

Hawaii Freemason

The Newsletter for the Hawaii Mason



Greetings from the Grand East!

By Most Worshipful Charles Wegener

Aloha Brothers

This Masonic year is nearing the end for me, and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the honor and privilege given me by you my brothers. This past year has been filled with joys, sorrows, and challenges. It has offered me the opportunity to grow, meet new people and make new friends. The journey has not always been smooth, but it has been good. I am thankful that you have seen fit to put your trust in me that I might have a small part in shepherding our jurisdiction into a new decade.

The officers of your Grand Lodge continue to put endless hours into the workings of our jurisdiction. We may not always agree, but we meet on the level for the betterment of the Craft and our jurisdiction. Our lodges need to do the same. Brothers, you are not there to serve yourselves, you serve at the will and pleasure of your brothers and the Craft. Many of the issues coming before the Grand Lodge office could be resolved if the brethren would remember their obligations. It is also good to remember 'WHO BEST CAN WORK AND BEST AGREE'. The answers are found in our RITUAL and the HMC. It is not always right or necessary to go with the extremes when as a mason and brother you know what is right. Search your heart and you will know. I'm not saying we should look the other way, but rather we should whisper good counsel and meet each other on the level as good brothers.

Brothers we have what can be a great jurisdiction. We need to do our part in this great fraternity. Not just a few of us, I mean each one of us. It takes each one of you doing whatever small part you can for the common goal, to seek the common ground

Brethren, I say thank you once more for the privilege. The honor was mine, to be

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your servant and your Grand Master and I hope I have served you well. I have done what I felt was right for the betterment of all. I have sought divine guidance and asked the Supreme Ruler for direction. And I have looked too, and followed as a guide our HMC. Was I right or wrong is not for me to say. I only wish the best for our jurisdiction and you my brothers. I will be judged, not now, but in the years ahead. Only time will tell, or bless us with any lasting effect.

Let our great country, the men, women, and families who serve endure, be safe and return home. Be also with the people of Japan to ease their suffering.

Soon I will return to the columns to labor in the quarries, and yes to serve, and become the invisible Charlie once more.

Your Grand Master,

Charles L. Wegener Jr.

Mahalo, and A hui hou



Most Worshipful Charlie relaxing after a long day at the North American Conference of Grand Masters



York Rite Mark Master Degree

Honolulu and Windward York Rite Bodies held their Mark Master Degree in March .

Deputy Grand Master's Message

By Right Worshipful Monty J. Glover



Aloha and Fraternal Greeting Brothers,

The end of this Grand Masonic Year is quickly coming to a close and as we reflect back on the year let us all join together in congratulating Most Worshipful Charlie for an outstanding year. The year had many challenges along the way and Most Worshipful Charlie handled them with true style and has resulted in continuing to move the Craft forward. I would like to extend my thanks to him for his counsel and guidance throughout the year and ask you all, when you see him, to show him you appreciate a job well done.

Most Worshipful Charlie, Right Worshipful Frank and I went to Denver in February to the Western and North American Conference of Grand Masters. As always it was a wonderful time and good to renew old friendships and make new ones along the way. Much of the focus this year in the breakout sessions discussed communication, retention and engagement of members of the Lodge, especially the younger Masons. There was a common thread I believe in the way we communicate and engage young Masons today is very different and we have a lot of

that catching up to do.

This was the first year where we have been completely on our new HI-ROLLS membership system and it's been a great success. It's so much easier to obtain membership information on our members at not only the Grand Lodge level but also the Lodge level. The ability to have your entire Lodge membership listing at your fingertips where ever you are through your phone is priceless to a Lodge Secretary. The ability to send e-mails out to your membership within ROLLS is also a great time saver. Please join me in giving Most Worshipful Marty Alexander a BIG MAHALO for his tireless efforts in setting up, training, and negotiating changes with our vendor. Great Job!

Plans for the Annual Communication are well underway. We are expecting many visitors and dignitaries from around the Country as well as outside the United States. I'm also blessed to have my Father, a 50+ member of our beloved craft, in town and attending our Communication. If you are planning on attending the Annual Communication be sure to bring your valid dues card with you. It's required to register.

If you haven't already sent in your registration and monies for the Communication and Saturday evening diner please do so very soon. The Deadline for the dinner is April 14th. The dinner will be held in the Derussy Hall at the Hale Koa Hotel. Cocktails at 6 and dinner at 7pm. Dinner will be a buffet of Roast Baron of Beef and Crab legs along with all the fixings. We will be having a band and DJ for your dancing enjoyment as well. Dress for the event is Business Aloha and the cost is \$55 per person. Please come out and support your Grand Lodge in what is sure to be a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship.

The installation of Officers for the 2011/2012 Grand Masonic Year will be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Saturday April 16th at 3pm sharp. Parking will be tight so plan accordingly.

Lastly I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. It has remained my honor to serve you this year. I look forward to seeing you at your Annual Communication.

Fraternaly yours,

Monty J. Glover, DGM

From the Grand West

By Right Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya



I hope this initial issue of your Grand Lodge's Newsletter for 2011, which is the last for the current Grand Lodge year, finds everyone in excellent health. Our Lodges, especially its Corps of Officers, ought to be commended for their hard work in their initiation, passing, and raising of new members into the Craft, as well as in devising and maintaining programs to keep their memberships engaged – both in and out of the Lodges!

As we approach our Annual Communication and Election of Grand Lodge Officers in April, I am reminded of the observations I made and commented on in this periodical around the same time last year. In the preceding issue, I also made note of rumors then circulating about a movement regarding a plan the execution of which “could rock our Institution ... beyond imagination!” I am relieved to have been proven wrong on the former, and am also happy that the key player in the latter apparently recently relented and abandoned his participation in the planned exercise as I learned, of all places, from the pages of that popular social network on the web – “Facebook”!

Recent world events, especially the magnitude 9.0 earthquake and the ensuing tsunami in Japan which resulted to tremendous devastations and tragic loss of tens of thousands of lives, have had profound impact on the rest of the world. A great number of nations, from the wealthiest and most developed to those who are often referred to as “third countries”, quickly responded (and are still responding) with untold humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts to provide help in however manner possible to lend a hand to those who were afflicted in Japan.

I was emotionally touched by a recent fund-raising event I saw on TV called “Kokua for Japan” wherein unnamed and faceless volunteers manned the phones and collected pledges of support to the Japanese victims of the worst natural calamity in that country. I humbly encourage you, Brethren, to contribute whatever you can, through the various organizations, help our grief-stricken Japanese brothers and sisters!

There are six proposed resolutions up for discussion and decision, and about as many Grand Master's Decisions for ratification, at our upcoming Annual Communication (ANCOM) in mid-April. These legislations will, undoubtedly, have an impact on the way we do business, and they should already have been at least presented, if not discussed, in the Lodges. I urge you to ask your Master, through your Secretary, for information regarding these pieces of legislation. I also encourage all Master Masons to attend the ANCOM (show your current dues card on check-in for the meetings) and its related and supporting events.

Finally, I ask everyone to join me in congratulating Most Worshipful Charlie Wegener on his superb stewardship of our Grand Lodge during his tenure as Grand Master, and continue to wish him well as he joins the ranks of our Past Grand Masters at the conclusion of the ANCOM following the installation of his successor in the Grand Oriental Chair!

As we draw another Grand Lodge year to a close and welcome the next year and our new Corps of Grand Lodge Officers, let us also remember in our prayers our men and women proudly wearing the military uniform of our great country who are “on watch” on foreign soils in the name of the freedom we all treasure, as well as the civilian personnel who support them, and their families. Let us also pray for the victims of the earthquake and their families, and those who are assisting our Japanese Brothers and Sisters – may God, the Supreme and Great Architect of the Universe, forever keep them under His Care away from all harm, and may they soon be back home safely to their families!

I hope to see you at the ANCOM and elsewhere throughout our beautiful Jurisdiction; God bless us all!!

From the Grand South

By Right Worshipful Frank M. Condello II



Aloha brethren! Our Masonic year is coming to an end and I want to thank the lodges and brethren for supporting the Grand Lodge Newsletter. This edition includes more lodges than in the past, and it is good to see what the brethren have been up to around our jurisdiction. Please continue to submit articles and pictures of your activities so you can be acknowledged for your accomplishments. Also, if you have an article that is educational and pertains to a Masonic topic, please consider submitting it in the future.

I had the honor of attending the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in February, that was held in Denver, Colorado. This was my first time, and it was a great experience to meet my counterparts from jurisdictions all around the world. It also provided me an opportunity to see how other jurisdictions in Canada and the United States tackle issues that they are faced with.

It was refreshing to see that other Grand Lodges are willing to think outside of the box and try different ways to revitalize and inspire their brethren. We don't have to do things the same or prohibit certain activities as long as it doesn't violate the Hawaii Masonic Code. We tend to be very traditional, which is not a bad thing, but we also become stagnant if we aren't willing to change with the times. Some of the most inspiring sessions were conducted by younger brethren who showed how they have increased participation and interest in their lodge through new innovative ways, technology and fellowship. There is also a great Masonic web site called freemasonnetwork.net. It is only open to Master Masons, but once you are verified to be a member in good standing, you can participate in Masonic discussions about all aspects that occur in lodge. They have educational videos and materials available to the members. Your Grand Lodge understands that in order to prosper in the future, we have to provide what the younger generations are looking for and want. Masonic education is what the younger brethren are looking for and we will do our best to provide this to you. Please assist us in this endeavor.

Our Annual Communication is quickly approaching. Please join us at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on 4/15 in the afternoon for the opening session. You do not have to be a voting member from your lodge to attend. It is a good way to better understand the workings of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. On 4/16, we will complete our business and have elections for Grand Lodge Officers. The Installation of Grand Lodge Officers will be held at 3 p.m. on 4/16 at the Scottish Rite. The evening banquet honoring the Grand Master will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki on 4/16 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$55 per person. There is still time to sign up for the banquet. Please go to the Grand Lodge of Hawaii website at hawaiiifreemason.org and send in your registration form and payment if you would like to attend.

As I have said in the past, honor and integrity is very important to me. We need to conduct ourselves in a way that is befitting our membership in this fraternity. We hold ourselves to a higher standard of conduct and it is our responsibility to hold each other accountable. Over the last several months, we have been dealing with actions by brethren that have not been honorable. It has stained our fraternity and created a great deal of uncertainty. If those brethren looked deep into their own souls and looked at their actions, there is no way that they could be seen as honorable or Masonic in nature. If after whispering good counsel in their ear they continue to act as before and disregard the honor that we expect, then appropriate action will be taken. When you act as a Mason, think about what you are doing or are about to do. If it doesn't hold up to this higher standard, then don't do it. It is that simple. It appears that some of these issues have been resolved and I hope and pray that brethren follow through as honorable Masons. None of us are perfect. We all make mistakes. The key is to learn from your mistakes and help your fellow brother as if he were part of your family. Together we can do and accomplish great things. Divided, we will disappear into insignificance.

Lastly, I want to commend Most Worshipful Wegener on a job well done over this last year. It has been challenging and difficult at times, but we all pulled together as a team at the Grand Lodge level to get the job done. We will continue to work in this team fashion to strengthen and inspire the brethren for years to come. Please assist us in any way you can.

Fraternally,

Frank M. Condello II, JGW

501(c)(3) Status: Good News and Sorta Bad News

By Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Grand Lecturer

In early April we received confirmation from the IRS that the 1023 application submitted on behalf of “Masonic Charities of Hawaii” was approved. Effective March 31, 2010, the Grand Lodge finally has a legitimate 501(c)(3) organization, which is tax-exempt as a “public charity”. Therefore, donations made to this entity are tax-exempt from state and federal taxes (including excise taxes), and are tax deductible by the persons making such donations.

Many simply have assumed that donations made to the Grand Lodge were (are) tax-deductible. Although the Grand Lodge is a nonprofit, it is tax-exempt for certain purposes as a fraternal organization under 501(c)(10). Dues (per capita tax) might not be taxed as income, but they are not considered tax-deductible donations. Neither are donations to the “building fund” automatically deductible by the donor. There is authority supporting the view that contributions earmarked for a charitable, scientific, artistic, etc. purposes may be tax-deductible. But as we attorneys are accustomed to saying, “I express no opinion on the accuracy or validity of that view.”

This is why MCH’s classification is so important. It means that donors can make contributions that are automatically tax-deductible by them to the same extent as gifts to your church, the American Red Cross, and the University of Hawaii Foundation. Under 501(c)(3) “exempt purposes” include:

“...charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition, and preventing cruelty to children or animals. The term *charitable* is used in its generally accepted legal sense and includes relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged; advancement of religion; advancement of education or science; erecting or maintaining public buildings, monuments, or works; lessening the burdens of government; lessening neighborhood tensions; eliminating prejudice and discrimination; defending human and civil rights secured by law; and combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.” [IRS Bulletin]

The stated purpose for MCH is to engage in what the Grand Lodge adopted as its official charity: “The Keiki I.D. Program”, known in other jurisdictions as “Masonic CHIP.” However, MCH may undertake other charitable activities, bearing in mind that we have to describe our actions each year, and they have to be “exclusively” for exempt purposes.

As many of you know, we once coined the name “Hawaii Masonic Charities” as the Grand Lodge’s charitable arm. “Masonic Charities of Hawaii” was adopted so as not to confuse references to “HMC”, the charity, with HMC, the Hawaii Masonic Code. Its voting members are all the living Past Grand Masters and all incumbent Senior Wardens of the constituent lodges, plus the incumbent Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The non-voting members are all persons making donations to MCH during the current year.

The board consists of six directors. The initial directors are: Bruce Bonnell (President), Lee Skinner (Vice-President), Ernest Yamane, Randy T. S. Chang (Secretary), Bert Alarcon (Treasurer) and Don Wilson. Please understand that the initial directors and officers were named in MCH’s initial resolutions, for organizational purposes only. The voting members are free to increase the number of directors, name new directors (for staggered three-year terms), etc. at MCH’s next annual or special meeting.

I should also point out that the following persons may NOT serve as directors: the incumbent Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, or Junior Grand Warden. This restriction was inserted to avoid the appearance of having identical governing bodies (“interlocking directorates”) for the Grand Lodge and MCH, a characteristic of private foundations, a classification which is less desirable than a public charity. All the above organizational information is contained in the Articles and Bylaws, copies of which are at the Grand Lodge office.

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The “sorta bad news” is that the IRS has openly declared that it intends to hold 501(c)(3) organizations to strict compliance with applicable tax regulations. There has been much abuse in this area, particularly involving donations made for private or individual benefit – an absolute no-no for tax-exempt organizations.

Thus, we must file the organization’s tax returns in timely fashion. We must give written acknowledgement of all gifts of \$75 or more. We must be careful that our fund-raising activities do not constitute engaging in an “unrelated business” that may either subject us to tax, or the loss of our tax-exempt status altogether. We must make our financial records available to any member of the public, on request. We must always keep our organizational records (e.g., minutes, inventory, financial documents) in order. And above all, we must make sure that we engage only in activities that are for “exempt purposes”.

There is no question that MCH will make it much easier to solicit gifts and bequests in support of our charitable activities. We hope that MCH can expand such charitable purposes, and that someday it may even be able to rent or purchase its own office or building (and maybe rent a portion of it to the Grand Lodge). But now that we have this important vehicle, we must be ever vigilant in our compliance with all applicable laws.

Hurry They’re Going Fast!

The Grand Lodge has a limited number of:

Grand Lodge polo shirts

Baseball caps

Bolo-ties

Pineapple Pins



RW Mike Sanders, DGM of Washington St., RW Frank Condello, JGW, RW Monty Glover, DGM, and MW Godofredo Lascano, Grand Master of Masons in Washington State at the North American Conference of Grand Masters



RW Frank Condello and RW Tom Heath, SGW Grand Lodge of Maine and developer of HI-ROLLS

News from Ko'olau Lodge

Submitted by *WB Dustin T. Verity*



Aloha from the Windward side of O'ahu!! The Brothers of Ko'olau Lodge of F. & A. M. have been busy earning their wages this year! We kicked the year off with our Annual Installation of Officers on January 19th at the Shriner's Beach Home. The following officers of the Lodge were installed: D. Verity, Master; K. Hashimoto PM, Sr. Warden; S. Connell, Jr. Warden; S. Waracka PM, Secretary; VR J. Connell PM, Chaplain; S. M. Waracka, Sr. Deacon; D. Sachs, Jr. Deacon; F.

Moyer, Marshal; S. Sullivan, Sr. Steward; A. Takeshita, Jr. Steward; and C. Ryder PM; Tiler. Thanks to MW D. Wilson, MW R. Wieckowicz, and WB G. Graham for their roles as the installing officers and installing chaplain.



On January 29th, we put together a team of judges and awarded a \$50 gift card to the best example of operative masonry at the Windward School District Science and Engineering Fair.

In the midst of all of these events and our family obligations, we were still able to put on a degree and on February 23rd, we passed Brothers Kenneth Taylor and Nick Madore to the Degree of Fellowcraft.



Ko'olau Lodge would like to thank all of those that attended and supported our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 10th! We had over 100 attendees, were able to raise funds towards Ko'olau Lodge's Temple Association, and enjoy some great fellowship in the process. All of the Brothers chipped in at this event; from cooking at 8:00 am to serving refreshments at 9:30 pm to ensure that everyone had a great time and no one went home hungry. We also had some wonderful entertainment, Doolin Rakes, sponsored by WB Scott Waracka of Kailua Electric.

Coming up in the next few months, we have a couple more activities planned:

- May 13th ~ possible Keiki ID at Keolu Elementary School; and
- July 4th ~ Kailua 4th of July parade (approximate date).

We will provide additional information and invitations as these events near. We are also looking to continue our involvement with the District Schools' Make a Difference Day and possible Constitution Day in the fall.

We welcome all Brothers to come out and join us at either our stated meetings, which are held the first Wednesday of every month at Enchanted Lakes Elementary School Cafeteria at 7:30 pm, or any of our rehearsals or special meetings, which are held just about every Wednesday at the same location, but at 7:00 pm. Enchanted Lakes Elementary School is located at 770 Keolu Dr. Kailua, Hawaii 96734.

Fraternally,

Dustin T. Verity
Master, Ko'olau Lodge F. & A. M.



News from Schofield Lodge

Submitted by Bro. Darryl Lajola , SW

Aloha Brethren,



First of all on behalf of our sitting Master, Worshipful Keith Isaacson and the brethren of Schofield Lodge, I would like to congratulate all the newly installed officers in the jurisdiction, as well as wish them another prosperous year in masonry.

We at Schofield have had a very productive 2010 year. In the previous year alone, we have had 32 meetings for degrees, 11 of which were 3rd degree raisings. We have made several improvements to the Schofield Temple which is nearing 45 years. In addition to lodge specific events, we have also been very active in the community throughout the year. Some of the activities include an essay contest on Constitutional Observance for the cadets at the

Leilehua High School JROTC program, donating books to students of Mililani High School, participating in the Relay for Life, and putting in time at the Grand Lodge sponsored Keiki ID, among others.

2010 was definitely a successful year for us, but we are now looking forward to the future. Our dedicated members are determined to produce the same results of success for the current masonic year and beyond. To do so, we have already started organizing for the upcoming Relay for Life, which is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and is geared to 'represent the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported and that one day – cancer will be eliminated'.

Also, we are highly invested in keeping the interest on the fraternity high among all of our current members. The Craftsman Club was recommended by Worshipful Isaacson and materialized with the help of Worshipful Cliff Jenkins, PM. We are all dedicated to instilling knowledge and interest among all brothers attending lodge regularly.

Lastly, being a lodge located so close to a military base, it's no coincidence that majority of our active members are serving in the Armed Forces. As a matter of fact, all of our present applicants and brothers waiting to complete their degrees are actively serving in the military. A regular occurrence that has been carrying on since the beginning of Schofield lodge is that we have welcomed through our doors so many fine men that serve our country so proudly. Although more than 20 active Masons of Schofield Lodge have left the island to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan in the past year alone, we are honored to say that those men who help in fighting for our safety and freedom are not only men of the highest moral character, but are also Masons, and members of Schofield Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Hawaii.

Again, we wish all of you the best year possible for the benefit of Masonry.

Fraternally,

Darryl Lajola, SW

Schofield Lodge F&AM

News from Leeward Lodge

Submitted by Worshipful Gerry Mateo



It has been more than 3 months since I became the Worshipful Master of Leeward Lodge Free and Accepted Mason of the State of Hawaii. Since then, my priorities and philosophies were straight: To *“Lead by Example”* by being *Friendly, Fair, Family Oriented, Flexible, Firm and Fun*. I made everyone aware that the Do’s and Don’t exist in this lodge: The Do’s are: *Do communicate, Do Educate, Do ask questions, Do volunteer and Do assists each other. The Don’ts are: Do not Discriminate, Do not Criticize, Do not Recruit and Do not Embarrass any Brethren*. I Installed several committee leads and members such as *auditing, Events, fundraising, family involvement and community involvement committees* to encouraged participation. We planned several activities throughout the year such as *Mothers Day and Fathers Day celebration, Annual Golf Tournament, Independence Day Picnic, Past Master’s Night, Layman’s Night, Lodge Anniversary Celebration, Military Night, Thanksgiving volunteer and dinner and finally our Installation / Christmas Party*.

Several other priorities were planned such as updating **ROLLS** to ensure that members of the Lodge are current and in good standing. I ask all members of Leeward Lodge to call our Secretary and ensure that your information is updated in ROLLS. This will assists him in the management of ROLLS. Management of dues payment is the current priorities to ensure that all members are paid, and those that are not paid for the last two years are given appropriate notice and suspend those who are not paying their dues. If you are a member of Leeward Lodge and have not paid your dues, please call our Brother Secretary Nomer Javier at 808-203-7336. All these priorities are for the benefit of all the members of Leeward Lodge and their families. With all these plans and priorities nothing can be accomplish without the hard work and dedication of the newly installed officers of Leeward Lodge. They all gave their commitment to ensure that Leeward will move forward and not backward. Our past masters and past officers spent long hours and labored really hard to make sure Leeward Lodge will have a successful future. Let’s not disappoint our Brethren.



In a short period of time, I am proud to announce the many accomplishments that we have so far. First of all, we have raised three Master Masons, passed two FellowCraft Masons and initiated two Entered Apprentice Masons. We have about six new candidates and several brethren waiting in different degrees. We continue to find ways to help in our communities and volunteer some of our time helping others. Besides the busy schedule that we have, the offices continue to meet once a month and brainstorm new ideas for the lodge. Despite all the good things happening in the lodge, the one thing that I wish will improve is the attendance of our members during conferrals and Stated meetings. I want everyone to know that we value your presence and support. Our lodge is your lodge! The only way to get involved and to learn the true meaning of Freemasonry is by attending our scheduled meetings and conferrals and spending some time with your brethren during our fellowships. Brethren, I challenge you to make a difference in Leeward Lodge! Let’s all work together for our own benefit and for the benefit of all Masons withersoever disperse around the globe. Join me in making Leeward Lodge the best Lodge in Hawaii! Straight from your Master!

News from Hawaiian Lodge

Submitted by Bro. Raymund Ll. Liongson, SW

Hawaiian Lodge marks a productive first quarter

With a busy schedule, the first quarter seems to have flown real fast. The first three months were a productive period for Hawaiian Lodge, with chain of events happening one after the other. January was dedicated to getting the year's agenda organized. Worshipful Master Bernard Baldueza outlined his program for the year and assigned brethren to carry out committee tasks. The first month was also a practical period for the corps of officers to practice their respective roles in the different degree ceremonies. What followed were degree conferrals and different projects and activities.

Degree work

In February and March, three applicants were initiated into the fraternity: Ed Nix, Jun Villar, and Jonathan Watts. After making the necessary proficiency in the lecture of the Entered Apprentice degree, Bro. Richard Baun was passed to Fellowcraft. Two other brothers were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason: Bro. Randall Tacbi and Bro. Paul Zina. Bro. Zina, a member of Kauai Lodge, was raised in a courtesy conferral rite per request of his mother lodge. His father, WB Nicolas Zina, PM, assisted in raising him during the the highlight of the second section of the degree rites. WM David Mason, sitting Master of Kauai Lodge, also witnessed the important event.

Makiki Masonic Temple Cleaning

Hawaiian Lodge brothers and two “knockers” showed up on March 26 to clean the Makiki Masonic Temple at 1227 Makiki Street. Working like a “beehive”, the brothers did a terrific job in bringing order and luster in the kitchen and dining hall of the temple.

“The counter was cleared of superfluous leftovers. All broken and unusable items were trashed, a half-a-truck load of materials and other kitchen utensils was donated to Goodwill Industries,” reported MW Randy Chang, PGM, chair of the Makiki Masonic Temple Association, who led the clean up drive.

Brethren “got down and scrubbed the floor. After the floor was scrubbed and mopped, it was polished, twice by WB Wilson Camagan.” After cleaning the kitchen, the brethren also went into the dining room and started moving all of the tables and chairs so



Hawaiian Lodge Officers (2011)

Front Row L-R: Bro. Alberto Alarcon, *Treasurer*; Bro. Michael Lopez, *Junior Warden*; WM Bernard Baldueza, *Worshipful Master*; Bro. Raymund Liongson, *Senior Warden*; WB Orlando Ragudos, PM, *Secretary*; Bro. Jose Ragiles, *Tiler*. Back Row L-R: Bro. Chris Kaminaka, *Junior Deacon*; Bro. Kevin Perdue, *Senior Deacon*; Bro. Anthony Escasa, *Organist*; WB Richard Huston, *Chaplain*; Bro. Angel Santos, *Junior Steward*; and Bro. Ty Heller, *Senior Steward*. Not in picture: Shawn Connis, *Marshal*.



Officers of Hawaiian Lodge pose with Bro. Paul Zina, fourth from left, after being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Also in photo are WM David Mason (second from left) and WB Nicolas Zina, PM (on the left of Bro. Paul) of Kauai Lodge.

that floor also could be swept, mopped and polished.

Of the 22 volunteers, 17 were from the Hawaiian Lodge. Among the brethren who came to help with the clean up were: Bro. Blasé Teodosio, Bro. Jonathan Watts, Bro. Jerome Cinco, Bro. Randall Tacbi, Bro. Percival Gallego, Bro. Angel Santos, Bro. Oliver Morgan, Bro. Jose Ragiles, Bro. Frank Lee, Bro. Raymund Liongson, WB Orly Ragudos, WB Ric Taylan, WB Wilson Camagan, MW Randy Chang, and WM Bernie Baldueza. Two Hawaiian Lodge “knockers”, Mr. Michael Feasby and Mr. Johntay Christopher, also joined the clean up force.

Thanking all the brother volunteers, MW Chang described the temple cleaning a “resounding success.”



As almost always the case, fraternal fellowship followed every conferral degree. (L-R) Bro. Chris Acosta, Bro. Jerome Cinco, WB Wilson Camagan, Bro. Randall Tacbi, and Bro. Richard Baun.



Bro. Ty Damon Heller, Senior Steward, gives a lei to one of the widows during the Sweethearts' Ball and Widows' Night.

Sweethearts' Ball and Widows' Night

The annual Sweethearts' Ball and Widows' Night was held on February 13 at Hale Koa Hotel and was attended by over 150 brethren, ladies, widows and guests. This event on the eve of Valentine's Day was a unique opportunity for the brethren to renew their relationship with their spouses and love ones, as well as further their fraternal bind with the members of the Craft.

Redesigned Website

Keep informed! Get connected!



announcements are posted in this site. Redesigned to be more dynamic and interactive, the Hawaiian Lodge website features lodge news, video information in YouTube format, as well as social media networking capabilities such as Facebook, Twitter, and blog. The brethren are invited to visit www.hawaiianlodgefreemasons.org. Comments and suggestions to improve the site are welcome.

Cable Tow

The latest issue of the *Cable Tow*, the official quarterly publication of Hawaiian Lodge, has been released. With the theme “Building the Temple,” this issue of the *Cable Tow* feature articles related to the forthcoming renovation of the Makiki Masonic Temple, the ancient temple of Solomon, and the metaphoric temple of self and humanity, among others.

The second quarter looks equally promising, with many events listed in addition to the stated meetings, proficiency exams, and conferral ceremonies. The movement to the temporary location and making the necessary adjustments while renovation is going on is perhaps the biggest challenge we are going to face during the remaining months of the year. But this is worth the wait and the patience we need to pay.

1800's French Masonic Creed (English Translation)

On February 8, 2011 Brother Guy from Tahiti was in attendance at Honolulu Lodge and presented RW Monty Glover with a beautiful masonic gift. A copy of a French masonic document originating from the late 1800's. Our French speaking Brethren, Bro. Gilles Tisseraud (Senior Warden of Honolulu Lodge) and Bro. Mark Lovell (Chaplain of Lodge Le Progres) graciously translated the document for all of us to understand.

The true Masonic creed consists of good morals. Therefore, do good work for the love and welfare of oneself.

Love the good in people, help the weak, and avoid the evil. Speak concisely with your superiors, cautiously with your equals, sincerely with your friends, with care to your subordinates, and compassionately with the poor.

Do not flatter your brothers; such is a moral trespass. If your brother flatters you, do not permit it to corrupt your good sense.

If destiny gives you a son, thank God. But, be mindful of the responsibility that is required of you, for this child is a reflection of His nature. Until 10 years of age, be his master. Until 20 years, his father. Until death, his friend.

Read, and enrich oneself. Watch and learn. Reflect and work. Being ever available for betterment of one's brothers is in turn an improvement upon oneself

Always abide by the voice of one's conscience. Be a father to the poor. Every unkind sentiment towards another will only revisit hardship upon oneself, in kind. Avoid conflict, and avoid antagonizing; always let reason guide you. Respect women. Do not ever abuse their weakness; rather die, than dishonor them

Think of Him, as giving [to us] good morals, rather than merely good behaviors, such that one is invested with a clear moral uprightness and not merely an agreeable presentation. Make oneself an honest man, rather than just a presentable one

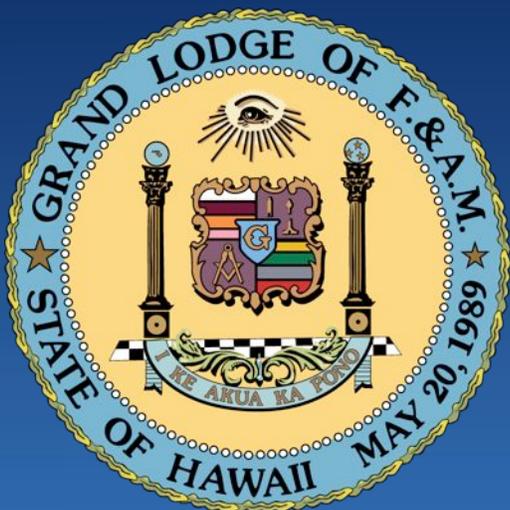
If you blush at your own pettiness, it is arrogance.

Aspire [to understand] that it is not your position which honors or degrades you, but instead the manner by which you exercise it.

Finally, be happy – no matter the place or circumstance – with whatever one has, and in anything that one does. Rejoice in Justice. Repel inequity Endure without complaint.

Do not judge, lightly, the actions of men. In no less degree, do not frivolously blame





What's happening in your Lodge?

The Hawaii Freemason is your source for information on what's happening around the jurisdiction. We need your help. If you have an upcoming event, a noteworthy past event or just want to share what's been going on in your Lodge please let us know so we can share that with your Brethren from the other Lodges. Send your submissions to the Jr. Grand Warden by the end of September, December, March and June. Include any pictures you would like to share as well.



RW Monty Glover and RW Frank Condello with the Grand Master of Romania and the DGM of Italy, at the North American Conference of Grand Masters