

Hawaii Freemason

The Newsletter for the Hawaii Mason



Greetings from the Grand East!

By Most Worshipful Charles Wegener

Aloha Brothers,

It's January and although the holidays have come and gone I know many of us still enjoy the warmth and sentiment of the season. The lodges and concordant bodies are well into that spirit of the holidays as well as the season of installations. The many parties and gatherings have brought families and friends together. Let us enjoy our families and friends, but let us not forget those who lack means, and those who serve to keep us free. Provide for and keep all safe that they too may enjoy.

At this publishing of the newsletter the installations of the lodges and concordant bodies are nearing the end and the new leaders are getting their feet wet. I wish them well and know they will do what is best for their lodges. Remember, your Grand Lodge administration is here to aid and assist you.

Again as last year we would like to recognize a Mason of the Year at our next Annual Communication in April and are asking the brethren from all the lodges to be a part of the selection process. Any brother of this jurisdiction may nominate a brother of this jurisdiction who works diligently for the fraternity, community, and the schools. This brother need not be an officer or past officer, or have sat in any elected or appointed position. He needs only to exemplify the tenets of masonry in his everyday doings. Remember you are not just a mason when in a lodge. Details will be forth coming in the near future.

The legislation for our coming communication should now be with the Policy and Procedures and/or the Jurisprudence Committees. Encourage your lodges to study and discuss the issues. If you have questions we will get the answers.

The time is passing quickly and the selection and election of officers for the coming

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Grand Lodge year will soon be upon us. Your Grand Lodge Team has worked diligently in support of the business of the jurisdiction.

It is my sincere hope that everyone has a wonderful and prosperous New Year and that we all enjoy good health. Thank each and all for the support given to the Cornerstone and Columns Temple Fund. We have broken the Thirteen Thousand Dollar mark, but still have a long way to go for the reality of a Home for the jurisdiction. Please consider an annual or birthday contribution.

Thank You All, Mahalo and A Hui Hou,

Charles L. Wegener Jr.

"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." – Benjamin Franklin, American writer, humorist, ambassador, inventor and Freemason



Most Worshipful Charlie and Lady Stella at Honolulu Lodge's Installation of Officers



York Rite Fall Festival

Honolulu and Windward York Rite Bodies held their Fall Festival of Degrees in November with a class of twenty-two new members. Congratulations to all of you.

Deputy Grand Master's Message

By Right Worshipful Monty J. Glover



Aloha and Fraternal Greeting Brothers,

I hope you and your families all had a wonderful and safe holiday season and that this New Year brings you much joy and happiness.

Well we are on the home stretch and the Annual Communication is fast approaching. Please be on the lookout for a communication from the Grand Lodge to register for the Annual Communication on April 15th and 16th and also the Installation banquet that will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel.

In my article this time I'd like to talk about recognition and visitation. This is one of the most important aspects of Freemasonry as an organized body. Because each jurisdiction is sovereign, with no overarching organization, recognition becomes the primary vehicle to determine if a member from one jurisdiction may visit another. Members of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America all participate in a committee on Recognition called the "Commission on Information for Recognition" and their reports can be found at www.recognitioncommission.org. This commission does the research to determine that Masonic organizations wishing to be recognized by the member Grand Lodges of the Conference have met all the criteria needed to insure they follow all the guidelines and tenants of our beloved craft. Here are the criteria they use:

1. Legitimacy of Origin
2. Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction, except by mutual consent and/or treaty.
3. Adherence to the Ancient Landmarks – specifically, a Belief in God, the Volume of Sacred Law as an indispensable part of the Furniture of the Lodge, and the prohibition of the discussion of politics and religion.

Each year a list of the Grand Lodges and their constituent Lodges is published in the Book of Lodges and before publication each Grand Lodge is given an opportunity to list those Jurisdictions they do and do not recognize. Each Lodge in this Jurisdiction receives copies of the Book of Lodges for it's use. Needless to say these books are very important. When a Brother from another Jurisdiction visits we should not just accept his current dues card and the successful examination by the Tyler or Sr. Deacon as proof that he is authorized to sit with us in open Lodge. You should always check to make sure that his Lodge and his Grand Lodge are listed in the Book of Lodges.

For the mainstream lodges this usually works pretty well. But with respect to the Prince Hall Brothers it becomes a bit more complicated. Prince Hall, like us, has jurisdictions with both F&AM and AF&AM designations. Many of the AF&AM Jurisdictions are not considered regular the Prince Hall Grand Lodges we do recognize. Therefore, our Grand Lodge cannot recognize them.

Unfortunately, Prince Hall Lodges are not listed in our Book of Lodges and therefor we cannot determine with any degree of certainty that someone presenting a Dues Card from a Prince Hall Jurisdiction, that is recognized by it's counterpart "Mainstream" Grand Lodges, is actually a member of a recognized Prince Hall Lodge. So when you have a Prince Hall visitor, or any other visitor from a Jurisdiction you are unfamiliar with, you must be very careful in determining his legitimate right to be admitted into your Lodge. For more information on Prince Hall Recognition please visit this article:

http://mwphglcal.org/ph/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24&Itemid=25

Again I wish you all a wondrous New Year and may the Supreme Architect shine his loving grace upon you all.

Fraternally yours,

Monty J. Glover, DGM

From the Grand West

By Right Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya



The final quarter of 2010 saw our Grand Lodge continuing to gain new members, albeit modestly compared to gains recorded for the same period last year. This is primarily due to the full implementation of the “Records On-Line for Lodge Secretaries” (ROLLS) system throughout the Jurisdiction which, I’m informed, “cleaned up” our Lodges’ membership records that now report data more accurately. From all indications thus far ROLLS is, indeed, a welcome tool for all concerned – particularly the Secretaries, whether at the constituent Lodge or Grand Lodge level, as accurate information is now more readily available at any time provided, of course, correct data is registered to begin with! At any rate, if the steady influx of petitions continues, as anticipated, we can all look forward to a busier and more active year for our Lodges!

At the same time, it seems not everything in our Jurisdiction is what they appear to be, for if recent rumors are to be believed, a movement currently afoot may be gaining momentum that will undoubtedly disrupt the harmony most, if not all of us, have been working to achieve! From what I understand, a plan has been hatched and its execution – once implemented – could rock our Institution perhaps beyond imagination!

We have been taught that we, as Freemasons, are friends and brothers who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection, and that we are to aid, support and protect each other, meet on the level, act by the plumb and part by the square. Furthermore, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, or so we have been informed, and, supposedly with heart and tongue, we join in promoting each other’s welfare and rejoice in each other’s prosperity. Do these mean anything other than nice words and phrases to memorize to ensure passing proficiency examinations? Moreover, does our vow not to injure a Brother in his person or good name, but give him due and timely notice of approaching danger mean anything, or just an empty promise? Our promise to whisper good counsel and gently admonish a Brother of his errors, and in the most friendly manner endeavor to bring about a reformation – what are they really for? Dear Brethren – do any of these mean anything to you?

It breaks my heart to even think of asking these questions, but I must if only to express my sentiments hoping I could at least offer something for the Brethren’s introspection. For whatever it is worth, in my 30 years of being a Mason, and as member of the Craft in three Jurisdictions, I cannot believe that there seems to be so much “drama” and “intrigue” in our Jurisdiction – especially considering how relatively small it is compared to other Grand Jurisdictions! It appears we are our own enemies, and, until we can be truthful and settle our differences among ourselves like the honorable gentlemen we profess to be, we will never have the harmony that we’ve been longing for!



Hawaiian Lodge Military Degree Night

Finally, as we draw another year to a close amidst the hustle and bustle of merry-making with families and friends, exchanging gifts, and attending Lodge Installations, let us 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 – may God, the Supreme and Great Architect of the Universe, forever keep them under His Care away from all harm, and may they be back home safely to their families!

May we all be continued to be blessed, and enjoy the merriest time of the year, and the happiest of the New Year and all the years ahead!

From the Grand South

By Right Worshipful Frank M. Condello II



Aloha brethren! It has been a busy time for us as a fraternity since our last newsletter. Lodges were busy qualifying their officers leading up to their installations and doing lots of degree work. It is wonderful to see so many young men joining our craft and becoming interested in our traditions and ritual work. I was honored to be a part of the USS Missouri 3rd Degree raising of 9 brothers in October. Brethren from Honolulu Lodge, Lodge Maui, and Leeward Lodge were raised that night. It was a memorable time for all who attended.

We all kept very busy in December attending all of the lodge installations. We still have several to go this month and then there will be a bit of a break for everyone. I enjoyed catching up with brethren from the different lodges and enjoyed the fellowship at the dinner parties that followed. With all of the great work that the lodges are doing, I am surprised by the lack of participation in our Grand Lodge newsletter. It continues to be difficult to get lodges to submit articles or pictures of all of their activities. I know with our busy lives that it is not always a priority to write an article, but it would be great to highlight the accomplishments of the lodges and help the other lodges to know the lodges better. As a result of this, the Grand Lodge is planning to assign different lodges the task of submitting an article for submission into the newsletter. Since we have 11 constituent lodges, 2-3 will be highlighted each addition of the newsletter. This will allow the other lodges to appreciate each other better and know what the other lodges are doing. Any brother is welcome to submit an article or pictures to be considered for submission.

I have spoken about dissension before and it saddens me every time I see it within our fraternity. I will not get into specifics, but this dissension is getting worse and it appears to be deepening. Brethren have not been willing to talk to each other man to man and brother to brother. They have not been willing to look the other brother in the eye and speak to them on the level. Because of this, rumors spread and the truth is not always represented. We are not a large Grand Lodge and we should be able to work together for the betterment of all. If you have an issue with another brother, why are you not willing to talk with them face to face? If you cannot do this, you are not an honorable brother in my eyes. We need to walk the walk and be truly honorable in our daily lives. This may sound naïve to some, but it is what Freemasonry asks of us when we take those solemn obligations at the altar. Anything less makes us just like everyone else. Why be a Mason then if all we want to do is bring another brother down and damage his good name. I challenge all of you as well as myself, to act in a more honorable and brotherly way in the coming months. Our Annual Communication is coming up in April and this could be a very stressful and embarrassing time if we do not come together as brothers. There is nothing wrong with disagreement. I do not expect everyone to agree on all issues. What I do expect is that when you disagree you express your opinions in a respectful way and not talk about another brother behind their back like a little child. Be man enough to talk to that brother face to face.



Newly raised Brothers on the USS Missouri Third Degree hosted by Honolulu Lodge

It has been an honor to represent the brethren as your Junior Grand Warden and I continue to learn as I go. I am committed to making this fraternity stronger and more honorable over the coming years and I can only do so with your assistance. Please support the Grand line of officers as we work to assist the lodges to be successful. We are not here to micro manage the lodges, but to ensure that there is an efficient administration of the lodges as a whole and ensure that the Hawaii Masonic Code is followed and that we all live up to our obligations as Masons.

SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE GRAND LECTURER

By Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Grand Lecturer

Let us reason together . . .

In the wake of the Tucson massacre, Arizona's Pima County sheriff Clarence Dupnik was roundly criticized for his declaration that his state had become the "capital" of political hatred in America. His detractors pointed out that the killer was insane, and the murders had nothing to do with political rhetoric, no matter how vitriolic.

On the other hand, an editorial in the *Arizona Republic* observed, mentally unbalanced individuals seem to be more prone to violence and impulsive acts in a "toxic atmosphere". And in recent years the political anger in Arizona had reached toxic levels.

The lesson for us Masons is not to allow our differences to make us angry at one another. We are all entitled to our own thoughts and opinions about how our Lodge should be run, who should lead us and what is "right" and "wrong". We may argue long and hard for our point of view. But we should never take the other person's position or argument personally. And in the end, like all good Masons, we must remember that we are friends and Brothers, among whom no contention should ever persist. Let us never allow ourselves to become angry or frustrated beyond relief, or let the atmosphere among us reach a toxic level.

Time to recycle our jewels?

Our Lodge recently learned that the price for our Past Master's jewels had more than doubled since our last order, primarily because of the cost of gold. What had already been an expensive award had become an exorbitant luxury. We (and several other Lodges) are now faced with the prospect of having to change the design and content of this cherished testimonial.

A suggestion: how about leaving your Past Master's jewel to your Lodge after you are gone? And how about making it a regular practice for the Lodge to present this jewel to subsequent Past Masters? After all, your family will probably consider it an even greater honor to have your service as a Past Master perpetuated in a "recycled" jewel, than to have it hanging on a wall or hidden away in a trunk or drawer.

I for one would be proud to wear the jewel that was previously given to Limin Kung, Bunny Wong, Raymond Young or Fred Bolte. And wouldn't this be a much better fate for such paraphernalia than to be melted down for its gold content, or ending up in a second-hand store?

So let your survivors know that you want your jewel to go to your Lodge. Lodges meanwhile should encourage recycling PM jewels. And finally, new Past Masters should readily accept the honor of wearing the jewel of a former Past Master.

Is Masonic protocol required?

Certain aspects of "protocol" (e.g., addressing Grand Lodge officers) are in the HMC. Others are in the ritual (e.g., responses to interrogatories). Still others are custom and practice. Whatever the source of these rules, they are required to be followed if one wants to be polite, courteous and appropriate.

Certainly, some of us may mistakenly address a Past Grand Master as "Worshipful". Or we may forget to direct our speech in Lodge to the Master. Or we may fail to tell the candidate to respond with "It is", instead of "Yes, sir." Such *faux pas* are in the nature of forgetting to say "please" or "thank you" – serious breaches of etiquette and propriety, but an indication usually of ignorance, rather than a lack of respect.

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Pre-closing remarks in Lodge

In the category of my “pet peeves” is the failure on the part of some Masters to realize that the final remarks of the Wardens, Secretary and “any other Brother” before closing are part of the ritual. The WM says “...hv u anthg fthr in t w.t brg bf ths...Ems?” There is no additional language (i.e., “for the benefit, etc.”). Only when the WM asks the assembly as a whole does he use the inquiry, “...for the benefit of ... in general and t L of ... in particular?” Please review this portion of the cipher. It applies to pre-closings in every Degree.

Entrance during and after opening ceremonies

The JD tells the Tiler that the WM has ordered the Lodge tiled. Once so tiled before the opening (and closing) ceremonies, no Brother should be allowed to enter the room. That’s the Tiler’s responsibility. After opening the JD announces that the Lodge is open. If there are late-comers who wish to enter, there is a very short passage of ritual which we have been ignoring, but which should be followed. (The JD advises the WM that several Brethren desire admission, etc.) When they are admitted, these late-comers should be directed to the west side of the altar for proper salutation.

Hurry They’re Going Fast!

The Grand Lodge has a limited number of:

Grand Lodge T-shirts

Bolo-ties

Pineapple Pins

Get yours before they’re all gone.



Scottish Rite 2010 Fall Reunion Class



Leeward Lodge Installation of Officers

News from Kona Lodge

Submitted by WB Michael P. Baker

EAST (Michael P. Baker, P.M.)

The October Stated meeting was very memorable. We had a visit from the Most Worshipful Charles Wegner, Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii. It was his official visit. He was surprised to see such a large turnout for dinner that night. We had every table filled and not to mention every seat. The stated dinner was cooked by Chris Domino. Once everyone was served you could hear a pin drop. All I could hear was quiet dinner talk and see smiles on everyone's face.

At the stated meeting we kept it short so we could get back to our evening's festivities, and of course dessert. Most Worshipful Charlie had an early flight and he was able to visit for a while before heading to the airport. It was indeed a most memorable visit and everyone had a great time.

On October 27 we passed Brother David Zeoli to Fellow Craft and had a good turnout. Many of the officers were sitting in advanced station and did an admirable job. I am very proud of them and I am confident that the lodge will be in good hands in the ensuing Masonic year.

The November Stated meeting will be a very important meeting. As it is important to vote in the general election on November 2nd it is equally important that you attend the stated meeting and cast your vote on next year's officers. Brethren, your lodge needs your support. Many of you might not realize it, but our officers attend lodge no less than three times a month, and many of them do this year in and year out. If you can only come out once a month let it be the stated meeting.

The menu for the November Stated Meeting will be as follows: turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, and vegetable, rolls, beverage and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Bring your Sweetheart and plan to have a great time. I am sure that we can fill the dining hall if we try.

The West (WB Dan Miller, P.M.)

Aloha Brethren, it's that time again to elect our officers for next year. Worshipful Mike Baker has been steadfast in serving Kona Lodge for several years running and it is about time to give him a break. We will hold elections at the November Stated meeting, and I would hope you would be interested enough to attend and cast your vote for the officers of your choice. We have some "holes" in our Officer lineup, since Brother Danny Ebias will be moving back to the mainland soon for health reasons. We wish him well and have greatly appreciated his service to the Lodge. Brother Rocco Landi has opted to take a "break" from the officer corps to deal with his new family situation. He assures us that he will be back eventually once things settle down a bit. Few things in life are more important and yet unsettling than having a new child to care for. We all wish him and his family well.

I would also like to congratulate Brother Dave Zeoli, who was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft in October, after giving his proficiency immediately preceding the Degree. We look forward to Raising him and Brother Jorge Villasenor very soon. Since we haven't had a Third Degree for some time, we will need everyone's help to fill the parts, and share in this important step in these Brothers' Masonic journey. Please check the Trestle board calendar for the practice dates and plan to give us a hand. Fraternally your Dan Miller, P.M., Senior Warden

FROM THE EAST (WM Michael P. Baker, P.M.)

Another year is coming to an end and the New Year is almost upon us. I have faithfully served to the best of my ability for the last three years and now it is time to hand over the mantle of leadership to Worshipful Dan Miller, P.M. It has been a privilege and an honor to have served as Master of Kona Lodge during my tenure as Master.

I would like to thank all my officers who have performed their sworn duties to the best of their abilities. I know from experience that dedicating your time each week, month after month, is a burden on your families. It takes a team to make it all come together.

We now have air-conditioning in both the dining room and lodge room. We have beautiful paintings and furnishings in our lodge due to the hard work of our craftsmen. We have had great meals at each of our activities due to the brothers and sisters that have volunteered to prepare these meals. I could go on and on about each small success that adds up to a successful 2010. The fact is that we have had a pretty great year and I pray that we have an even better 2011.

Don't forget that we will be having a 3rd Degree for Brother Jorge Villasenor on January 26th, Wednesday. Please mark your calendars for this event.

I would like to wish everybody a wonderful and prosperous New Year and keep doing what we do best.....live our lives by example, Aloha. Michael P. Baker, PM



Left to right: Ben Spencer, WB Oscar Tuano PM, MW Charles Wegner GM, Ramon Villasenor, WM Mike Baker PM, Robert Foerster, Chris Domino, Jim Rath, WB Dan Miller PM and WB Lee Meyerson. Picture taken at the Grand Master's Visit at the November Stated Meeting in Kailua Kona.



Kona brethren enjoying a Thanksgiving meal at the Kona Lodge Stated Dinner. Smiles everywhere to be seen.



Worshipful Lopaka Kapanui at Lodge Le Progres Installation of Officers



WB Tim Yuen Receiving DS Award from Most Excellent GHP Keith Isaacson.

ROLLS ROLE UNROLLS

Aloha Everyone and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2011 holds a lot in store for our Masonic jurisdiction and it promises to be the best year yet! As far as news from the ROLLS home front goes, there have been more advancements.

We just issued our first end of year Annual Returns with ROLLS. Doesn't sound like a big deal right, but this is the first one where the lodge secretaries have not had to prepare them. The report was automatically tabulated by ROLLS using the membership data that was already there. It was just simply sent out to the lodges for their verification, then signed and mailed back to the Grand Lodge Office. So far, there have been no bugs reported in the new Quarterly/Annual report system to this point. (I am crossing my fingers)

Also, more resources have been added to the Info Center sections of ROLLS to help make many of our jogs more efficient and easier. There have also been upgrades to the program as well to help incorporate our jurisdiction's specific needs. Many of the improvements have come from your input and suggestions, thank you.

But what good do all those resources do if only the Lodge Secretaries and Grand Lodge Secretary have access to it. So ROLLS access has been expanded to also include all of the following: Grand Lodge Pillars, Grand Lecturer, Lodge Inspectors, and Lodge Masters. There are different levels of access that offer varied functions. If you are one of the officers with access and can think of something that might make you job easier but do not see it available at your access level, just call or send me the idea and we can see if ROLLS has a function or report that could help.

To those with access and are just learning the system, please remember that help is available to you in several ways. I am always available to help by either phone or email; there is also an on line users' manual in ROLLS in the Info Center section; and as soon as all of the Lodges' Officers' Installations are complete, we will be organizing another Secretaries' Workshop as soon as we can.

Until then, I hope everyone had a safe Holiday Season and I wish you good fortune for the New Year that is upon us. By the way, sorry about the corny title. I was just trying too hard to think of something "catchy".

Mahalo,

Marty P. Alexander, PGM

ROLLS Administrator



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Dear Brother Secretary,

Please allow this letter to serve as an informal introduction. My name is Don Kehler, Past Grand Lecturer and member of the Board of Custodians, AF&AM of North Carolina. I am also the new owner of The Temple Publishers, Inc.

As you may know, the Temple Publishers, Inc. is proud to own the exclusive copyrights to Carl H. Claudy's well known "Introduction to Freemasonry" series of books. Other Claudy titles include "The Master's Book," and "Old Tiler Folks," among others. These timeless works are valuable tools for perpetuating Masonic education, and preserving Masonic history. Previously out of print, these classic books are available again, through our newly updated online store.

The purpose of this letter is to introduce our website, www.TheTemplePublishers.com, and to ask that you make your constituent Lodges aware that these books are again available for purchase.

If your Grand Lodge is interested in purchasing a special order for your jurisdiction I would love to have the opportunity to speak with you.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

Cordially,

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**Grand Lodge of F & A M of Hawaii
2011 Annual Communications**

Annual Communication April 15 & 16, 2011

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please type or print clearly. Completing this form will greatly reduce registration time at the Annual Communication. You may pick up your credentials, ballots and meal tickets at the registration table at Scottish Rite.)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Lady's Name if Attending: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Work phone: _____ Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____ Masonic jurisdiction: _____

Note: The installation of officers and banquet is open to the public, but only Master Masons may attend business and other closed sessions of the Annual Communication.

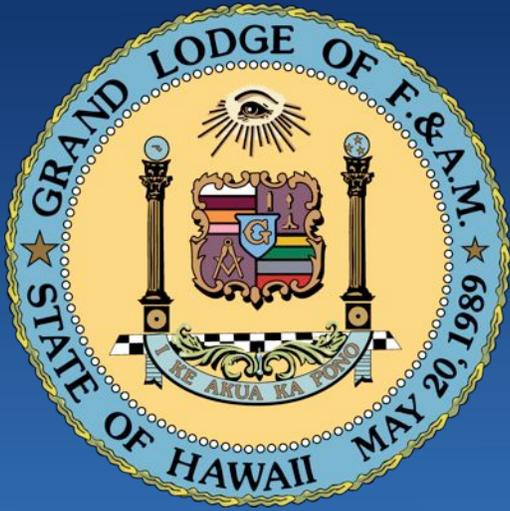
() Please register me for the 2011 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, to be held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral (corner of Kewalo St & Wilder Av) in Honolulu, April 15-16, 2011. I will present my current dues card when I pick up my registration packet.

() Please reserve _____ places for the me at the Saturday Grand Masters' Banquet @ \$55 each.

Total = \$ _____

Lunch will be available for a nominal charge at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Saturday.

Mail completed form with payment to Grand Lodge of Hawaii, 535 Ward Av #212, Honolulu, HI 96814 by April 10, 2011 or fax them to (808) 596-9100. If you have any questions, please call (808) 596-9121. Registrations can also be emailed to grandlodgehi@hawaiiantel.net. Payments would be expected promptly following your fax or email.



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 and March. Include any pictures you would like to share as well.



Brother Brian Shajari piping at the USS Missouri Degree



Honolulu Lodge Past Master's Dinner and Christmas Party at the Outrigger Canoe Club

