

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII FALL 2011

GL FAST CLASS HUGE SUCCESS

Master Masons in Hawaii grow by 76 Members [see story on page 10]

FROM THE GRAND EAST

MW Monty Glover



Well my Brothers it's been a very busy year so far. Lots of travel, both inter-island and to the mainland, and also dealing with the day-to-day issues that present themselves for the Grand Master's attention. No One can ever be fully prepared for this position but I must say I have had such a great team of Officers that I've actually had a few moments to actually enjoy the moment. Foremost among them has been Most Worshipful Marty Alexander as our Grand Secretary. He has been such a huge help not only for me but for all the Lodge Secretaries in the Jurisdiction. He reminds me of Radar O'Reilly from MASH. He always seems to

know what I need or want before I say anything. He has done a yeoman's job as Grand Secretary and has continued to work above and beyond. Thanks MW Marty.

I'd also like to thank RW Frank Condello and RW Tony Ligaya for their hard work at pulling together the Grand Lodge Black and White Ball that was a success. Also to MW Dennis Ing for his work in coordination for the Grand Master's One Day Class that was held on October 29th at Scottish Rite Cathedral. We were expecting a rather large class of 40, however, slight miscalculation – we raised 76 new Master Masons!!

I've managed to do some traveling to the Annual Communications of Washington, Oregon, and California. These are our "traditional" communications we try and attend every year. It was good to see some old friends who I have gotten to know well and developed close friendships with. These relationships are ones that the Grand Masters rely on when you need opinions or advice. It's something I'd love to see

happen here in Hawaii with the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges. RW Tony will be chairing a new Masters and Wardens meeting that will have its first meeting on November 5th. I will be kicking it off and my hopes that the Lodge Pillars will work closely together to develop strong and lasting relationships between themselves and their Lodges. I do believe if we can all learn to pull together we can accomplish anything we set our collective minds to.

I also had the honor of attending the Scottish Rite's Bi-Annual communication in Washington DC. This was truly a wonderful event and made especially so because of the Earth Quake that occurred while we were there.

Looking forward to the future I will have a very busy Holiday season with Lodge visitations and installations. If your Lodge has not sent their installation information into the Grand Secretary yet please do so soon.

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

By: Antonio M. Ligaya, Deputy Grand Master

It is hardly imaginable we're already halfway through this Masonic Year – whoever said *'Time flies when you're having fun'* is absolutely right. I hope you and your families are staying healthy!

The annual *"Black and White Ball"* on August 14th at the Hale Koa Hotel was attended by approximately 120 brethren and their ladies, and was quite enjoyable. Our Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother Frank Condello, who co-coordinated the event, deserves a pat on the back! A highlight of the evening was a Brother's proposal to his lady during a brief lull in the evening, with soft music and a lot of Brethren around the couple serving as background (if not morale support for the love-struck Brother). Everybody, indeed, loves a lover, especially since said proposal was accepted – to the delight of everyone who witnessed this romantic display!

Since our last issue, and in accordance with §1210 of the Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC), I met with the Senior Wardens (or their representatives) of all the Lodges to discuss the “way ahead” for the implementation and execution of our Grand Lodge’s long-range strategic initiatives called “Five Paddles of Progress”. It was a very productive meeting, wherein 9 of our 11, or 82%, of our lodges sent representatives. Recommendations made during the meeting have already been presented to the Grand Master and the rest of the Executive Committee. A related article is also posted elsewhere in this issue.

Our Grand Master also remained busy during this quarter, with his official lodge visitations (along with other Grand Lodge Officers) throughout our Jurisdiction, as well as his representation of our Grand Lodge in other Grand Jurisdictions’ Annual Communications. He also had to come up with a very tough decision that will, hopefully, resolve one of our lodges’ operational situation as soon as possible.

Renovation of Makiki Temple has picked up and is in full swing. The three of the four Lodge-occupants of the Temple that are temporarily situated at the Honolulu Community Church in Nuuanu, as well as Loge Le Progres which is temporarily at Iolani Palace, all stepped up and maintained their quite busy schedules. Hawaiian Lodge, in particular, still managed to conduct its annual Military Night First Degree Conferral, and the conferral of the Third Degree during its Past Masters’ Night – with the latter held at the Schofield Masonic Temple with the assistance of a couple of Past Masters from Leeward Lodge who are also members of Hawaiian Lodge.

Illustrious Brother Thomas Santiago, Potentate of Aloha Shriners, invites everyone – Masons and non-Masons alike, and their families and friends to a day of fun in the sun on Sunday, October 16th, at the Shriners Beach Club in Waimanalo, at an “All Masons Picnic”. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided; however, other beverage of your choice, i.e., beer, wine, and the like, will be at your expense. Attendance confirmation (send to thewidows.son@hawaiiantel.net) is requested not later than Friday, October 7th. I hope to see as many of you out there!

This year’s “Grand Master’s Fast Class” will be held on Saturday, October 29th, at Schofield Masonic Temple. As a reminder, prospective candidates must already have been initiated in the First Degree. For the first time, the Conferral Teams for both degrees (Second and Third) will be composed of Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Lodge Inspectors, rather than individual lodges as was done in the past. Details and other information were already sent out to the Lodges by our Grand Lecturer.

Finally, as we move on to the Third Quarter, I again ask you to always remember in your prayers our men and women proudly wearing the military uniform of our great country who remain “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 soon be back home safely to their families!

God bless us all!!

From the Grand West By Right Worshipful Frank M. Condello II

Aloha brethren! Well, summer is over and we are back in the busy season. Over the summer, Most Worshipful Glover was busy representing our jurisdiction at the Annual Communications of Washington, Oregon, and California. In August, we had our Black and White Ball at the Hale Koa Hotel. We had more than 100 in attendance and raised \$2,700 for the Hawaii Masonic Charities. I was very pleased at the final turnout and support of the brethren. Thanks again everyone. From the pictures in this edition of the newsletter, you can tell that everyone had a great time.

Last month, I attended some federal training in Myrtle Beach S.C. While there, I was able to attend several lodge meetings and a special 3rd Degree ceremony. It was very interesting to see the differences but also to appreciate the similarities. I was welcomed with open arms and it always makes me feel good knowing there are brethren of our fraternity all over the world. With all of the visitors to our beautiful state, we are accustomed to this. It also shows others that we truly do walk the walk when it comes to hospitality and living Masonry in our hearts.

The next few months will be very busy for all of us. Lodge officers are finishing up their qualifications to move up in the lodge. Lodges will be having their election of officers and then the busy month of December with all of the installations. It is also an opportunity for those interested in preparing resolutions to be presented at our next Annual Communication in April 2012. If you believe that changes should be made to our Hawaii Masonic Code, this is your opportunity to do so. I want to take this time also to thank the hard work of all of the Inspectors in our jurisdiction. They have worked tirelessly attending lodge and working with the lodges to follow the HMC and to

do the best ritual work possible. I was an Inspector for 8 years and I know that Inspectors do not always get the recognition they deserve. Keep up the great work!

We had the Grand Master's Fast Class on Saturday October 29th. This was an opportunity for lodges to put through brethren who have already received their First Degree to receive their Second and Third Degrees in one day. It is usually for those brethren who are struggling due to deployments, work, health, age, etc. This year, you had the pleasure of witnessing the Grand Lodge Officers and Inspectors performing most of the ritual work for the two degrees. This was a first and was a recommendation of mine in the past. I'm glad it finally came to fruition.

I want to thank the hard work of Most Worshipful Marty Alexander, our Grand Lodge Secretary. Even though he resides on Maui, he has done a fantastic job of keeping in touch with everyone and making himself available when needed. He has done a great job with educational meetings with lodge Secretaries as well as educating everyone about ROLLS. We are a better and stronger jurisdiction due in no small part to his efforts.

It continues to be an honor serving the brethren of this jurisdiction as your Senior Grand Warden. The Grand Lodge team continues to work together to make decisions that are prudent, decisive, and honorable. Please continue to give us your input so we know what your needs and concerns are. We are only successful if we work together as honorable men and brothers. May the Great Architect continue to bless you and your families.

Fraternally,
Frank M. Condello II
Senior Grand Warden

From the Grand South By Right Worshipful Richard "Rick" Huston

"Jocularly Jockularity Jocularly."

Aloha Brethren from the Grand South.

The Grand Lodge year is flying by quickly. A little too fast for me as a matter of fact, as I try and nitch a notch, or is that notch a nitch for myself as the newest member of the Grand Line. It has not been as easy as I "assumed" to get on board and get my feet wet. Plagued with an ever changing work environment, conflicting meeting nights and travel. I am sure our Grand Master has stopped to reflect on occasion and wonder if there really was a Junior Grand Warden elected for this Grand Masonic Year!! Well, I can assure all of you there was and like the famous line from Top Gun – "I'm re-engaging"!

Speaking of famous lines, I'm sure you're wondering why I opened with the words "Jocularly". Most of you probably know from whence that phrase came from. It was used often by Father Mulcahy played by William Christopher from the TV sitcom M*A*S*H used it often to identify the antics of Hawkeye and the rest of the 4077th cast of characters.

Jocularly has its place at work, home, social gatherings, meetings or friends' get-togethers. It helps relieve tension, relaxes people and can bring about a relaxed atmosphere. Laughing is good for the soul.

However, there are "times" and "places" that jocularly, which can include laughing, joking and chuckling should not occur, should not be condoned or tolerated, and should be stopped before it starts by those who have the seniority and power to do so. I am of course referring to Lodge and the conduct of all of us, most especially during our degree work. On occasion something always happens that will bring a chuckle or giggle from many of us, but that is not and should not be the norm. As we have all heard MW Dennis Ing say "we have to remember and maintain the solemnity of the degree".

What I would like to impress upon all the members of all lodges, and most especially the officers, is that once that candidate enters the lodge room, be it the 1st, 2nd or 3rd degree, there is nothing else of importance, every officer and every Brother in the columns attention should be on that candidate. All attention is on him. Additionally, the Officers and Officer's coaches need to remember that once the candidate enters the room, practice is over. On too many occasions I have witnessed the solemnity of the degree broken because an officer overlooked a minor part, be it floor work or ritual. If it's not critical – let it go. Correct it afterwards; the candidate won't know the difference, unless of course, someone is attempting an on-the-spot correction! The same holds true for prompting. During a degree, there should only be one person prompting, and prompting only when the officer speaking gives an indication that he needs it. A good example of this is at the altar, if the Master needs prompting, it should come from the Senior Warden, and not several Brothers around or near the location. Good intentions yes, too many voices at times can also be confusing, as well as disruptive.

At the beginning of the Grand Masonic Year, I made a statement that one of the things I want to contribute to Masonry in Hawaii is the Peace and Harmony of the Lodges, and I believe that the solemnity of the degrees is part of this. We must learn to live and practice the very virtues and lessons that are taught in the Degrees.

Should we rely on the Investigating Committee?

By Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Grand Lecturer

It used to be a lot more difficult to get into our fraternity. Lodges were full, applications were abundant and blackballs were common. Nowadays we suffer from dwindling rosters, and are ecstatic just to receive an application. Thus, we happily welcome almost anyone to receive the Degrees, and casting the dreaded black cube has become akin to an act of treason.

We've all heard the passionate declarations by one or more of our brethren that a black ball rejects not only the applicant, but the two recommenders and the investigating committee as well. Therefore, the argument continues, we should not be so quick to substitute our own judgment for those who supposedly know the applicant better than we, or who spent the time and effort to investigate and report on the application.

I am NOT advocating the black ball, and I do think it is un-Masonic to **blackball** someone for no sound reason. However, I wish to point out that our faith in the recommenders is often misplaced. We see it all the time. Your close friend comes up to you before the stated meeting and says, "Brother Dennis, I want you to meet Joe Applicant. He's really a good guy. Can you sign his application as a recommender?"

Or how about the newbie who has come to several Lodge dinners, meets a bunch of the members, and even helps in the kitchen. You engage in a couple of conversations with him, and he seems like a "nice guy". Just before the next stated meeting he comes to you with his application and asks you to recommend him for membership.

In either of the foregoing instances (or in similar circumstances) are you going to turn the request down? Probably not. So the argument that we should trust in the judgment of the recommenders does not always ring true. At most we are often relying on only one recommender, who has vouched for the applicant's character to the second recommender. And what if the top-line signer himself just met the applicant **over the phone**?

Thus, the determination of the worthiness of the applicant will most often depend upon the judgment of the investigators. This is why a thorough investigation is essential to the welfare of the Lodge and to the Craft. Whenever we cast our ballots for an applicant whom we do not know (or whom we do not know well), we are trusting that the Master and the Investigating Committee have done their jobs properly.

HMC 2638a declares that the election of new member is the **most important executive function** that a Master is called upon to discharge. The Master must appoint investigating committees, consisting of three members, whose identities are confidential (except to each other) and who may work in concert or separately. They work under his specific direction, and it is his duty to instruct them carefully so that they can properly determine the applicant's "moral, mental, physical and other proper qualifications".

When I was first appointed to an investigating committee, the Master furnished me with an instruction sheet, containing questions to ask the applicant. I found this extremely helpful, and when it was my turn to appoint investigators, I updated the instructions and furnished my committees with a report form, giving them a clear idea of what I expected them to find out during the investigation. Some of the items covered in the instruction sheet were:

Confidentiality. The investigation and report are confidential. However, at the request of any Lodge member, your report may be read at the meeting at which the vote is taken.

Contact. HMC 2640 requires you to "call personally upon the petitioner". This does *not* mean a telephone call. It means face-to-face contact, so you can satisfy yourself from the applicant's demeanor, tone of voice, etc. whether his application is truthful. Phone interviews should be limited to emergency cases and follow-up inquiries. At some point and if possible, you should speak with the applicant's wife separately (by phone is okay), to see if she supports the application.

References. You should ascertain how well the recommenders and references know the applicant. Ask for their assessment of the applicant.

! **Findings.** Your report should be as detailed and as complete as possible. Your general objective is to assess the applicant's spiritual and moral character, mental and physical health, financial responsibility, motives for seeking membership and other proper qualifications.

! **Due date.** Next stated meeting. If you need more time, please call me as soon as possible.

! **Return** all copies of the Application and Report (i.e., do not keep any copies). Please be assured that I will destroy your report once the ballofing is over, so you can freely and openly make your assessment of the applicant without fear of future reprisal.

Even veteran members can forget to cover certain inquiries, and the Master should urge them to review the instructions, or review the instructions with them. The Master should continually check on the committee=s progress and attempt to facilitate their work by contacting the applicant himself or his recommenders, if necessary. Investigations should not be put on the "back burner" without good cause.

Investigations take time, and the Master should not burden the same people with this duty over and over. He should choose the investigators carefully and wisely. If the investigator is young and inexperienced, he should be more closely guided and encouraged to consult with other committee members, who (hopefully) are more experienced.

Above all, the investigating committee should be admonished to take their work seriously, and any member who doesn=t have the time to devote to a proper investigation, should be replaced. Thus, the instruction sheet should point out:

"Investigating an application is one of the most important duties you can render to the Lodge. Most of the brethren don't know the applicant, and will be relying on your investigation. Although Masonry is not intended to be an exclusive fraternity, yet we must be careful that this applicant will not bring dishonor to our ancient Institution. Therefore, the entire Lodge and all of Masonry will be counting on your thorough, unbiased and wise assessment of the applicant."

Although the Grand Master=s Fast Class might have waived proficiency exams, altered certain portions of the ritual, and lessened the time for bonding with new candidates, all applicants were required to be thoroughly and properly investigated. What determines whether a man will become a worthy Mason is not his memory work, or his ability to perform ritual, or his appreciation of Masonic history or allegory. What is most important is that he is a good man@ in the first instance, and for that determination we should be able to rely on the judgment of the investigating committee. Can we?

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS LAUNCHED

By: Antonio M. Ligaya, DGM

At this year's Annual Communication in April, the Grand Lodge authorized the addition of a Long-Range Planning Committee as a standing committee of the Grand Lodge to review and formulate specific objective to implement its long-range strategic plan called "*The Five Paddles of Progress*". A new section, §1210, was also added to the Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC) which identified the members' of the Long-Range Planning Committee and specified its duties.

This writer, as Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee, called a meeting with the Senior Warden of every lodge in August. Nine of the eleven lodges (82%) were represented by its Senior Warden or a designated alternate."

The meeting was conducted as an open discussion, or as a brain-storming session, regarding the road ahead for the "*The Five Paddles of Progress*", with the following highlights:

"Paddle No. 1. The Grand Lodge must be organized in a manner that will enable us to anticipate the needs of constituent lodges and to respond promptly to their problems and needs."

The discussion centered on the revival of the Masters and Wardens Association

A recommendation was made to have the Grand Lodge, preferably the Grand Master, convene the initial meeting that was proposed in October. The Association's meeting will be conducted quarterly. Web accessibility, i.e., via Skype, specifically for the neighbor island lodges, should be looked into. It will accommodate up to 10 persons/meeting at \$10/month. It will augment a 'live' meeting; will be investigated and reviewed in the future. A representative will be assigned by the Association to attend Grand Lodge Executive Committee meetings. Some type of metrics must be in place in the immediate future to measure success.

"Paddle No. 2. One of the main functions of the Grand Lodge is to promote education and training in Masonry, administrative and management techniques, and technological advancement."

Grand Lodge Inspectors report to:

the Grand Lecturer – for the Ritual

the Grand Master – for Lodge Administration

Establishment of classes was enthusiastically welcomed, however:

define who the 'lodge leaders' are, e.g., Lodge Pillars (WM, SW, JW)

how classes will be conducted

classes on lodge administration was recommended to start as soon as possible

The Grand Lecturer will conduct training workshops for Grand Lodge Inspectors

the Grand Master will direct / decide

recommended to be at least once a year

Require and assist constituent lodges in the creation and maintenance of an internet web page

most, if not all, lodges already have websites

maintaining, or keeping current, is biggest issue (example is absence of, or outdated, 'calendar of events')

Assignment of two lodges, at least once a year, on a rotating basis, to work together in presenting one educational workshop on a topic they will choose

well-received by all

a decision when this will be started, and by which couple of lodges, must be discussed and promulgated among the lodges as soon as possible

"Paddle No. 3. The Grand Lodge must develop and implement programs and activities that are of interest to a member's entire family."

Everyone believes this is already in place and done by each lodge social gatherings

inter-action with the local community within the lodge's area

An 'Activities Calendar' wherein each lodge's events are listed was proposed and must be submitted to the Grand Lodge, which will then publish a 'Master Calendar' for the Jurisdiction

proposed for implementation at the start of the calendar year in conjunction with a new Lodge Master as part of his lodge's program for the year

"Paddle No. 4. In order to remain relevant in today's society the Grand Lodge must promote community involvement in its own activities as well as in its constituent lodges, particularly in philanthropic ventures."

A suggestion in demonstrating 'strength in numbers'

4th of July Parades are prime example

a major visibility to the community

A couple of examples already in place

'Adopt-a-Highway' – Leeward Lodge has been doing for years

'Adopt-a-School' – Hawaiian Lodge does at least twice a year

'Falls of Clyde' – Honolulu Lodge / Pearl Harbor Lodge?

Other ideas, possibilities

volunteerism in such activities as:

Great Aloha Run – to assist in various support roles such as time-keepers, handing out water, etc.

Annual Muscular Dystrophy event during the Labor Day weekend – take telephone pledges for donation, etc.

Relevancy

How?

Are above activities sufficient?

Establishment of a Public Relations Committee and a Long-Range Public Relations Plan

"a great idea"

a suggestion was made to conduct surveys public perception of Masonry, but uncertain as to how to proceed, what the cost is, who will do – the Brethren themselves?

The issuance of periodic press releases was suggested
"Free"
investigate feasibility
must be done as soon as possible

"Paddle No. 5. The Grand Lodge should foster cooperation, communication and unity among its constituent lodges and concordant bodies in order to promote their common purposes and objectives."

A "Family of Freemasonry" meeting / event is recommended at least once a year for starters
The development of a Master Calendar, discussed in an earlier "Paddle", is most welcome
must be submitted to the Grand Lodge, which will then publish a 'Master Calendar' for the Jurisdiction
proposed for implementation at the start of the calendar year in conjunction with a new Lodge Master as part of
his lodge's program for the year
Get families involved / participate in events (social, community involvement, etc.)
Promote joint Degree work
an 'A Team' composed of members from all lodges
will be under the direction and supervision of the Grand Lecturer
to do degree conferrals from time to time
degree exemplifications during Schools of Instruction
during Fast Classes
special events, such as lodge anniversaries and other significant occasions: must be requested by lodge Masters in
advance
Promote inter-lodge visitations
with other concordant / appendant Bodies as well
must be duly qualified to visit (for example, a non-Scottish Rite Mason could not visit a Scottish Rite meeting, etc.)
Creation of a 'Speakers Bureau'
how?
who will form / create?
when will it be in place?

Within a relatively short two-hour meeting, the Long-Range Planning Committee came up with a multitude of ideas that must be followed-up on and "fine-tuned" for execution, and the demonstrated enthusiasm by all attendees was quite evident that "*The Five Paddles of Progress*", is indeed a living and dynamic document, and the avenue with which our Grand Lodge is to steer to the future!

ⁱ An amendment to the Long-Range Planning Committee's membership has been submitted in a proposed resolution for discussion at the 2012 Annual Communication.

ⁱⁱ Ko'olau Lodge was represented by its Junior Warden as the Senior Warden has relocated to the U.S. mainland; Loge le Progres sent both its Senior & Junior Wardens, Kona Lodge was represented by its Senior Deacon. Kilauea Lodge and Lodge Maui were not represented.

HISTORIC LETTER FOUND IN ARCHIVES

Submitted by RW Frank M. Condello II, Senior Grand Warden

During a review of documents in the possession of Honolulu Lodge, this letter was found by our Senior Warden, Gilles Tisseraud. It is a wonderful letter written by a brother of Honolulu Lodge who was serving in WWI. Below is the letter in its entirety. It is a nice reminder of how much Masonry means to our brethren, even when serving in harm's way on the battlefield.

Somewhere in France
January 6, 1918

Dear Secretary and Masonic Brothers:

I have for acknowledgement your communication of November 14th. I want to assure you that I appreciate hearing from you. Your letter has followed me around the United States, across the Atlantic

Ocean and eventually found me "somewhere in France." I desire to pay my dues one year in advance. I was in good standing up to December 31, 1917. I am so located that I cannot get a draft to send at this time and would ask the lodge to consider me in good standing until such time as I can forward my dues to you. Like many of my Masonic brothers I am unable to remit until I get where a post office or bank may be located. You understand the censorship on communications and that I am unable to give you any information other than the above. I would indeed like to tell you where I am and about the voyage across the Atlantic. It was all exciting and full of adventure. I will say, however, and I believe my remarks will pass the censorship, that the Allies will win this war. You can never understand or realize unless you are here to see for yourself what it all means. The morale of the American Army is excellent and the young men who comprise the fighting forces of our country are eager, ready and willing to make such sacrifices as may be necessary in the enforcement of a peace dictated by the powers who are by tradition and instinct peace abiding peoples. This is indeed a battered old world. There is not much left but the will of the people to continue this war until it is won. There is a price but it must be paid. Hundreds of thousands have given their lives in the cause and many more must do likewise. The Allied forces have indeed fought a great war and our coming into it makes victory assured.

There are many Masons doing their bit and I have enjoyed meeting them among all nations. Even one Russian officer produced his credentials that he was a Mason in good standing.

I wish for Honolulu Lodge and all Masons an abundance of good luck and God's blessings.

Yours fraternally,
Charles R. Forbes
Division Signal Officer
Headquarters, 41st Division
A.E.F. France

A visit to the Great State of Kentucky By Diamond M. Robinson Honolulu Lodge F.&.A.M. Junior Warden

The weekend of September 11th was well spent with our brothers from Greenup County Kentucky. Upon arrival I was greeted with open arms by everyone I came in contact with. I had the distinct pleasure of being initiated into the Grand and Glorious Order of the Hillbilly's which originated in 1969 to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals neighboring the Kentucky state line. Since its inception they have raised over 3 million dollars and produced 170 Hillbilly Clans. The morning of the 10th was a flag raising ceremony dedicated to all past and present veterans serving in all current conflicts around the world. We enjoyed an outdoor Third Degree hosted by Fred M. Gross Lodge # 953 and the surrounding Lodges of Greenup County. I was presented Honorary Membership in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and Fred M. Gross Lodge. Overall it was a great and memorable time with true Brotherly Love.

Diamond M. Robinson
Honolulu Lodge F.&.A.M.
Junior Warden





Above: RW Frank Condello visits Aynor Lodge #257 in Aynor S.C.

GRAND LODGE BLACK AND WHITE BALL

The Grand Lodge of Hawaii held its annual Black and White Ball at the Hale Koa Hotel on August the 14th, 2011. The formal social affair was enjoyed by Masons and their wives from around our jurisdiction.



Above: Members of Honolulu Lodge attend the Black and White Ball.



Socializing during the Black and White Ball.



RW Tony Ligaya prepares to introduce the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Monty Glover at the start of the Black and White Ball.

Master Masons in Hawaii grow by 76 Members!

The Grand Master's One Day or Fast Class held on October 29th was history in the making for Masons in the state of Hawaii. 76 Entered Apprentices from virtually every Blue Lodge in the state, received the 2nd and 3rd Degrees of Masonry, and were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Even more impressive was the fact that the degrees were done by the members of the Grand Lodge, under the direction of MW Dennis Ing, Grand Lecture. During the raising the Officers were assisted by the Masters, Past Masters and qualified Senior Wardens from all Lodges. A very impressive event in-deed.

Originally, the class was scheduled to have taken place at Schofield lodge with an anticipated of "up to 40" Entered Apprentices. However, as the list grew, surpassing 50 then 60, it was realized that parking alone at Schofield Lodge would become problematic so the move was made the week prior to Scottish Rite. Literally, up to the day of the degrees, the number grew. On Friday, we were told 72, maybe 74 then the morning of - 76!! Congratulations to all the new Master Masons, and to the officers of the Grand Lodge, Masters and Officers of all the lodges. A date which shall go down in history.

Editor's Note: This copy of the Grand Lodge Newsletter is, unfortunately very late. That said, towards the end of December first week of January we will be looking to publish the Spring 2011 Grand Lodge Newsletter. Lodge Masters, Secretaries or any Brother in the Jurisdiction is invited to submit articles for that editions at anytime to: firstsergeant@clearwire.net.