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GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII SPRING 2013

FROM THE GRAND EAST

MW Antonio M. Ligaya

THE HOMESTRETCH . . .



So here we are – about to end the first quarter of the Chinese Zodiac’s Year of the Snake, with a new set of officers in our Lodges, and at the threshold of convening the Grand Lodge for our next Annual Communication to close out the current Grand Lodge Year, and Election of Grand Lodge Officers for the 2013-2014 term!

I am pleased to report that the Fraternity is alive and fully engaged! Our Lodges continue to regularly receive and read petitions for membership and confer degrees, in addition to being fully active with its inter-actions with our neighbors and friends in our communities.

In our last issue of this Newsletter, I reported *“challenges and opportunities appeared to have manifested in various forms in at least a couple of our Lodges and in one of our appendant Bodies!”* Apparently such manifestation continued on, albeit at the personal level, in that a couple of our Brothers were reported, to me, to have failed to circumscribe their passions within due bounds! In an attempt to rectify the situations at hand I had to suspend one from active membership in our Fraternity at least for a month, and strongly reprimand the other to the point that any future Masonic “infraction” he commits and charged with will result to either his suspension or expulsion from the Craft! I fully believe and trust that both received the message loudly and clearly and that they will henceforth act accordingly on the square!

On a more positive note, I am pleased to report:

- Our Lodge under dispensation has re-engaged more positively and is on-track to very well get their Charter back in the not-too-distant future, as more members have started to attend and participate again; I will definitely await that great eventuality of it being a fully operational Lodge, again, without the direct supervision of the Grand Lodge,
- I made a presentation, in representation of our Jurisdiction, at the Western Conference of Grand Masters.
- I represented our Grand Jurisdiction at the Conference of Grand Masters in North America in February, accompanied by our Deputy Grand Master, our Junior Grand Warden, and Grand Secretary. This event was held in Kansas City, Missouri, and fortunately finished a day before the major February snow storm that resulted to the closure of the area airports, which would have kept us there for about an extra week,
- I represented our Grand Lodge in a couple of Installation of Officers of our Ladies’ Appendant Bodies – that of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA) wherein Sister Fay Arigo was installed as High Priestess, and of the Daughters of the Nile where Sister Barbara Sheeder was installed as Queen. I highly encourage everyone to attend such future installations; at the very least you will definitely be amazed and awed, like I was, at the pageantry of both occasions, while at the same time demonstrate your support of these organizations – both of which actively support our Shriners,

- I was able to provide our Illustrious Potentate counsel regarding §2635 of the Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC) which he heeded. On that note, I recommend everyone review, understand, and comply with this particular section of the HMC, among the rest of the Code,

From having an “easy and relaxing” life of staying at home and not doing anything (other than “honey-do’s”) in order that I may devote all my time to my duties as your Grand Master, at least in 2012, I “unretired” in early 2013 and re-joined the “rat race” and took a job as a civil servant – only to face the reality of the looming furlough that is currently upon everyone in the employ of the Federal Government – but it’s all good, as everyone seems to say!

In about three (3) weeks, the Grand Lodge will convene for the 2013 Annual Communication (AnCom) and Election of Officers, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. All Master Masons are highly and strongly encouraged to attend this annual event, to be held on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, to at least witness your Grand Lodge, assembled, to conduct business and continues to shape the future of our Craft in Hawaii.

Registration forms have all been sent to all Lodges, through the respective Secretaries, but, please go to the Grand Lodge website (www.hawaiifreemason.org) and click on the opening page to learn more about the schedule and venue of related events. I look forward with anticipation your attendance at the AnCom, the Installation of Officers, and the Grand Master’s Installation to be held at the Hale Koa Hotel’s Banyan Tree Showroom.

Finally, as this is my last opportunity to address you in this forum, I would like to thank everyone for their unselfish support throughout my entire Masonic Career thus far – to MWBro. Oscar Jayme, PGM, who was one of my early mentors, to Pilar Lodge #15 in the Philippines – my Mother Lodge, to Sagamihara Lodge #13 and Yokosuka Lodge #20 in Japan – where I started out in the officers’ chairs and where I was Master (pro-temporé for 9 months in the former, and installed as such in the latter), Hawaiian Lodge (from the time it was the 21st Lodge under California, through the present) – where I was Master in 2005, MW Bro. Dennis Ing, PGM and current Grand Lecturer for his wise counsel through the years, WBros. Ed Abutin and Alex Escasa, both great friends on and off the golf course, for their brutal honesty and straight-forward advice, WBro. Wilson Camagan, for his candor and “no-holds barred” advise and recommendations, to the members of the Grand Lodge Executive Committee – past and present – for their friendship, wise counsel, and genuine love for our Craft, and, to all of you – My Brethren – for keeping me going in spite of myself. You were all there with me, and for me, especially when the going was rough. I made numerous mistakes along the way and you understood and helped me pull through, I sought your guidance and you unselfishly led me, I’ve asked you to open your wallets and you also opened your hearts out with both arms widely open and outstretched, I asked for your friendship and you extended me unselfish Brotherly Love. Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart!

I again enjoin you all to always remember in prayer our men and women, our sons and daughters, and our brothers and sisters who so proudly wear the military uniform of our great country who remain “on watch” on foreign and domestic soils in the name of the freedom we all cherish, who are defending those who cannot defend themselves, 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!

In closing, I share the sentiments expressed by Abraham Lincoln in his February 11, 1861 Farewell Address at the Great Western Depot in Springfield, Illinois as he left for his inauguration as our 16th President, when he said, *“My friends – No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To ... the kindness of these people, I owe everything ... Without the assistance of that Divine Being ... I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him ... let us confidently hope that all will ... be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell.”*

To our incoming Grand Master and his Corps of Grand Lodge Officers for the 2013-2014 term – Congratulations, Good Luck and Godspeed; the best is yet to come!

God bless us all!!



“The Grand Masters in attendance at the Conference of Grand Masters in North America held 17-19 February 2013 at the Sheraton Crown Center in Kansas City, MO take a break from their meetings to pose for this group picture. Our own Most Worshipful Tony Ligaya is seated at the right on the front row.”



Above left - The Grand Master poses with the new Queen of Egyptian Temple No. 3, Sister Barbara Sheeder - Above right - At a Banquet during the Conference of Grand Masters in North America in February, 2013

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

By: RW Frank M. Condello II, Deputy Grand Master



Aloha brethren! This last quarter has been quite busy for your Grand Lodge officers. December kept us very busy with attending all of the installations. I enjoy this time of year though, because it allows me to reconnect with the brethren from lodges that I do not regularly attend. I wish all of the new officers the best this year and encourage them to do their best for the fraternity.

In February, I had the pleasure of attending the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. This was held in Kansas City, Missouri. For those of you who may not know what this is, it is an international conference that is made up of the elected Grand Lodge officers for all of Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. There are also many representatives from other countries who attend to show their support. It is much like a United Nations of Masons. Over the years I have built wonderful friendships with my counterparts in other states and provinces. It has enriched my understanding of the fraternity and how to be an effective administrator. It also has allowed me to see the bigger picture outside of our small jurisdiction. I believe this has enriched our Grand Lodge with better understanding when addressing issues in our state.

As we have talked about in the past, there have been some problems and issues that needed to be addressed by this Grand Lodge over the past quarter. Not all will be pleased or satisfied with the decisions that were made, but we tried our best to make our decisions in the most honorable fashion. We have to go on the information we have, and follow the Hawaii Masonic Code to the best of our ability. Now that these decisions have been made, we need to get passed them and move on as a fraternity. I would encourage all of you to spend a little more time reading the Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC) to answer your questions. The HMC is our constitution and understanding what is in there will assist you and educate you at the same time.

It is really overwhelming to realize that after 19 years in this fraternity, I will be ascending to the position of Grand Master on April 20th. I have learned so much about our Grand Lodge over the past 3 years as an elected officer. At the lodge level, you don't always appreciate what the Grand Lodge is or what they do. Believe me, when I was a young officer in my lodge many years ago, I didn't really know what the Grand Lodge was all about. They can also be quite intimidating with all of their titles and special regalia. At the end of the day though, we are just brothers like all of you. We are tasked with ensuring that the lodges follow the HMC and are functioning properly. We also represent all of you and advocate for you when needed. We are a young jurisdiction entering only our 24th year as a Grand Lodge, but I am very grateful that the brethren that came before us saw the wisdom of having our own Grand Lodge and deciding our own destiny. It is truly an honor and very humbling to be the future shepherd of the brethren of Hawaii. I promise all of you that I will perform my duties to the best of my ability. There will be changes and modifications, but these are not meant to slight what MW Ligaya has done over this past year. I appreciate his love and zeal for our ancient and honorable fraternity and it was my pleasure to serve under him this past year.

I encourage all of you to attend our Annual Communication on April 19th and 20th. Even if you are not a voting pillar of your lodge, all brethren are welcome to attend. It is a great learning experience to see how legislation is voted on and hear the reports that are given. It opens your eyes to the business of the Grand Lodge. You also have a chance to meet visiting brethren from all over the world who are there. I would be very honored if you attend the Installation of Grand Lodge officers on Saturday April 20th at 3 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. There will also be a wonderful Crab buffet and live music and other entertainment at the Grand Master's Banquet. This will be held at 6 p.m. the same evening at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki. Tickets are \$65 per person. Please register at the Grand Lodge website, which is hawaiifreemason.org.

As always, it is an honor serving the brethren of Hawaii and as I have said in the past, I am approachable and want to have your input. Please work with me this coming year to improve and enrich our Craft. We can achieve great things if we just work together and conduct ourselves with honor.

FROM THE GRAND WEST

By RW Rick Huston, Senior Grand Warden



Another Masonic Year is about to close. We have been blessed under the dynamic leadership of Most Worshipful Antonio "Tony" Ligaya. MW Tony came into the Grand East with dedication, desire, drive and a lot of heart for the love of Masonry in general. He implemented edicts that had effect on our Blue Lodges across the state, and he was faced with decisions under the Masonic Code that affected a few individuals personally and some Lodges in particular. I can assure you that some of these decisions were not easy, and a lot of time, thought, consultation and research went into each and every one of them.

With the full support of the Grand Lodge Executive Committee we will close this chapter of the 2013 Grand Masonic Year on April 20th, and MW Tony, quite simply, can stand proud as he moves to the much respected and coveted position of "Jr Past Grand Master" of Masons in the State of Hawaii. Congratulations my Brother! I am proud of the fact that I was the one that nominated you for Jr Grand 4 years ago!

As we prepare to open the chapter of the 2014 Grand Lodge Masonic Year I know we will continue to see the growth, desire and love for Masonry, and your Grand Lodge's concern for and of our eleven Blue Lodges continue under the leadership of RW Frank Condello. God willing and found worthy enough, I look forward to assuming the Deputy Grand Warden position, and stand ready to support and nurture the Grand Lodge and Masonry in the state of Hawaii in general into yet another great Grand Masonic Year! Hope to see each and every one of you at the Grand Communication April 19th and 20th.

FROM THE GRAND SOUTH

By RW Michael P. Baker, Junior Grand Warden

Annihilating Darkness



A “zero sum game” is one where for one person to win the other must lose. A poker game between two men where each starts with a hundred dollars: For one man to win with two hundred dollars the other must be totally broke. There is finite amount of money. It is rare such a game would end that way. As a rule one man would realize his luck was running out and stop playing, or the other, having made a good gain, may want to quit while ahead and not press his luck. Generally a wise choice!

Morality is a “zero sum game”; it is good versus evil. As evil increases, good darkness to light: the purpose of the Craft, to make good men better!

We all believe, or would like to believe, that light is stronger than darkness. However, even in the strongest and most brilliant light, darkness lurks in the shadows and hides in closed unopened spaces. As with evil, it is ever-present, but often unnoticed. We tend to think of darkness as the total blackness of a cave or closed room and think of evil as downright horrible. But, evil can exist in light in the form of a shadow ... not totally black, but a shade of gray.

I judge people. We all do. I do not judge people by how they treat me, but rather by how they treat others, because whatever they do to them, they will eventually do to me.

Take the dishonest business person who cheats their clients or customers. If they engage their employees in this dishonesty they will eventually cause their business to fail. The employee now knows their employer is a cheat and knows if the employer will cheat the client, he will cheat them as well. The employee can use the dishonesty of the employer to rationalize his own dishonest behavior; Lying about hours worked, taking extra breaks, stealing from the company, etc. In this manner darkness expands and replaces light.

Of course the opposite is true as well. The client has over-paid and the employee sees his employer immediately notify the client and return the money. The employee is confident in his employer’s honesty and will emulate that moral code.

We all play in this zero sum game of morality and historically no one plays it better than Masons. Other community and fraternal organizations can and do actively recruit new members. Religions send out missionaries, proselytize and recruit new converts. With Masons we are out there, being judged in the above manner ... by what we do, not what we say.

As a rule a man comes in contact with Masons and notes the commonalties among them, their adherence to moral and ethical values and in his desire to emulate them asks to join the Craft. - *“With this in mind my brothers, we should all, in every part of our daily lives, strive to be the light!”*

I hope to see each and every one of you that can make it to the Annual Communication and together we can stand in the light.



Pictured here are father and son brothers: WB Ron Cribbs and Bro. Thy Cribbs who met us at the Sheraton Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, while attending the Western Conference of Grand Masters and the Grand Masters Conference of North America. Brother Thy had been working in Kona and attending Kona Lodge for the better part of 2012.

ALOHA FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

By Marty Alexander, PGM



Aloha My Brothers, I know the Grand Lodge year is winding down and our Annual Communication will soon be upon us on Friday and Saturday, April 19th and 20th. I will save all the boring “numbers” stuff for the AnCom report but here are a few things to remember if you are planning to participate.

First and foremost.....Don't forget to bring a current dues card with you at time of registration. If you are not in possession of a current dues card, you will not be able to attend.

Next, please car pool if you can. While the Scottish Rite Cathedral is a spectacular building for us to be allowed to hold our business meetings in, it does have limited parking. So, share a ride with someone if you can to avoid backups.

Also, one of the main things that most members tend to overlook is that our Annual Communication is just not only for those having votes but it is for all Master Masons in our jurisdiction. ALL Master Masons are not only invited but are also expected to attend. Come and see how our lodges work together to form our Masonic working model. See how our Masonic Code is shaped. See how your Grand Lodge officers are elected. It is up to you as an individual Mason to come and participate in the future of Masonry in our jurisdiction. Your contribution in our jurisdiction's future starts with your presence today.

One of the most important aspects of attending these type of functions year after year is that only do you get a better understanding of how/why things happen but the BEST part is, you either get to meet new Masonic friends or you are able to reacquaint yourselves with those you have met in the past. These are the type of events that give me the chance to touch base with some of my most favorite if not the most important friendships that I have forged in the past. I only wish that I get more opportunities throughout the year to meet up with my friends! But the lesson here I think is to take advantage of seeing your friends when the opportunity avails itself to you.

Okay, 'nough said....registrations are still available on line on our website at HawaiiFreemason.org If that is not convenient enough, let me know, I will email you one personally. The only last thing I have to say is to please take mercy on your Grand Secretary's soul and register sooner than later!

Aloha, hope to see you there



Most Worshipful Tony treated his entourage to a dinner while attending the Grand Masters Conference of North America

GRAND LECTURER

By Dennis A. Ing PGM

PLANNING YOUR RITUAL STUDY



A previous newsletter article (*Embracing the Ritual*, July 2012) described the importance of approaching every ritual assignment with a positive attitude. You must believe that memorizing the work is not simply possible, it is a certainty. One of the reasons for maintaining a positive attitude is that the "learning curve" for Masonic ritual is very steep, especially if you are new to it. For most of us it will take a long time to memorize a passage, particularly during the early stages. Gradually, as you become more familiar with the language and the syntax, and as your memory improves (and it will), memory work will become easier, almost as if by magic.

This article considers the first steps in the actual mechanics of memorizing the ritual. Many of you may have already developed your own memory techniques. Whatever that may be, it is most important that you undertake your task methodically and with purpose. Here are some recommendations:

You absolutely cannot wait until the last minute. (Starting serious memorization a few days before reciting is "the last minute".) As soon as you are given an assignment, determine how much time you will have to learn it. Be realistic. Other activities and distractions will obviously lessen the amount of time you have for study.

Divide your total available study time into fourths. By the end of the first fourth, you should be thoroughly familiar with what you have to learn: the correct translation of all ciphered parts, the meaning and correct pronunciation of every word, and for longer assignments the convenient divisions or "milestones" within the obligation, charge or lecture.

Too often we hear recitations that are incorrect simply because of improper translation. One of the most common, for example, is the phrase in the Middle Chamber lecture: "but did NOT work on the seventh" (incorrect), instead of "...did NO work..." (Correct). We often overlook incorrect pronunciations (because some words are pronounced differently in other countries), but if you are "striving for perfection", it is preferable to say "PECK-tor-uhl", instead of "pec-TOR-uhl", "zer-ah-DA-thah" instead of "zer-ED-ih-thah", and "KOW-ans" instead of "KOH-ans". (Your lodge Inspector has a glossary of pronunciations issued by the Grand Lecturer, which should be made available to your Officers Coach and to all interested members.)

Finally, you must understand the meaning of every word and the objective of every passage. This will assist you not only in giving a meaningful recitation, but also in remembering the words themselves. Isn't it easier, for example, to understand that the pillars were as thick as the width of a hand (handbreadth) in order to withstand fire (conflagration) and flood (inundation)?

Ask your coach, an officer, or a Past Master to help you with the correct translation and pronunciation. Do not hesitate to refer to the dictionary and/or encyclopedia, especially since it is easy to utilize these resources online. And one of the most important reasons for paying close attention to every recitation in lodge is to learn the pronunciation of words and how they should be delivered (whether or not the pronunciation or delivery is correct).

Partitioning your assignment is important for several reasons. First, it enables you to establish sub-goals in your timetable of memorization. Second, it will serve as a guide or checklist as to where you are (and how much more you have to go) during the memorization process and while reciting. The First Degree charge, for example, is easily divided into: (1) the introductory paragraph; (2) duties as a Mason; (3) duties as a Citizen; (4) duties as an Individual; and (5) closing paragraph.

While dividing up your assignment, look for "milestones" or key words and phrases that will help you recognize where you are in the assignment. For example, I am fond of the sentence in the opening section of the Third Degree, which ends in "...as if to witness the splendid display of the wisdom of Solomon." In the Second Degree, it's easy to remember the phrase "...which roll through the vast expanse...", and then connect up the end of that passage with the word "nature." You will probably find your own "targets" or "milestones", but whatever they are, you will be surprised at how much they will help in the process of memorizing and recitation of every assignment.

The final task in planning the process of memorization is scheduling your study. Hopefully, by the time (first quarter) you have translated the cipher, looked up the meaning and pronunciation of words, and partitioned your assignment, you will be very familiar with what you must commit to memory. Indeed, you should have already memorized a good deal of the work.

By the time you reach the halfway point (two-fourths) of your schedule, plan to have memorized the entire assignment, whether it consists of an obligation, recitation of duties, a charge or a lecture. After that, during the third quarter of your schedule, you should be trying to make the assignment "second nature". (A good test is to start in the middle of the passage and proceed to the end, and be able literally to recite backwards and forwards.) During the final one-fourth of your study period, you should be reviewing and reciting, polishing your delivery and combining it with the floorwork.

Thus, your objectives are: (a) to translate, understand and pronounce all words correctly, establish your "milestones" and schedule your practices by the end of the first quarter of your assignment; (b) memorize the entire assignment by the end of the second quarter (half) of your study period; (c) know the assignment "backwards and forwards" by the end of the third quarter; and (d) combine words and floorwork during the last quarter of your study.

As you can see, the longer and/or tougher the assignment, the earlier you must start. Your coach is supposed to allocate sufficient time for you to complete your task, but you will not go wrong as long as you do not consider your time for learning to be open-ended. Always set a deadline for completing your task. Start as early as possible, and always plan your schedule so you will complete your memory work by the halfway point of your study period.

If you are an officer, consider practices in lodge to be only for floorwork. Memory work should be done outside of the lodge room, although it's nice to be able to recite some of your lines, especially when they involve dialogue. Note that officers have an even greater incentive to listen to others in lodge, because you may find yourself learning those same passages sooner than later.

Two additional points: First, you should, particularly during the second half of your study, work with your coach, and validate your progress with him. Second, you should always recite aloud (or whispering to yourself) while memorizing. (It's convenient and somewhat soothing to do this while driving alone, as long as you don't become so distracted that your driving suffers.)

In later articles we will consider some techniques for actually memorizing the work. For now, this essay has hopefully impressed upon you the importance of planning your study. (End)

KONA LODGE

By J. Daniel Miller, Worshipful Master

Kona Lodge has been busy over the fall and winter season, with both several degrees being conferred as well as very active participation in our Stated Meeting Dinners. We are very fortunate that we have many visitors from out of state, especially in the winter months when much of the mainland is covered with ice and snow. Many of our visitors are repeat visitors year by year, who regularly visit Kona. These Masons regularly attend our degrees and stated meetings, and it is always interesting to hear of the activities in their home lodges.

At our February Stated Meeting, we set a modern record for Kona Lodge for the most first time visitors to our Lodge. When we recognized them and placed them West of the alter, the line reached from South to North. These visitors came mostly from the cold weather climates of the USA and Canada, but we even had a visiting Brother from a Lodge in New Delhi, India. We discussed the differences as well as the similarities of the ritual as done here versus the traditional English ritual performed in India.

We also had two visitors from the United Kingdom in January who were kind enough to provide the lodge with a complete copy of the English ritual, which is very interesting reading, not only for the differences, but the many similarities. Another recently returning visitor hails from Bermuda, and his lodge meets under the Scottish Grand Lodge jurisdiction. All these visitors bring home the point that Masonry is alive and well after hundreds of years all over the World. Each of these brothers remarked that they were so well received wherever they visited abroad. This has been my personal experience as well in my travels.

Kona Lodge has also had a very good year in attracting new members to our Lodge. Since we are a small lodge in a relatively small populated, it is gratifying to have so many new applicants, especially younger men who will be the future of Masonry in Kona in the future when we older graybeards finally take a seat on the sidelines.



February 27, Brother Shane Howell received his first degree



Double First Degree January 16, 2013: Brothers Mick Venetura and Brother Jack Alexander.

PEARL HARBOR LODGE

By Mike Maklary Worshipful Master

Pearl Harbor Lodge is off to a great start. We already have conferred a first and third degree and one affiliation. We had a nice turn out for the Sweetheart Dinner. Those who were unable to make it missed a great dinner and great fellowship. We are conferring another third degree in March.

The Masonic Service Association has more than a dozen plays designed especially for use in the Lodge Room. Each one is intended to communicate understanding about aspect of Masonry. A "Catalog of Lodge Room Plays" is available at no charge, except a minor shipping charge of \$2.00 for each one.

The basic unit of all Grand Lodges is the Masonic Lodge, often known as the Symbolic Lodge, Blue Lodge or Craft Lodge. It is the Masonic Lodge that receives and acts upon petitions for the three degrees known as the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees. There are 11 such Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of Hawaii with a total membership of approximately 1700.

Membership is limited to adult males without regard to race, color or creed who are of good character and reputation. A Man becomes a Freemason of his own volition. No one is solicited to membership. A man seeks admission of his own free will. He makes the Choice! One of the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry is that Masons cannot solicit members. One seeking admission must have a desire and ask for an application form from one whom he believes to be a Mason. The applicant for admission to Freemasonry must be over 18 years of age, mentally and physically competent and of good moral character. He must be recommended by two members of the Masonic Lodge to which he is seeking admission and obtain its unanimous favorable ballot for acceptance.

SCHOFIELD LODGE

BY Daryl Lajola, Worshipful Master

Brethren, the first quarter of the Masonic year is officially behind us, and as is the case in previous years at Schofield Lodge, we are steadily picking up the pace in terms of activity. It's not to say that we haven't been doing much thus far. As a matter of fact, we've done a few degrees, one of them being a Military Degree with a great turnout. We also repainted our lodge room and we visited the other lodges in the Oahu area.

The only difference between 2013 and the previous years is that the lodge finally hits the century mark in December. This is truly an exciting time to be a member of Schofield Lodge as we delve into the history of our lodge, the temple, and the brethren, to try and collect the many memories that were made in and out of the lodge room. These memories will help capture the essence of what makes Schofield Lodge such a great lodge to be a part of.

This being my second consecutive year serving as Worshipful Master, I am very eager to see what the year has in store for the members, as well as the other brothers in our Jurisdiction. One thing is for certain, is that we will try to make this year as special as it can be. Our plans for 2013 include renovations to the Schofield Masonic Temple, which we will incorporate into a Cornerstone Ceremony that we plan on having during the last quarter of the year. We also plan on having a Past Master's Night, commemorating all of the lodge's Masters who have lead the lodge in the past, which will take place within the next few months. But lastly, we will strive to continue in strengthening the bond that our members have with one another, which is a major factor why the lodge has been able to be around for the past 100 years.

As I've said, these are truly exciting times to be a member of Schofield Lodge, and I invite all brothers, near and far, to share these moments with us.

SCHOFIELD LODGE

By Tony Sasser, Junior Warden

If you ever have the opportunity to visit some of the beautiful cathedrals that the Operative Masons designed and built, I would highly encourage you to do so. One of the most magnificent structures is St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England. It is a place of striking beauty and reverence.

The first St. Paul's Cathedral was built in 604 A.D. on the site of the present structure. The great fire of London in 1666 destroyed that building, but after the fire, Sir Christopher Wren, a noted architect and reportedly a Freemason, was commissioned to design a new edifice. The first service was held in the new church on December 2, 1697, but the entire structure was not completed until 1710.

St. Paul's is of particular significance to Freemasons. A visitor notes the black and white marble squares forming a checkered pavement on the ground floor of the cathedral. Also, as an American, you are impressed by the American Memorial Chapel in the apse; a memorial to the American's who died in World War II. But, the most extraordinary part of St. Paul's Cathedral is surely the magnificent dome in the center of the cross-shaped edifice. One of the largest cathedral domes in the world, it rises 365 feet above the floor and weighs 65,000 metric tons. You can climb the almost 700 steps to the top of the dome for a magnificent view of London.

When comparing St. Paul's to the more modern buildings surrounding it, you are awestruck by the commitment of those operative Masons who built that structure. Those Masons had no modern cranes or machinery. The stones which form the enormous, impressive dome were all shaped appropriately, and then carried by hand 40 stories to the top. The commitment of those stonemasons to their work is obvious to this day.

Viewing this great work of our operative Brethren, led me to reflect on our commitment as speculative Masons. Our work doesn't involve the construction of buildings but rather Lodges of self-improvement and charity for others. One of our great Freemasons, Albert Pike, said it this way: "The practical object of Masonry is the physical and moral amelioration, and the intellectual and spiritual improvement, of individuals and society." Our speculative Masonic work isn't as obvious as building a cathedral, but perhaps it is more important. The stonemasons of yesteryear, who carried the stone some 700 steps to the top of St. Paul's, were dedicated to their work. The Freemasons of today must be no less committed to their important speculative work than their ancestors were in their operative work.

If we remain committed and dedicated to our Masonic mission today, we each have the opportunity to erect our own, equally impressive, moral and spiritual temple. Just as St. Paul's stands today as evidence of the commitment of the operative Masons of yesteryear, so too, by our example, our collective efforts as speculative Masons, will leave a moral legacy that will extend well beyond the limits of our lives, and benefit our families, our communities, our country, and the world.

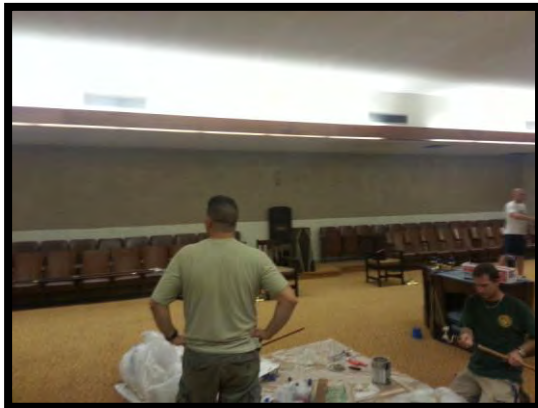
I encourage all of the Brothers of Schofield Lodge to reflect upon your own commitment to the Craft, rather it is to learning the Rituals, working on your Proficiencies, moving thru the chairs, learning the floor work, or our conduct in the Lodge and abroad. When we identify areas that we can improve and recommit our efforts to those areas, we can stand united as shining beacon the world of the lasting effects of Masonry that will stand the test of time. So that future generations can proudly emulate the work and dedications that we set the foundation for.



Brothers Panion and Edejer during Bro Edejer's Reenlistment Ceremony



The brothers of Schofield Lodge in attendance for Bro Edejer's reenlistment ceremony



President of the Schofield Masonic Temple Association, admiring the hard work the brothers put in to repaint the lodge room.



The Brothers of Schofield Lodge after our Military Degree Night

LODGE MAUI

By Brother Jerry Eiting

Lodge Maui Sends Fraternal Greetings From The Valley Isle!

The brethren of Lodge Maui have been hard at work laboring in the quarry of Masonic endeavor. The month of January was focused on our new officers practicing their roles and honing their ritual under the tutelage of our new Officers Coach and sitting Chaplain, Worshipful Brother Stew Enger PM.

February afforded us the opportunity to pay respect to a Mason of the highest caliber, Brother Carl Dudley, who received his Grand Lodge of Hawaii 50 Year Golden Veteran Award, courtesy of our Brothers in Canada.



February also featured a new addition to our annual lodge activities with the inclusion of a Valentines Sweethearts Night honoring our Masonic Widows. Worshipful Brother Junior Warden Robert Martin PM spearheaded the effort and demonstrated true commitment by sending out the invitations, volunteering to drive ladies to and from the event, handling the catering and decorating the lodge to full effect.

With pride, Lodge Maui was pleased to Initiate 2 new Entered Apprentice Masons, Jonathan Buckner and Steven Allen Baker. They are now hard at work on their proficiencies.



The month of March afforded us the opportunity to receive, with honors, our own Worshipful Brother Stanley Hiroshi Takeuchi, Grand Lodge Inspector for Lodge Maui. He graced us with profound words of wisdom and solicited a pledge from us, to do an outdoor degree. We celebrated "Irish style" with some excellent corned beef and cabbage stew and some bad Irish jokes.



Another auspicious March moment came as we honored one of our most worthy of brothers with the highest honor we can bestow. Brother James Fells was the recipient of the coveted Hiram Award. Those of us who are called to serve as officers of the lodge are faced with many obligations and commitments in our roles. We fulfill our duties and obligations as best each of us can and do our duty to the lodge.

Brother Fells is that extra special Mason who is tireless in his enthusiasm for all fraternal endeavors. He fulfills every requirement as an officer and then commits to helping however he can at every Masonic event. His mind is sharp enough to fill any chair in lodge as needed and his wit is great enough to find the humor in any moment. As a Navy recruiter he comes into contact with many good young men and his example has inspired more than a few of them to seek us out and ask the question. By word and deed he has brought much honor to our ancient fraternity. Unfortunately for us, he has been called away to active duty. Although our hearts are heavy with our loss, we know that his great spirit is destined for bigger things and that he is merely following the Supreme Architects Master plan for him. We wish him "safe harbor" on distant shores and hold quiet vigil in our hearts for his safe return.

As a testament to the ongoing commitment of the Brethren we were delighted to hear the standard form 3rd degree proficiencies of Brother Christopher Williams and Brother James Durham delivered with finesse as well as the second degree proficiency of Brother Roy Marrero, plus we were brought a new member by affiliation from California in the person of brother William Buehler, who has been treasurer of his mother lodge for over 5 years.

If you are ever on Maui, we practice every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm and always enjoy good fellowship following it and our Stated meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month with a \$10.00 dinner at 6:30 followed by the meeting at 7:30. For updated information on all our lodge events and also for contact information on concordant bodies such as The Order of the Eastern Star, the Maui Shrine Club and the Scottish Rite, please check our website at www.lodgemaui.com. You may also contact our Blue Lodge Secretary, *Most Worshipful Brother Marty Alexander PGM*, at 808-870-4303.

HONOLULU LODGE

By Stephen Carroll, Junior Warden



8 January 2013: Honolulu Lodge warmly welcomed back WB John Sharp (Grand Pursuivant, United Grand Lodge of England), Bro. Larry Widmer (Lodge No.43 Lancaster, PA), (WB Diamond M. Robinson, center), Bro. John Marshall (Prince Charles Lodge No.153, British Columbia & Yukon), and WB Fred Wolfstone (Lakeside Lodge No. 258, Bellevue, WA) for our January Stated Meeting. (Bro. Marshall and WB Wolfstone are also members of Honolulu Lodge.)



Martin Luther King, Jr Parade: At left, MW Howard Covington Sr, (Grand Master, MWPGL), and RWB Frank Condello II, DGM; at right, MW Dennis Ing, PGM, WM Diamond Robinson, RWB Frank Condello II, DGM.



05 March 2013: RWB Frank Condello II, Deputy Grand Master, and WB Manny Aquino, Grand Lodge Inspector, present Br. Tom Rossman his 50 Year Award on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.



Honolulu Lodge initiated four new members to our ancient and honorable fraternity, from left: Robert Clifton, Raven Esposito and James Cowan, and Alejandro "Ponch" Garcia (courtesy work, GL Texas).



In March, Br. Stephen Carroll, JW, coordinated the design and raised funds for our first lodge banner. The brothers that contributed were awarded a plaque in appreciation of their support.



“From Whence We Came” - Honolulu Lodge celebrated our Past Masters and our history with a new tradition – the Honolulu Lodge Heritage Celebration. In addition to several Past Masters recalling their tenure in the East, Br. Stephen Carroll, Junior Warden and Lodge Historian, curated and displayed several artifacts from the archives of the lodge. At left, WM Robinson addresses the brethren and their guests.



Artifacts on display included charters, maps, newspaper articles and correspondence.



Bylaws of Pacific Lodge #822 and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland



The 12 brothers of Hawaiian Lodge that petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for our charter.



Correspondence from Judge Cooper, Grand Master Depute, and first Master of Honolulu Lodge, regarding raising a lodge on Maui.



The application fee in 1904 was \$60 (more than \$1400 in 2013 dollars) and included the Mark Degree; affiliation was only \$10.



The guests were treated to a family-style dinner where lively discussion further exemplified the camaraderie that we share.



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR HAWAII CHAPTER NO.1

By Jeanella Keopuhiwa, Worthy Matron

Aloha Sisters and Brothers,

Our stated meeting was once again filled with much business to discuss. After the reading of the last months' minutes we heard the reading of a new petition. An investigating committee will be calling on her. We hope to ballot on this petition at our next meeting. A ballot was taken after the report from last month's investigating committee and the Chapter elected Ms. Dee Richardson to receive the degrees of the Order. I believe we will most likely have initiations at our May meeting. Mahalo Ke Akua. We tidied up the unfinished business, including information and distribution of "Vierra's Sweetbread Fundraiser" tickets.

Just in time for Merrie Monarch weekend! These are really ono pull apart sweetbreads. My Worthy Patron and I wished we had ordered more the last time around! They also can be frozen. Final tally is due in by April 2. PICK UP DATE IS APRIL 5 at the Kilauea Masonic Center 10am-4pm. Please call or email me with you loaf counts. THIS IS A PRE-SALE EVENT! Mahalo, for your kokua. The Chapter needs your support as we have not had a fundraiser for awhile. Send/bring all fundraiser proceeds/donations to our Secretary Sister Sandra Kelley at the Kilauea Masonic Center.

Mahalo Sister Patricia Dunn, for volunteering to send out the KMTA newsletter each month. We all appreciate you doing this task.

We also had elections to fill the vacated two-year trustee position. Brother Garry Maeda was elected into the two year term and our Treasurer Sister Marva Lynn Chew was elected into the three year term.

It was brought to my attention that we had a fifty year member (effective January 2012) who had not received her fifty year pin. Sister Patricia also requested the honor of presenting Sister Aileen Lum with her pin.

Mark your calendar now!! The Official Visit of the Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Bobbi White and the Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother John Grobler will be in the fall. Hawai'i Chapter No. 1 will host the Official Visit on Monday, November 4, 2013. The Chapter has voted to host a dinner on Sunday evening at 6:00pm. More details to come.

Prior to closing, our Charter was draped in memory of our Sister Evelyn Winter. She was initiated into Los Gatos Chapter No. 128 on January 20, 1958, and affiliated with Hawai'i Chapter No. 1 on May 17, 1971.

Let's keep all our members and their 'Ohana in our prayers. Many are going through difficult and challenging times. Aloha Ke Akua.

Our next meeting will be Monday April 15 at 6:30pm. Aloha attire.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a wonderful Irish meal prepared by Sister Barbara Arthurs. Brother Bob kept the music going and dished out ono dessert in his emerald green hat. It was all so very awesome with joyful fellowship enjoyed by all.

We say "aloha oe" to the Hannah's who have been visiting for the past few months. We look forward to your return.



The Grand Master is shown speaking before the Western Conference of Grand Masters in February, 2013 held at the Sheraton Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City, MO



Shown here are Most Worshipful Grand Master Antonio Ligaya and PGM Marty Alexander at the Western Conference of Grand Masters in Kansas City.

Letter dated October 29, 2012

Grand Lodge of Hawaii F. & A.M.
Honolulu Masonic Temple
1270 Queen Emma St. Suite 612

Dear Grand Secretary,

I am writing this letter hoping you can help me out on fulfilling my goal of raising \$10,000 that I can donate to different Masonic Charities. So far I have raised \$5,600.00 that has gone to a lot of different Masonic Charities.

I am selling Blue Lodge Wall Hangings that were produced here in the United States. And from the sale of the wall hangings \$7 goes to a Masonic Charity from the state it was purchased in.

I am wondering if you can put an article in your monthly or quarterly publication about the Blue Lodge Wall Hanging. Any sales from your state will receive the \$7 Donation to your state's charity. If your publication is on the internet, please consider placing the ad on the web page.

I am enclosing the information on the Blue Lodge Wall Hanging along with a picture of the item. If you do place the advertisement in your publication, please let me know what charity the donation (s) should be forwarded to. Thank you

Sincerely yours,
Sandra D. Knotts
POB 158
Trexlerstown, PA

BLUE LODGE WALL HANGING DESCRIPTION

The wall hanging is 100% US cotton, which is 175 pics per square inch to give it a beautiful color and rich definition. The back of the wall hanging is lined with a gold upholstery material. It is dry-clean only and is very colorful. The size is 25" x 33" and has Masonic working Tools on it with a bible verse on the three steps. It is woven in a German style weaving.

The Price of the wall hanging is \$49.99, which includes shipping and insurance. If interested please send check to Sandy D. Knotts, POB 158, Trexlerstown, PA. 18087, for each wall hanging sold from our publication, \$7.00 Dollar will be donated to your Grand Lodge.

