reasonable rent; Scottish Rite, York Rite, and the Shrine all had good classes this year; communications have improved; and a sense of identify with our new shirts.

Next year, the Grand Lodge needs to update the HMC; the tax status for the Hawaii Masonic Foundation needs to be changed to a 501c3, job descriptions for the elected and appointed line, improved teamwork, long range planning and how the Grand Lodge will obtain its' mission and vision statement to name a few.

Two unusual events occurred this year. I sat in the East and conducted a Stated Meeting for Leeward Lodge and Kilauea Lodge; a first for the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. I also had to ban the consumption and storage of alcohol within Masonic premises.

I also had two disappointments this year. The ad in the local newspapers for the Hawaii Freemasons supporting the Constitution of the United States and our support of Public Schools did not materialize. The books for bikes program was introduced to several lodges without any results.

The Grand Lodge and their Ladies thank all of you for your support during this Grand Year. We look forward to seeing you at our annual communications April 20-21, 2007.

**The Grand Lodge office now has more Pineapple Lapel Pins. They are available for \$10 each. Please call (808) 596-9100 to order yours.**



All proceeds got to support the Grand Lodge of Hawaii Building Fund.

## DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Oscar M. Jayme



On February 19, 2007, a meeting of the Future Grand Master's of North America was held in conjunction with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. The conference was held at the Hilton Hotel at Portland, Oregon which was attended by all 50 States' representatives

together with the following dignitaries from Alberta, American-Canadian, British Columbia, Manitoba, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Puerto Rico, Quebec, Saskatchewan and York Mexico.



Hon. Jorge Disuanco and his lady Gemma (left) and RW Oscar Jayme and his lady Luci (right) with other Conference of GM participants (top)

The purpose of the meeting was to re-start the Future Grand Masters' Association after not having a meeting at the two previous Conference of Grand Masters. The By-Laws which were adopted at the February 19, 2002 conference were re-adopted without change. The meeting

also included the election of the following officers to serve until the next meeting of the association: President-RW Senior Grand Warden Richard Massad of Oklahoma; Vice President- RW Junior Grand Warden Michael J. Jungel of Oklahoma and RW Grand Master Thomas M. Velvin of Maryland.

The minutes and future correspondences of the Association will be disseminated via email to all members and the Secretary/Treasurer was directed to communicate with the Grand Secretary of each jurisdiction requesting email addresses of that jurisdiction's progressive line. A formal discussion was held concerning the on-going exchange of ideas and discussion topics for future Conferences of Grand Masters. The Association decided that the use of a web-based forum will be a useful means of facilitating ideas and discussions remotely. The forum will also be used to collect ideas for suggestions to the Conference Planning Committee as topics for break-out sessions of future conferences. Break-out session topics included in the February 2007 Conference of Grand Masters are: National Masonic Foundation for Children, Child Identification Program, Attracting Younger Masons, Masonic Mentorship and Education, Public Awareness, Masonic Responsibilities/Officer Training, Long Range Planning Techniques and Youth Groups.

The meeting was adjourned by Assoc. President Richard Massad, Sr. Grand Warden of Oklahoma until the next Conference of Grand Masters of North America which will be held in Louisville, KY on February 2008.

## SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

Dennis S.A. Ing



### Lessons Learned at Conference of Grand Masters

My trip to Portland, Oregon, for the Western Conference of Grand Masters and the Conference of Grand Masters of North America was both entertaining and educational. These were my first such conferences, and, like just about everything else in Masonry, I wish I had started earlier.

**Need to travel.** Whoever becomes Junior Grand Warden should know that travel to these conferences is more than simply rubbing shoulders with other Grand Lodge officers to invite them to your installation. Yes, there's some of that. But isolated in the middle of the Pacific, we don't get to see other Masons and Grand Lodges at work. We need to. This experience opened my eyes to many, many new things, and it reminded me of many more things which we have forgotten. Thus, the JGW needs to know that he is expected to attend these meetings, if not as JGW, as SGW and most definitely as Deputy.

Unfortunately, our Grand Lodge has only enough funds to pay for the Grand Master. I noticed that Washington and California pay the way for all their line officers, and New York pays for all their officers down to the Grand Pursuivant. So if you want to enter the Grand Lodge line, you should plan to attend these conferences at your own expense! Plan your personal budget accordingly.

**Continuity.** Continuity and strategic (long-range) planning was somewhat of a theme in the breakout sessions of both conferences. We were urged not to continue clinging to the outmoded concept of taking credit for "my program" and "my year". We need to realize that we are part of a "team", so that the JGW, SGW and DGM do not wait until they become GM before starting programs, raising funds or suggesting new ideas. In fact, the Grand Lodge (and each Lodge) needs to adopt a strategic plan. They need to determine objectives, adopt plans and programs to meet those objectives and execute those plans and programs *now*. Thus, the GM is in charge of the team, developing new ideas, if any, and seeing that plans and programs properly continue during his term. Sure, there may be variations on this theme, but we won't be dropping (and wasting efforts on) programs that were not thought through or which were not supported by the team.

Child I.D., the Masonic Student Assistance Program (MSAP), Books for Bikes, and similar programs have been major undertakings in other jurisdictions for the past ten years. As JGW and SGW, I neither knew nor learned much about these programs and did not realize how big a deal they were across the country. Those not in our elected line must know even less. Why is this? Partly because those programs were not developed as part of a strategic plan, and they certainly were not adopted or embraced by the Grand Lodge elected "team". *Continued ..*

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**Internet revolution.** California and the western states are taking the lead in promoting the internet as an educational and recruitment tool in Masonry. The California Grand Lodge has a five-part web program to instruct and certify Lodge officers in such things as finance, operating a Lodge, increasing membership, etc. An officer can pay \$40, go online and receive virtually one-on-one instruction, take a test and be certified in that course. We are looking into making those courses available to us, since our Codes are so similar. California paid thousands of dollars to develop this program, but they are willing to share their experience and assets with others. Like most businesses these days, they view the internet as the future in Masonic education.

California also reports that 80% of their new members have been acquired or contacted through the Internet. They had a positive net gain last year of some 3,300 members, which is fantastic, and they advise every Lodge and every Grand Lodge to have a web page that is designed with recruitment in mind. It works!

**New Masons.** Generation Y or the "Millenias" are the generation below 30, the new generation we are preparing to bring into Masonry. Studies indicate that these people are joiners, they know a lot about Masonry from the Internet, time means more to them than money, and they like to do things with their friends. To keep these members interested in Masonry, we have to have shorter, meaningful meetings, more interesting activities which teach them things they can't get on the Internet, and make them (and their friends) our friends.

Curiously, a subject the Conference did not address was California's unfortunate statistic that 60% of demits were from senior members of the Craft. What are we doing to bring our older members back to Lodge? Obviously, a topic to be discussed at future meetings.

**Public awareness.** Hawaiian Lodge dispenses \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of scholarships every year. Pearl Harbor Lodge initiated and runs a Child I.D. Program in Hawaii. Lodge Le Progres gives air conditioners to schools in East Oahu. Who knows about these projects? Relatively few. In some instances, even our Lodge members don't know what we do.

I learned that while press releases, advertising and newsletters are important, they are not the most critical factors in promoting public awareness of our programs. A project that brings public awareness to Masonry requires us to be thoroughly engaged in the project, and the widespread involvement of non-Masons.

We can't simply supply funds or attach our name to a project. We have to actively participate in its operation. We must have the ability to call the shots. We have to be committed to it. That is what is meant by being "engaged" in the project.

But we need input from others. In New York and California the Masonic Child I.D. Program has an advisory board consisting of members from the department of education, the police department and the dental association. Just think of how easy it is to get manpower, to have a pool of teachers and students as I.D. subjects, to get dental assistants to help with DNA swabs, to select the best sites and times, etc. But they go even further, by actually having some of these bodies

co-sponsor and become partners in the I.D. program. Not only does this increase awareness among these groups – teachers, students, the police department, etc. – but it also increases awareness among their constituents and others who are the target of their publicity.

Some of us were wondering why the Shrine steering committee for the new hospital fund drive involved non-Shriners, non-Masons, non-hospital types and others who seem to have no connection with the hospital or with Masonry or Shrinedom. Well, those who are receiving news about the campaign know that this non-Masonic involvement is already reaping huge dividends in the public awareness arena and in donations.

So if one of our objectives is to let the public know what we do and who we are, we must involve non-Masons. Who knows? The men in these other groups may themselves want to submit an application for membership.

**Collateral lessons.** I also came away from these conferences with these collateral observations. First, when I was a junior officer in my Lodge, I remember attending an annual Masters and Wardens leadership conference sponsored by our Grand Lodge. I thought those sessions were valuable then, and I definitely think the Grand Lodge needs to bring them back.

Second, many jurisdictions have a committee (typically consisting of the existing Grand Lodge line, past Grand Masters and sitting Masters) which selects the incoming Junior Grand Warden. The committee reviews qualifications, experience, etc. and then deliberates and selects the most able person. In some jurisdictions, it is understood that the appointed Senior Deacon is slated to become the elected JGW the following term. The objective is to avoid the selection process from being a popularity contest, to eliminate politicking and to promote harmony and ease of transition. Although popularity is obviously a factor in determining whether the candidate will enjoy the support of the jurisdiction, that attribute alone should not be the reason we select a Grand Master (or a Junior Grand Warden). This process also enables the Grand Lodge to engage in long-range planning and team management. I think this idea deserves great consideration.

Third, with the annual election of Grand Lodge officers being imminent, let us remember that continuity is one of the primary elements of a well-run Grand Lodge. We need to elect officers who are competent, willing to be part of a team, able to adopt both long-range and short-term programs without necessarily taking credit for any of them, and above all, dedicated to working hard for the benefit of our constituent Lodges. Being an elected Grand Lodge officer is an honor, but it is not honorary. It is also not a popularity contest.

What I have summarized in this article merely scratches the surface. Each one of these topics could be the subject for an entire book. I hope, however, that these ideas at least stimulate some thought among our Brethren, especially among our leaders.

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**Quick Quote .....**

**"If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it."**

**Jonathan Winters**



## THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS AND ANCIENT CHARGES OF FREEMASONRY

By now, we all know of the Hawaii Masonic Code and of the charges delivered to the candidates in the three degrees (at least I hope so),

but,..... how many of us are actually familiar with the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry and the Ancient Charges?

Both, in their own way, are of the utmost importance to the core of Freemasonry itself. Both, unlike any Jurisdictional Masonic Code or their degree charges, can never be changed. The

Ancient Landmarks is one of the foundations whereby Grand Lodge Jurisdictions officially recognize one another. The Ancient Charges outline protocols, conduct and proper behavior for a Mason.

I offer them up at this time for your review as we all look to our modern Masonic Codes for many answers. We can be disappointed when we come to find that the answers to what we seek many times don't lie within those texts but, I believe if you dig a little deeper into the core of Masonic teachings, you will find many of them there.

I won't attempt to list each one of them in their entirety as that would take a large amount of space. But rather, let me tempt you with a truncated version of them and then provide you with a website link for them for your perusal at a later time.

### THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS

[www.geocities.com/athens/oracle/1190/landmarks.html](http://www.geocities.com/athens/oracle/1190/landmarks.html)

- 1 The modes of recognition
- 2 The division of symbolic Freemasonry into 3 degrees
- 3 The Legend of the Third Degree
- 4 The government of the Fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master
- 5 The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every Assembly of the Craft
- 6 The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant Dispensations for conferring Degrees at irregular times
- 7 The prerogative of the Grand Master to give Dispensations for opening and holding Lodges
- 8 The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Freemasons at sight
- 9 The necessity for Freemasons to congregate in Lodges
- 10 The government of the Craft, when so congregated in a Lodge, by a Master and two Wardens
- 11 The necessity that every Lodge, when congregated, should be duly tiled
- 12 The right of every Freemason to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft, and to instruct his representatives
- 13 The right of every Freemason to appeal from the decision of his Brethren

- 14 The right of every Freemason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge
- 15 That no visitor unknown to the Brethren present, or to some one of them as a Freemason, can enter a Lodge without first passing an examination according to ancient usage.
- 16 No Lodge can interfere in the business of another Lodge, nor give Degrees to Brethren who are members of other Lodges.
- 17 Every Freemason is amenable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic Jurisdiction in which he resides
- 18 Certain qualifications of candidates for initiation are ..... that he shall be a man, un mutilated, free born, and of mature age.
- 19 A belief in the existence of God as the Great Architect of the Universe
- 20 ... belief in a resurrection to a future life.
- 21 a Book of the Law shall constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge.
- 22 The equality of all Freemasons
- 23 The secrecy of the Institution
- 24 The foundation of a Speculative Science upon an Operative Art, and the symbolic use and explanation of their terms of that art, for the purposes of religious or moral teaching
- 25 The last and crowning Landmark of all is, that these Landmarks can never be changed.

### THE ANCIENT CHARGES

[www.geocities.com/athens/oracle/1190/charges.html](http://www.geocities.com/athens/oracle/1190/charges.html)

- i. Of God and Religion.
- ii. Of the Civil Magistrate Supreme and Subordinate.
- iii. Of Lodges.
- iv. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellow, and Apprentices.
- v. Of the Management of the Craft in Working.
- vi. Of Behavior, viz.:
  1. In the Lodge while constituted.
  2. After the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone.
  3. When the Brethren meet without Strangers, but not in a Lodge.
  4. In the presence of Strangers not Masons.
  5. At Home and in the Neighborhood.
  6. Towards a strange Brother.

Modern jurisdictional Masonic codes do not include many of the answers that we seek because they all assume by default that we already are familiar with The Ancient Landmarks and Ancient Charges. Our modern codes build upon these ancient ones and are not meant to be duplicative, contradictory or a replacement. I believe that once you review them, you will find that there is no need to reinvent the wheel, all we need to do is adhere to what is already laid out before us.

There are, of course, many more resources on the Internet other than the two that I mentioned above. My intention is to pique your interest enough that you will take some time, search them out, and just maybe find some of those answers that you have been searching for as they are truly the cornerstones of our ancient fraternity.

## GRAND SECRETARY

A. Lee Skinner, PGM



### KEEPING INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the majority of our Lodge secretaries who have assisted this Grand Lodge in so many ways behind the scenes.

Your efforts to at times research your files for individuals, who are trying to locate a Masonic relative, are far more important than any of us can ever realize. The vast amount of courtesy work that has been performed though out the years greatly appreciated. Not one of you has complained that your lodge is to busy and already have enough to do. Being a lodge secretary is far more important than the average brother will ever imagine. For all of this, I thank you for all that you do for our Great Fraternity.

Yes, there are concerns that I have in that some lodges do not send in their quarterly reports when they are due and some not at all. It is ever so important that all candidates with all of the required information, along with affiliations, and those who are deceased are reported. Without this information your Grand Lodge can not maintain the proper files that are required. It is embarrassing to receive a call about a member of a Lodge and tell the caller that the information is not available in the Grand Lodge office.

I also know that there is nothing that requires the Lodge or the secretaries to report address changes when you receive them. However, they are very important to the Grand Lodge. You can send them by email to [grandlodgehi@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:grandlodgehi@hawaiiintel.net). One of the smaller lodges sent a new roster with their report and it contained nine (9) different addresses. Like I said, this was one of the smaller lodges. Times that by ten other lodges and you have approximately 100 wrong address in the Grand Lodge office.

This year, the Annual Returns were in on time. However, all but three had errors either in membership numbers or dollar amounts, either over or under. We are just a phone call away if you have a question of any kind.

I thank the members of this Grand Lodge for allowing me to serve as your Grand Secretary, and I look forward to seeing you at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007.



For a brief span of time, there was an actual political party by the name of The United States' Anti-Masonic Party (1827-abt.1834). The ironic thing is it had as it's first Presidential Candidate a MASON!

In 1831, the Anti-Masonic Party nominated William Wirt as their candidate for the presidency at their first national convention which was held in Baltimore, Maryland. Wirt was not only a Freemason, but even defended the Fraternity in a speech before the convention that nominated him.

## GRAND LECTURER

Donald W. Wilson, PGM



### HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO READ IT YET?

An Article came out in the March / April issue of the Scottish Rite Journal by G. Cliff Porter, 32nd Degree Mason who comments on

"Thoughts From a Young Mason". It tells of what a young Mason wants from the Fraternity. He talks about not wanting things to be easier or faster. He talks about lower dues and being easier to get in. I would strongly recommend that each leader of this Fraternity reads this issue. I find much of what he says is true.

I find that almost every Mason who goes through the Fast Class says that he would have preferred to have gone through the Degrees with the Long Form. They feel that they would have enjoyed the Degrees much more if he had experienced them by themselves. The ritual is beautiful and is a much more lasting experience when done one at a time. I also find that the responsibility of our Lodges does not stop after the degree is over. To keep our young Masons interested in the Fraternity, it is necessary to continue education. When a Master is installed, he promises to read from the Code during a meeting. Some Masters do and unfortunately, many do not. This is only one area to be considered. There are many subject vehicles which could be used such as books, tapes and even some of the history of their individual Lodges.

I feel that the above is necessary if we are to continue keeping our loved Fraternity what it has been over the many years of it's existence. I would like to see a survey made to find out just how many of our Fast Class members are still carrying their dues cards. Please don't get me wrong, there have been some fine Masons made from these classes and you find many in the Lodge's line. They, however, are few in comparison to those who have gone through the long way. Even those who have gone through the conventional way find it hard to attend Lodge. We need to get these fine men involved. Give them something to do to feel a part of the Lodge. Even your Past Masters. They give stability, and give them an assignment to look up some type of history. Give them a duty such as the Third Degree Team, a chairmanship, etc., etc., etc. I know that it is difficult to look past our Officers Line when sitting right in fornt of you, but it must be done if we are to survive. We need to explain why we are here and what we are doing.

If you have a chance, please read Brother Porter's article and see if he is not correct in his thinking. It is a good one. Also, ponder the idea of how we can expand on our membership and make our Lodges solid. Please do not hesitate to call me if you need any suggestions.

# News from our Constituent Lodges

## Lodge Maui

I would like to thank the 23 brothers and friends that came out for our very 1st Cinema Night on Wednesday, February 28th. Everyone had the chance to cast their vote for which movie they wanted to watch between the DaVinci Code and National Treasure which was the winner. We had a fund raiser that evening with all the proceeds going to the Maui Shrine Clubs Children's Transportation Fund. A big Mahalo to all that participated and we will send out information when our next one comes up.

Next up on March 2nd & 3rd was the Grand Master's Fast Class. I am very proud to say that because of the Grand Master's Fast Class, we now have 6 brand new Master Masons. We also have 5 others going through the degrees within the Lodge as well.

Coming up on April 11th, we are having our Past Master's Appreciation Night. I cordially invite anyone who can attend to please do so. Besides putting together a special menu for that night, it is an opportunity for all of us to congregate with some of the Brethren that don't usually get out too often to lodge.

Next, on May 31st, will be our 5th Wednesday night Get-Together. Affectionately known as the Eatin' Meetin', it's a night where all the concordant bodies, families and friends get together for good food and good times. All are invited to that as well.

If you would like to receive more information regarding Lodge Maui's upcoming events, let us know and we can put you on the list to receive our Trestleboard by email. Just email us at Email@LodgeMaui.com.

## Kona Lodge

2007 began on a sad note for Kona Lodge. At the January Stated Meeting we said goodbye to RW Richard Decker. He and Joy have moved to California, and although they have promised to visit, we will miss his presence at our monthly meetings.

On a much brighter note, we received one application for degrees in January and two in March. Our January candidate has already been initiated and we look forward to his continued progress. For a small Lodge, such as Kona, three candidates at this time of the year has produced exciting possibilities for the rest of the year. In order to enhance those possibilities, we are in the process of planning a layman's activity for June. WB Mike Baker is spearheading that effort and we are looking forward to a good turnout.

At the February Stated Meeting we had our annual Sweethearts Dinner. All the ladies were invited and dinner was served to them by the Lodge Officers. While the brethren were in the meeting, the ladies enjoyed an evening of games. An excellent dessert was served following the meeting.

Thus, we are off to a very busy beginning for 2007 and we look forward to continuing a very exciting and rewarding year.

## Kilauea Lodge

A well-known amateur golfer, who carried a USGA handicap of 2, joined three others one day to make up a foursome. While waiting to tee off, the three others made their usual wagers. One asked the well-known "ace" if he wanted to wager a bet also, and was told "sure". "For how much", asked the other. "Whatever", he replied. "Okay, how many strokes will you give me?" "Why should I give you strokes?" "Because you're a better golfer than I am". To which the "ace" answered "So, *practice* - that's how I became a good golfer".

We all lament the apparent decline in Masonic membership and attendance. Perhaps that trend is partly because we don't present exemplary rituals nor do we articulate lectures and charges well. That sort of situation might discourage a new candidate from giving due attention to studying for his proficiency examinations, and may even discourage him so much that he never finishes all three degrees. If those who present rituals superficially do so because they haven't learned to study, how are they going to teach the candidate to study so they too can become well-trained officers? These circumstances, if indeed they do occur, may well point out one reason for the decline in Masonic participation.

I'm reminded of the time my wife and I were attending graduation ceremonies at Konawaena High School. As the names of the graduates were announced, a few were recognized as having been named to the honors list. They were either commended as *Summa Cum Laude* (With the greatest honor), *Magna Cum Laude* (With high honors) or *Cum Laude* (With honor).

Sitting in the bleachers in front of us was a family of one of the graduates so honored. One member of the family, apparently a little sister, asked her father "Daddy, what do those terms mean?" After he explained them she asked, "Is that because they're smarter than the others?" Daddy replied, "No, sweetheart, it's because they have more ambition and higher standards and worked hard to achieve them". Then the daughter asked "So, was it easier for them?" The Daddy answered, "No, because 'easy' often means doing something superficially." "So, was it difficult?" "Yes, because 'difficult' often means being determined to do something well."

That was one smart Daddy!

## Quick Quote . . . .

**"Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you respond to it.."**

**Lou Holtz**

On January 27, 2007 Leeward Lodge installed its 5<sup>th</sup> Master with much enthusiasm and endeavor. Despite of inclement weather, Worshipful Brother Oscar M. Romero and his corps of officers were installed before a home-town crowd together with representatives from other concordant bodies, other Grand Lodge officers and sitting Masters of sister Lodges. The following are the elective and appointed officers for the ensuing year: Manuel V. Aquino-Senior Warden; Gerardo F. Biala Jr. – Junior Warden; Carlos G. Bernardo- Treasurer; John D. Salomon-Chaplain; Albert B. Alvarez-Senior Deacon; James G. Serna – Junior Deacon; Reyallan V. Trinidad – Junior Steward and Alfredo P. Medina III – Organist. The Installing Team was composed of RW Oscar M. Jayme DGM, Installing Officer; MW Donald W. Wilson PGM, Master of Ceremonies; WB Froilan B. Domingo PM, Installing Chaplain and Brother Alberto P. Alarcon, Installing Organist.

Secretary Eugene F. Asuncion was elected at the February Stated Meeting and installed together with Senior Steward Sonny A. Cardenas and Tiler Alfredo M. Sarinas. Marshal Geronimo T. Mateo was installed at the March Stated Meeting.

Past Masters Severino R. Malajito, Teofilo E. De Aquino and Bernardo F. Biala were introduced west of the Altar after which WB Feliciano H. Dela Cruz Jr., Junior Past, was presented with his Past Master's apron. The 2007 Officers and their ladies were introduced followed by the sitting Masters and the Grand Lodge Officers.

Most Worshipful Bruce H. Bonnell, Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii graced the ceremonies with his congratulatory and closing remarks. The lodge was closed by proclamation at 8:15 PM and the Brethren and guests celebrated the occasion with a sumptuous buffet served at the banquet hall.

At the recent Fast Class held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on March 2-3, 2007, Leeward Lodge officers participated in conferring the Second Degree of Masonry upon eighteen candidates . Last but not least, Leeward Lodge website is now on line! Please visit [www.leewardlodge.com](http://www.leewardlodge.com) .

### 10 Reasons to become a Mason

A Masonic Lodge is:

1. A place where you can confidently trust every person and trust your family with them also.
2. A place where, within moral and civil guidelines, free thought, free speaking and the spiritual growth of man, can grow into its fullest potential.
3. A place to meet outstanding individuals from all walks of life that a person would not otherwise have had the opportunity to know and call brother.
4. A place to be a part of an organization which has for its principal tenets – Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.
5. A place that provides self-development opportunities, leadership training and experience, and to improve public speaking skills.
6. A place you can go to seek support as well as give it.
7. A place where moral virtues are taught and through these teaching a regular reinforcement of the moral virtues is experienced.
8. A place to spend time with a group of brothers, who by acting as good men, make me want to become a better man. Not better than others, but better than I would have otherwise been.
9. A place to become better equipped to serve Church and community.
10. A place to meet with established members of the community and to become a part of the community.

**Freemasonry: The Fraternity that cares!**

*Educational material – Grand Lodge of Iowa*

### My Lodge Membership Card

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper 2 ½ by 3 ¾ inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, not a check or receipt for values, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual and material kinship with my fellow masons, to practice charity in word and deed, to forgive and forget the faults of my brethren, to hush the tongues of scandal and innuendo, to care for the crippled, the hungry and sick and be just to all mankind. It tells me that no matter where I travel in the World, I am welcome to visit a place where fellowship prevails among the brothers and friends.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, and household are under the protection of every member of the great Fraternity, who have sworn to protect mine as I have sworn to protect and defend theirs. It tells me that should I ever be overtaken by adversity or misfortune, the hands of every mason on the face of the Earth will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities. And finally it tells me, my brethren, that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered in my lodge room, friends and brothers who will recall to mind my virtues, though they be few and forgive and forget my faults, though they may be many. It tells me all of this and a great deal more, this little scrap of paper 2 ½ by 3 ¾ inches in size.

Author Unknown  
 Article submitted by MW Bruce Bonnell



# 2006 Grand Lodge of Hawaii Officers



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		Worshipful Frank M. Condello II	
		Worshipful Robert A. Schultz	
		Worshipful Robert M. Shimamoto	
		Worshipful Donald W. Traller	
		Worshipful Charles L. Wegener Jr.	

## Grand Lodge of Hawaii Past Grand Masters



In recognition of those Brothers who have toiled in the quarries of the Grand East for many years for the betterment of the Brethren at the expense of their own sweat, we thank you.

1989	MW William K. McKee Jr.	Waikiki
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1991	MW William K. McKee Jr.	Waikiki
1992	MW Ernest Y. Yamane	Hawaiian
1993	MW David K. Lindsey †	Honolulu
1994	MW Frederick H. Overstreet	Le' Progres de l'Oceanie
1995	MW Richard W.M. Dang †	Le' Progres de l'Oceanie
1996	MW Bennett K. C. Ing †	Schofield
1997	MW Stuart M. Cowan	Pearl Harbor
1998	MW Paul D. Jones †	Le' Progres de l'Oceanie
1999	MW Randolph T.S. Chang	Hawaiian
2000	MW Mason E. Teter †	Kilauea
2001	MW Donald K. Wilson	Ko'olau
2002	MW Lyle G. Phillips	Hawaiian
2003	MW A. Lee Skinner	Pearl Harbor
2004	MW Walter L. Hager	Maui
2005	MW Ray Wieckowicz, Jr.	Ko'olau

† Indicates a Brother who has entered the Celestial Lodge Above



# Constituent Lodge Information



## Hawaiian Lodge - 951-9914

www.hawaiianlodge.org

Stated Meetings 1st Wed. @ 7:30 pm

Worshipful Master	Eduardo L. Abutin
Senior Warden	Orlando S. Ragudos
Junior Warden	Alexander A. Escasa
Secretary	Anthony Ligaya, PM

## Honolulu Lodge -

www.honolulufreemasons.org

Stated Meetings 1st Tue. @ 7:30 pm, Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Worshipful Master	Frank M. Condello, PM
Senior Warden	Mark Von Stilt
Junior Warden	Dale B. Pailieo
Secretary	Monty J. Glover, PM

## Kauai Lodge - 639-0958

Currently No Web Site

Stated Meetings 1st Wed. @ 7:30 pm, Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Worshipful Master	Harry K. Kaneakua, PM
Senior Warden	Dennis Alkire, PM
Junior Warden	David W. Mason
Secretary	Kenneth Dorland

## Kilauea Lodge - 934-0012

Currently No Web Site

Stated Meetings 1st Tue. @ 7:15 pm, Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Worshipful Master	Robert Hoffman
Senior Warden	Art Martin, PM
Junior Warden Pro Tem	Chet Kamakawiwoole , PM
Secretary	Lyle G. Phillips, PGM

## Kona Lodge - 329-7664

www.KonaLodge.com

Stated Meetings 1st Wed. @ 7:00 pm, Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Worshipful Master	A. Lee Meyerson, PM
Senior Warden	Michael P. Baker, PM
Junior Warden	Scott Snoek, PM
Secretary	Lyle Hood, PM

## Ko'olau Lodge - 261-3921

Currently No Web Site

Stated Meetings 1st Wed. @ 7:30 pm

Worshipful Master	Scott Waracka, PM
Senior Warden	Charles L. Wegener, PM
Junior Warden	Robert K. Kapanui
Secretary	Norman E. Ipson, PM

## Leeward Lodge -

www.leewardlodge.com

Stated Meetings 2nd Fri. @ 7:30 pm, Fellowship follows

Worshipful Master	Oscar M. Romero
Senior Warden	Manuel V. Aquino
Junior Warden	Gerardo F. Biala, Jr.
Secretary	Eugene F. Asuncion

## Lodge Le' Progres De L' Oceanie - 864-6357

www.lodgeleprogres.org

Stated Meetings Last Fri. @ 7:30 pm, Social @ 6:30 pm

Worshipful Master	James Willig, Jr., PM
Senior Warden	Robert A. Schultz, PM
Junior Warden	Thomas Mathews
Secretary	Dennis Miller

## Lodge Maui - 877-6328

www.LodgeMaui.com

Stated Meetings 2nd Wed.. @ 7:30 pm, Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Worshipful Master	Vincent Guzman, PM
Senior Warden	Stewart H. Enger
Junior Warden	Mark A. King
Secretary	G. Richard Jordan, PM

## Pearl Harbor Lodge - 487-9651

www.pearlharborlodge.org

Stated Meetings 2nd Mon. @ 7:30 pm, Social @ 6:30 pm

Worshipful Master	James R. Davis, PM
Senior Warden	Richard Terwilliger
Junior Warden	Vacant
Secretary	Bruce H. Bonnell, GM

## Schofield Lodge - 625-9157

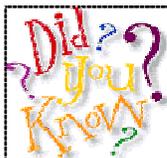
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Stated Meetings 2nd Tue. @ 7:30 pm

Worshipful Master	Ryo Kubota, PM
Senior Warden	Richard Gallano
Junior Warden	Michel DeCarie
Secretary	Keith N. Issacson, PM

NOTICE: Every effort has been made to insure that all information in this newsletter is as accurate and up-to-date as possible. If there are any errors, corrections or additions that need to be made, please feel free to email them to me at [LodgeMaui@Hawaii.rr.com](mailto:LodgeMaui@Hawaii.rr.com) so they can be incorporated into the next issue.

Thank you.



Did you know it was actually a Masonic Brother that pitched the first no-hitter in history? On May 5, 1904, Brother Denton Young pitched baseball's first perfect game, not allowing a single opposition player to reach first base. His outstanding performance led the Boston Americans in a 3 - 0 victory over Philadelphia in the American League.

He was a member of Mystic Tie Lodge #194 in Urichsville, OH and died on November 4, 1955 and was buried with his Masonic apron on. Oh, I'm sorry. Did I forget to mention his full name??? Brother Denton "Cy" Young for whom the Cy Young Award for Pitching was named after.

(Source: Chase's; Livingston Masonic Library)



## For the Good of the Order

### Upcoming Grand Lodge Events, Visits & Holidays

Date	Event or Holiday
April 5, 2007	Maundy Thursday
April 6, 2007	Good Friday
April 8, 2007	Easter
April 20 - 21, 2007	Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of Hawaii - Business meetings to be held at the Scottish Rite Temple and evening banquets to be held at the Pacific Beach Hotel.
April 26 - 28, 2007	Annual Communications: Grand Lodge of Philippines
May 28, 2007	Memorial Day
June 7 - 8, 2007	Annual Communications: Grand Lodge of Oregon
June 11, 2007	King Kamehameha Day
June 13 - 14, 2007	Annual Communications: Grand Lodge of Washington
July 4, 2007	Independence Day
August 17, 2007	Statehood Day
September 3, 2007	Labor Day

For more information regarding any Grand Lodge function, please contact the Grand Lodge office at (808) 596-9100. The office hours are currently Mon. - Fri. 7:00 am - 11:00 am

#### WHY ATTEND MASONIC FUNERALS?

First of all, I go to these services because I believe in the Immortality of the Soul or Spirit. You may call it by another name. At a Masonic Funeral there is never a feeling of final separation. If a Brother is going on a trip abroad, you make a special effort to be at his place of departure and wish him well. As the boat or plane, as the case may be, vanishes from sight, you are not, so foolish as to suppose that this Brother is lost to you forever.

Should it not, therefore, seem perfectly reasonable to suppose that one should attend a Masonic Funeral in the same frame of mind? The so-called "Deceased" is still a Brother among Masons, but he is going on a voyage which will prevent him from meeting with us and so we say, "Until then my Brother, farewell."

Secondly, I go because it is so deeply gratifying to the relatives. Letters and flowers are fine, but there is no substitute for a personal expression of sympathy, especially when the Masonic Brethren are few, and it seems that out of all who once called him Brother, only a few now think it worth-while to assemble at this last meeting.

One other point in this connection, The Occasion is Unique. The things, which have to be done, must be done there and then. There is no second opportunity; no other time will do. You have this one last chance to pay tribute to the

deceased Brother, and to express sympathy with his relatives. If you fail to do so, nothing you may do afterwards, will put things right.

Lastly, I go because the whole theme of the service is not upon death, but upon the Resurrection of Life. So I never have the feeling of death, but only of Hope and Immortality which rings like a majestic overtone through it all. There should be nothing sad about it. All the prayers and words spoken refer to a perfection of life that can not be attained on this earth, and the rewards that the deceased will receive in death are greater than we the living, will ever attain on this earth.

So my Brothers, as it is inevitable that we too must take this last voyage to that land where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary shall find rest, let us wish our Brother farewell for a time.

*Article submitted by MW A. Lee Skinner, PGM*

**Don't Forget!**

#### MASONIC LICENSE PLATES

The Hawaii Masonic License Plate Program is still going on.

Have you got yours?

If not, go down to the Department of Motor Vehicles and get yours today! You can get more information and even apply on line at

<http://www.dmv.org/hi-hawaii/license-plates.php>

Remember, all proceeds (\$20 each per year) will benefit and support the Grand Lodge of Hawaii.

**A few pictures from the  
North American Conference of Grand Masters  
held February 18 - 20 in Portland Oregon**



*MW Bonnell presenting GL of HI's donation to the George Washington Foundation*



*(L - R) Hazel Sutton, Judy Davis, Susan Johnson, Corrie Bush, & my lady Jill Bonnell*



*Our Deputy Grand Master, RW Oscar Jayme and his lady Luci*



*Our Sr. Grand Warden, RW Dennis Ing and his lady Charlys*



*Our Grand Treasurer, Hon. Jorge Disuanco and his lady Gemma*



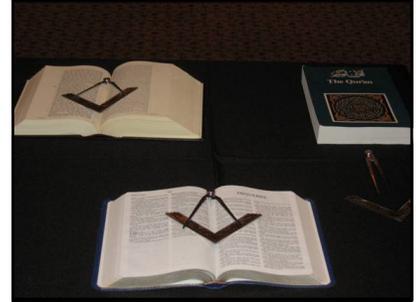
*Our Grand Secretary, MW A. Lee Skinner, PGM and his lady Eileen*



*Our Sr. Grand Warden working on trying to fool Jet Lag!*



*MW Stuart M. Cowan, PGM was present to represent GL of Hawaii as well.*



*Various books of Holy Writings were on the alter*

Other pictures from around the State .....



*Kauai Lodge's Installation Harry K. Kaneakua, PM Installed Worshipful Master*



*Great Exposure for Masonry on Kauai!*



*Leeward Lodge's Installation Oscar M. Romero Installed Worshipful Master*

Carry the message beyond the lodge room.

In many parts of the world, Freemasonry survives without public recognition. There are no signs or symbols on the exterior of the buildings, and Masons do not wear a square and compasses pin in their lapel. To the average non-Mason in many of these countries, Freemasonry does not exist.

The fraternity in the United States, however, has taken a different approach. Masonic buildings are easily identified for all to see -- perhaps some better than others -- and members don't hesitate to flash rings and pins.

Yet for all the exposure the Masons attempt to display, there are so many non-Masons in this country who know little or nothing about the Masonic fraternity. In fact, a moviegoer leaving the theater after viewing National Treasure was overheard commenting to his friend, I wonder if the Masons are still around.

References to Freemasonry in recent films and Dan Brown's novels have inspired a sense of curiosity among many people who have not been familiar with the fraternity. The curiosity factor has created a renewed interest among those who are seeking what Freemasonry has to offer.

Once the curious bystander eventually locates a Mason, there is frequently an awkward pause, because the Mason does not feel comfortable answering a Masonic question from an outsider.

Perhaps it is because he feels he has been sworn to secrecy that he will not reveal "anything." If such is the case, we have done a very poor job of educating the member.

What is secret, and what is not? Certainly the grips, words and signs are intended to be shared only with Masons. There is a reason for it. There is a bond of trust among Masons, and for one Mason to recognize another Mason he can use those means of communication.

But what about the philosophical principles and the moral lessons? Certainly Freemasonry holds no

exclusive rights to the lessons exemplified in the ritualistic ceremonies. There are basic principles portrayed that would make the world a better place if everyone followed them, but they are not exclusive with Freemasonry. The emblems can make the moral lessons easier to understand, but occasional reminders of their significance help the Mason realize his responsibility. The symbolism is an outgrowth of the period of the Enlightenment.

A sophisticated public relations campaign can wake up the general public to make everyone aware that Freemasonry still exists, but it is the individual Mason who is the best source of advertisement. The way in which he lives his life is the showcase for the fraternity.

It is also important that a Mason let his membership be known. The proverbial "light hidden under the bushel basket" is too often the way some members maintain their association with the fraternity.

Perhaps it is a lack of Masonic education that makes some Masons feel uncomfortable about discussing Freemasonry with others. Some have been led to believe that the fraternity is so secret that they cannot disclose anything. This has led to the misconception that the organization has something to hide. And that is unfortunate.

One way to solve this problem is to make sure that each new Mason gets a better understanding of the principles expressed in the degrees. We need to do a more thorough job of Masonic education.

The way you communicate Masonry will determine the future strength of the fraternity. Remember, you are the most effective means of communicating the message.

*This article is an excerpt from one out of the August 2006 issue of The Northern Light, published by the Scottish Rite Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA and reprinted here with their permission. Our thanks to Illustrious Dick Curtis for his help. We hope you enjoy your retirement, you've earned it!*

## **Two Days We Should Not Worry About**

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday with all its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back Yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone forever.

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and its poor performance; Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, for it is yet to be born.

This leaves only one day, Today. Any person can fight the battle of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities Yesterday and Tomorrow that we break down. It is not the experience of Today that drives a person mad, its the remorse or bitterness of something which happened Yesterday and the dread of what Tomorrow may bring. Let us, therefore, live but one day at a time.

*While the original author of this article might be unknown, it was submitted by WB Bud Jamison, PM - Lodge Maui*

## MASONIC DIRECTORY TERRITORY OF HAWAII 1908

*By: Herbert G. Gardiner, PGS, Grand Historian*

In 1908 The Masonic Directory of the Territory of Hawaii listed five Masonic Lodges in the Islands. They were Hawaiian Lodge No.21, F.& A.M., Pacific Lodge No.822, A.F. & A.M., Oceanic Lodge No. 371, F & A.M., Kilauea Lodge No. 330, F.& A.M., and Maui Lodge No.984, A.F. & A.M.

In 1908 Theodore Roosevelt who was a Freemason was President of the United States. The U.S. Congress authorized the construction of Naval Station Honolulu at Pearl Harbor.

In 1908 Mainly to impress Imperial Japan that the U.S. Navy could shift from the Atlantic to the Pacific President Roosevelt ordered the "Great White Fleet" to sail around the world. The fleet consisted of sixteen new battleships of the Atlantic Fleet. The battleships were painted white except for the gilded scrollwork on their bows. The journey took fourteen months. The squadrons were manned by 14,000 sailors, the voyage covered 43,000 miles and called at twenty ports on six continents.

Since the Panama Canal was still under construction the fleet sailed through the Straits of Magellan near the southern tip of South America. The armada arrived in Honolulu on July 16th and remained for six days. After many celebrations and luaus the fleet headed for New Zealand. From there the armada continued on around the world returning to Hampton Roads, Virginia on February 22, 1909. There President Roosevelt reviewed the Fleet as it returned home after completing a highly successful voyage around the world, a feat not previously accomplished by any of the world's leading naval powers.

In 1908 the City & County of Honolulu was created with Joseph James Fern as its first Mayor. Walter F. Frear was appointed Governor of Hawaii by President Roosevelt. Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniani'ole was the Territorial Delegate to Congress, and the Hawaiian Pineapple Growers Association was founded and launched a successful campaign to popularize the consumption of Pineapple.

In 1908 the three Masonic Lodges on Oahu were: Hawaiian Lodge No. 21 F&AM which had been chartered by the Grand Lodge of California on May 5, 1852; Lodge le Progres de l'Oceanie No. 124 had been constituted under the auspices of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of the Supreme Council of France on April 8, 1843. However in 1905 the Lodge transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of California and was designated Oceanic Lodge No. 371 F & AM. In 1916 the Lodge requested and was authorized to revert to its original name and was designated Lodge le Progres de l'Oceanie No. 371. Pacific Lodge No. 822 A.F. & A.M. was organized by dispensation on January 4, 1895, through the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, Australia (Scottish Constitution) and was Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland on August 1, 1895.

The first Lodge constituted on the Island of Maui was Chartered by the Grand Lodge of California as Maui Lodge No. 223 F&AM in 1872. The Lodge prospered for a few years but in 1877 surrendered its Charter due to a lack of participation. In 1904 the Brethren on the Island of Maui once again sought to establish a Lodge on the Island. An inquiry to the Grand Lodge of California failed to elicit any encouragement so the Maui Brethren contacted Henry Ernest Cooper Past Master of Hawaiian Lodge and founder of Pacific Lodge No. 822 under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for recommendations. It appears that Worshipful Brother Cooper was the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in Hawaii at the time. As a result the Grand Lodge of Scotland on February 2, 1905 Chartered Lodge Maui No. 984 in Wailuku.

The first Lodge to be constituted on the Island of Hawaii was Kilauea Lodge No. 330, F. & A.M. located in Hilo in 1897. It was Chartered by the Grand Lodge of California.

### SOME PROMINENT BROTHERS OF HAWAII IN THE 1908 ERA

Archibald Scott Cleghorn 1835-1910. Cleghorn was the husband of Princess Miriam Kapili younger sister of King David Kalakaua. Cleghorn was the father of Princess Victoria Kaiulani. He succeeded his brother-in-law John Dominis (husband of Queen Lili'uokalani) as Governor of Hawaii. Cleghorn was the first president of Queen's Hospital, and was a member of the privy council under Kalakaua, the Board of Health, and the Board of Immigration. He was Honolulu's first park commissioner and became known as the father of Hawaii's Park System. He designed Thomas Square, Kawaiaha'o Church grounds, Royal Mausoleum grounds and Kapiolani Park. Cleghorn's mansion on Queen Emma street eventually became the original Pacific Club of which he was president for forty-six years. Cleghorn became a Master Mason in Hawaiian Lodge No., F & AM in December 1873. He was an active member of the Lodge and served as a Trustee from 1882-1895. Archibald Scott Cleghorn was a highly valued advisor to the Hawaiian Monarchy for a good many years.

Curtis Piehu Iaukea, 1855-1940. Curtis Iaukea served the Hawaiian Monarchy during the reign of King Kalakaua as a highly competent One-man Diplomatic Corps. He was sheriff of the County of Oahu from 1906-1908. In 1909 he served a term in the Territorial Senate. He was appointed secretary of the Territory in 1917 and often served as acting governor until his retirement in 1921. He became a member of the Achieves Commission and custodian of the throne room of Iolani Palace. Iaukea had faithfully served the Hawaiian Monarchy, the Republic of Hawaii and the Territory of Hawaii. He was the most decorated man in Hawaii. Curtis Piehu Iaukea was a member of Pacific Lodge No. 822, A.F & A.M.

Henry Ernest Cooper, 1857-1929. Henry Cooper became a Master Mason in a Lodge in San Diego, California in 1870. He was the Worshipful Master

of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21 in 1894. Cooper organized Pacific Lodge No. 822, A.F. & A.M. under the Grand Lodge of Scotland through the then District Grand Lodge of Queensland, Australia. He served as its first Master in 1895 and again in 1896. Cooper also served as Deputy of the Orient of Hawaii for the Scottish Rite Bodies from 1896-1915.

Henry Cooper was a member of the Committee of Safety and was a very close associate of Lorrin Thurston the leading advocate to depose Queen Lili'uokalani. Along with Thurston, Cooper was actively involved in establishing the Provisional Government, the Republic of Hawaii and ultimately the annexation of Hawaii by the United States. He served as Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1895. Cooper served in various key positions and served as Acting president of the Hawaii Republic for three months during the absence of President Sanford Dole.

Unfortunately in the current highly charged atmosphere created by some elements of the Hawaii population that castigates anyone who supported deposing Queen Lili'uokalani (Mrs. John Dominis), Henry Ernest Cooper has virtually become a "Non-person" or, along with Lorrin Thurston is portrayed as one of the arch villains in Hawaiian History. To pursue the interesting and productive career of Henry Ernest Cooper would involve us in the realm of politics...so, for the purpose of this paper we'll close this particular segment here with the knowledge that Henry Ernest Cooper was a dedicated Freemason and a very capable public servant.

Benjamin Franklin Dillingham, 1884-1918. Dillingham was a member of Oceanic Lodge No. 371, F & AM. Ben Dillingham was the founder of the Dillingham clan of Hawaii. He was the first officer of the bark "Whistler" which stopped in Honolulu in 1864. While riding along the shore he was thrown from the horse which resulted in a long stay in the hospital. While recovering he was befriended by the Reverend Lowell Smith whose daughter Emma Louise married Dillingham in 1869. Dillingham gave up the life of a sailor and began a business career as a clerk in a hardware store. He subsequently bought the business and changed the name to Dillingham & Company. In 1889 he directed his efforts to linking Honolulu with the North Shore of Oahu by means of a railroad. Along with his associates he later obtained a franchise for the Oahu Steam Railway. "Dillingham's Folly as some folks referred to it, laid 170 miles of track and became the greatest single factor in the agricultural development of Oahu. By 1890 railroad operations were established on the Islands of Maui and Hawaii. Dillingham help to develop several Sugar Plantations by building extensive railroad facilities on Oahu and the neighbor islands. He later built on Hawaii what became known as the Hawaii Consolidated Railway. His son Walter F. Dillingham took over the operation of the various Dillingham business activities around the time of the annexation. Ben Dillingham retired and enjoined the realization of his dreams, but remained the President of Oahu Rail & Land Company until his death.

Lester Petrie, 1878-1956. Petrie was a member of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, F & AM. He was a member of the Honolulu Board of Supervisors from 1913 to 1930. Petrie was a territorial senator for four years and was Mayor of Honolulu during the years of WW II. He was Mayor from 1941 to 1947. Lester Petrie P,4 was one of the Freemasons who helped to establish the Shriner Hospital for Crippled Children in Honolulu. Petrie was the Potentate in 1917 and The Master of Hawaiian Lodge in 1920 Gerrit Parmale Wilder, 1863-193 Wilder. was a member of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, F & AM. Wilder was born in Honolulu. He attended Punahou School and worked for the Kahului Railroad Company. In 1896 he became its president. He retired from business two years later and devoted his entire efforts to horticulture. In 1924 he earned a master's degree at the University of Hawaii and subsequently became an associate in botany at the Bernice P. Bishop Museum. He made several expeditions to the South Pacific, Ceylon, the West Indies and other areas. Wilder introduced many plants and trees into Hawaii. He also hybridized and created many new varieties of Hibiscus. In 1907 he published "Fruits of the Hawaiian Islands."

Charles William Dickey, 1871-1942. Dickey was a member of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, F & AM. Dickey was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He designed many buildings in Hawaii. Among the more notable were Kamehameha School for Boys, Montague Hall at Punahou School, the Castle & Cooke Building, Waikiki, Varsity, Toyo, and Hilo Theaters; Halekulani Hotel, Kona inn, Naniloa Hotel in Hilo; Wilcox Memorial Hospital at Lihue and the Kula Sanatorium on Maui. Dickey was associated with the design of Honolulu's City Hall. He served on the Honolulu City Planning Commission from 1931 to 1938.

Wallace Rider Farrington, 1871-1933, Farrington was a member of Oceanic Lodge No. 371, F & AM. Farrington came to Hawaii as managing editor of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser. He later became editor of the evening Bulletin which was merged with the Hawaiian Star in 1913, and Farrington became vice president and general manager of the resulting Star-Bulletin. Farrington resigned these positions when he was appointed governor of the Territory of Hawaii by President Warren G. Harding (also a Freemason) in 1921. He was reappointed by President Calvin Coolidge in 1925. Farrington supported the continuation of land grants to Hawaiians and the work of the Hawaii Homes Commission. Farrington was a lifelong proponent of statehood for the territory.

John Harris Soper, 1846-1944. Soper was a member of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, F & AM. Soper was born in Plymouth, England and came to Hawaii via California in 1877. He became involved in raising sugar cane and became manager of the Pioneer Mill at Lahaina, Maui. He was first appointed marshal of the kingdom in 1884 succeeding William C. Parke also a member of Hawaiian Lodge. After two years he resigned to reenter business, but King Kalakaua again called him to the post in 1888.

Soper headed the force that suppressed the Robert W. Wilcox rebellion in 1889 and resigned again. Soper was recalled by the Provisional Government to lead their forces, and it was under his command that the Hawaiian Monarchy was overthrown in a bloodless takeover. He also suppressed the counter revolution of 1895 led by Robert Wilcox and Sam Nowlein a member of Oceanic Lodge No. 371. He continued in this office until 1907, when he was retired by the War Department in Washington, D.C. with he rank of Brigadier General. Soper was Master of Hawaiian Lodge in 1895.

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#### A VERY SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL

Henry Berger 1844-1929

Henry Berger who arrived in Honolulu during the reign of Kamahameha V to serve as Band Master was still active in 1908. Berger was not a Freemason. He had helped Lili'uokalani compose "Aloha Oe" and wrote Hawaii's national anthem "Hawaii Pono." Berger led the Royal Hawaiian Band for forty-three years and made it world famous. Henry Berger served under the Hawaiian Monarchy, the Republic of Hawaii and the Territory of Hawaii. He retired in 1916 at age 72.

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#### CHECK OUT THIS WEB SITE

The Philaethes Society was founded on October 1, 1928, by a group of Masonic students. It was designed for Freemasons desirous of seeking and spreading Masonic light. In 1946, The Philaethes magazine was established to publish articles by and for its members. For many years it has been voted the best Masonic publication in the world.

The sole purpose of this Research Society is to act as a clearinghouse for Masonic knowledge. It exchanges ideas, researches problems confronting Freemasonry, and passes them along to the Masonic world.

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## Brother Red Skelton's

### Commentary on the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance

As a schoolboy in Vincennes, Indiana, one of Red Skelton's teachers explained the words and meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance to his class. Skelton later wrote down, and eventually recorded, his recollection of this lecture.

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*Me; an individual; a committee of one.*

#### Pledge

*Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.*

#### Allegiance

*My love and my devotion.*

#### To the Flag

*Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, "Freedom is everybody's job."*

#### United

*That means that we have all come together.*

#### States

*Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.*

#### And to the Republic

*Republic--a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.*

#### For which it stands, One Nation

*One nation meaning, so blessed by God.*

#### Indivisible

*Incapable of being divided.*

#### With Liberty

*Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation.*

#### And Justice

*The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.*

#### For All

*Which means, boys and girls,  
it's as much your country as it is mine.*

*Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance...UNDER GOD. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer and that would be eliminated from schools too? God Bless America!*

Would you like to hear Brother Skelton give this in it's entirety in his own voice? Then check out these web sites.

<http://patriotfiles.org/Pledge.htm>

<http://www.spiritisup.com/pledgeofallegiance.html>