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## Message from the Grand Master By MW Richard B. Huston, Grand Master

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Aloha and Fraternal Greetings!

A little embarrassing to admit, but the newsletter was held up for two weeks waiting on my article! But that's okay as it gives me more to talk about, having just returned from attending the Grand Lodge of California it's like a shot of "Masonic" adrenaline.

I have said on many occasions during my visitations to our lodges in Hawaii, that if it is at all possible, not just Grand Lodge Officers, or Blue Lodge Officers, but Master Masons should make an endeavor to visit another grand jurisdiction during their Annual Communication. This was my 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> attendance to a mainland annual Grand Lodge Communication and the amount of information I have taken away from these annual meetings is phenomenal. The steadfast fraternal friendships and relationships that are created with mainland Brothers and their wives, for both Karen and I, will last a life time. It's literally 2 or 3 full days of tiled meetings, luncheons, banquets and always ending in a very impressive installation of Grand Lodge Officers. The business conducted during the grand lodge tiled sessions is nothing less than some of the best Masonic Education you could possibly get in attending a year of blue lodge meetings. Total Masonic fulfillment in just 3 days! Incredible!

Incidentally, an affiliated member of Kona Lodge, is now the Grand Master of Masons in the great state of California, and on behalf of all his brethren here in the jurisdiction of Hawaii, we wish Most Worshipful Russell Charvonia the very best during his year as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California!

Your Grand Lodge Executive Board has been busy during the past 4 months and we have taken several positive steps in the overall Masonic enhancement of our jurisdiction. In



September we stood up an Emergency Action Committee. This move essentially puts an "action team" in place to give relief and aid to our Brothers on all islands, and our communities before or during a disaster instead of days or weeks after. Additionally, it offers more than a "monetary" relief. Under the direction of the Junior Grand Warden, chair of this committee, he can reach out to the Junior Wardens of all Lodges, to form labor teams or groups of volunteers, all Masons, to assist in running shelters, delivering water and supplies, or helping in clearing debris from yards and streets, or just helping in providing transportation. And although we don't do this for the publicity, these teams will be out there

**Most Worshipful  
Richard B. Huston,  
Grand Master of  
Masons in Hawaii.**

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in the community wearing shirts and/or hats with the square and compass or lodge name on them. This committee already had a real test run during the approach of Hurricane Ana. While it was still uncertain if and when Ana would hit the islands, it was clear enough to realize some if not all the islands would get hit with severe weather. The Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Alvarez, made the decision and established communications with the Junior Wardens of several lodges, particularly Kilauea and Kona Lodges, projected to be the first island hit, and began the planning process. Although, thankfully, it never got to the point of full involvement, the point is we were ready

I know most of you have been following the situation with Lodge Le Progres for the past couple of years. You are probably also aware that the first decision I made as Grand Master, was to inform Lodge Le Progres that they would remain under dispensation, and remain dark until I had a chance to work with the executive committee in an attempt to keep this ancient and honorable lodge going. I am extremely happy to report that Lodge Le Progres, under the mentorship and direction of Most Worshipful Dennis Ing, Grand Lecturer, held it's first stated meeting in 6 months in September. I was present for that meeting, and I was so impressed and proud of the progress they have made. What struck me the most, and what I told them, was they were not only near perfect in their ritual, in their floor

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*-MW RICHARD B. HUSTON*

work, or the actual conduct of business, but it was their attitude. It was their “professional” bearing. They conducted themselves as proud Master Masons, even in just sitting in their chairs. They were sending a message, and I got it. Their message was, we are not quitters, we are not going away and we will not give up! And I can tell you that the Grand Lodge is not giving up on them, we continue to throw our full support into the members of Le Progres

Another exciting piece of news, how would you like to once again have 12 Blue Lodges in our jurisdiction? Well, I can tell you it's in the works. Our Grand Lodge was contacted by a Master Mason and Past Master of a lodge in Arizona, who is now living and working on Kwajalein Island, part of the Marshal Islands. He informed us that there are many Master Masons living and working in the Marshalls, and they have gotten together and want to start a Lodge. Ironically, while at the California Grand Lodge, the Grand Master of Arizona, Most Worshipful Mike Manning approached me and asked if I had heard from this guy. Apparently, when they first formed their idea, he contacted MW Mike for information and guidance. It was MW Mike that directed him to our Grand Lodge. Of course we are only in the initial stages of discussion, but I, along with at least one other Grand Lodge Officer, will be making the journey shortly, to meet with these Master Masons, and to look at facilities and see what we need to do to get the ball rolling on this. We of course will keep our jurisdiction informed and hope to have something very positive in place by our annual communication in April.

We, the executive committee, are also looking into a Masonic Home Care Program. I believe this is something very much needed for our elder brothers and sisters, and it is, after all, a very important part of our obligations. I believe it is doable, certainly not over night, but a program we will continue to pursue, for the betterment of Masonry in Hawaii.

I want to thank each and every one of you who responded to my Grand Master's Fund Raising Letter. I have received a lot of very positive feedback, and it means a lot to me and the Grand Lodge to know that we have not only your support, but your belief that your Grand Lodge can accomplish good things for the betterment of Masonry here in our beautiful jurisdiction. Have no doubt, we are a small jurisdiction, but nothing can stop us from being a strong jurisdiction and committed to every Master Mason and Lodge in the state.

Final note. Although we had to cancel the all Masonic Picnic, due to Ana, the positive response that both Illustrious Tony Ligaya and I received from all Masonic bodies during it's planning was very positive, and we will be rescheduling.

## From the Deputy Grand Master

By RW Michael P. Baker, Deputy Grand Master

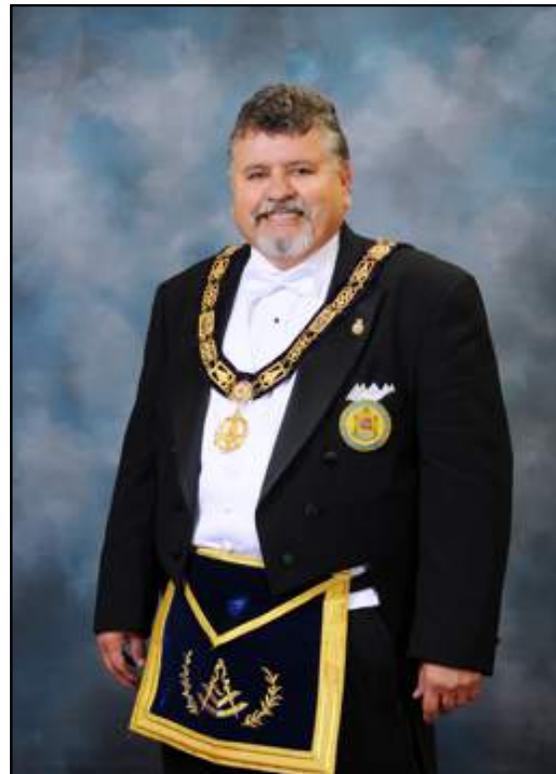
Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are the three core principles of masonry and are well known, however there are other values contained in the ethics of our Craft that can also be held as being the earmarks of a Mason. The two attributes I would like to comment on are Honor and Fidelity.

The word Honor has many connotations but in any of them it has to do with "high regard". To receive an honor is to be held in esteem by others, and on the flip side to honor a person or group is to hold them in high regard. From that it is easy to see why the word so well fits the brethren. A just and upright Mason is very often held in high esteem in the community, even if his membership in the Craft is unknown to others. And Masons are also well known to pay due deference to those who are deserving of our respect and admiration. Then there is the other subtext of the word, as in "honor thy father and mother" which in essence demands that we live in such a way, conduct ourselves in such a manner, that we will never bring shame or disgrace on our family. In the biblical sense,

to live a life that reflects the moral and ethical standards we are raised with. Think how well that coincides with being "raised" into a fraternal society based on morality and ethics. Now consider how well that dovetails with yet another use of the word honor, as to "honor" a debt, an agreement or an obligation. And we do, by solemn promise and oath, honor our obligations. Certain politicians and judges are allowed the lifetime use of the prefix "The Honorable". They are granted that privilege simply by virtue of their profession, irrespective of any achievements or maintenance of high moral and ethical standards. As Masons, our "Honor" ... we earn!

Irrespective of how it is used "Honor" is without question a core Masonic value!

Now we move to a trait commonly observed and practiced by the brethren; Fidelity. The widest use of the term "fidelity" is in being true and faithful in a marriage. In the more secular use of the term it means being loyal to a



person, group, ideology or cause. In modern times the word fidelity has lost much of its true strength of meaning. Historically, fidelity was always tied to a solemn promise, vow or an oath, the breaking of which generally entailed a severe loss; be it monetary or a loss of respect (honor). It is in this historic sense that we as Masons consider fidelity ... as we take an oath, an obligation, not once but three times. The fidelity inculcated in Masonry has not faded as it has with other groups or causes. Political parties, community service groups, religions, unions, professional associations, many fraternal organizations, special interest groups, etc. do not require any solemn promise, vow or oath. You are simply "affiliated", commonly by paying dues or a contribution. You are free to change your views, your loyalty and end any once made commitment, any time you so desire. We as a society have moved away from absolute commitments, bound by a pledge, promise, vow or oath to considering any belonging, to anything, nothing more than an "affiliation". It's no small wonder that morality has become elastic and people plastic!

In terms of faithfulness and loyalty what group other than Masons still adhere to the true meaning of fidelity? I can think of only one other.

Semper Fi my brothers ... Semper Fi!

## From the Grand West

By RW Andrew Geiser, Senior Grand Warden

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only." - Constitutions, p. 6.

One of the most important franchises which the Masonic character offers is THE ELECTION OF MASTER FOR THE ENSUING TWELVE MONTHS. - "The qualifications necessary are, that the candidate should be true and trusty, of good repute, held in high estimation amongst

the fraternity, skilled in Masonic knowledge, and moreover a lover of the Craft; he ought to be exemplary in his conduct, courteous in his manner, but, above all, steady and firm in principle."

Unless the Brother who aspires to the Chair of a Freemason's Lodge can conscientiously feel himself so qualified, he should pause ere he assumes or rather morally usurps it, and by tarrying somewhat, profit by the example of another, by whose conduct he may improve his own unskillfulness, or amend in himself what his observations may have perceived to be defective in his Brother.

The fulfillment of the duties of a Mastership requires much personal inconvenience, and some sacrifice of time. The interests of a lodge, alike with its immediate welfare and ultimate prosperity, depend upon the skill and sagacity of the Master; while the general peace and



harmony of its members take their tone from his conciliating courtesy, or suffer from his want of so vital an attribute.

The Master is called upon to attend (with the Past-Masters and Wardens of his Lodge) at the quarterly communications, and by his careful observation of the current questions to sanction or prevent what may support or injure the sacred and glorious institution he is bound to protect. It is to be remembered, that upon the ACTIVITY or SUPINENESS of the actual Masters that the order itself will be SUPPORTED or DEGRADED.

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*-RW ANDREW L. GEISER*

The Master is directed to attend the monthly boards of benevolence, that the wants of his deserving brethren may be generously and immediately relieved, or the application of the unworthy summarily rejected; there the cry of the widow and the orphan is heard, and there should the Master be to administer the funds which a confiding Lodge has entrusted to his vigilance; let him remember that he has bound himself to observe the ancient charges in which the foregoing obligations form some of the clauses; let him not hope to excuse his own neglect by that of others; rather let him be foremost in the ranks of emulation, and shame such who, while they assume the profession of a Master of a Lodge, withhold the practice it enjoins. Let his actions during the year be such, that when it terminates, the brethren will feel thankful for his services, and reward him by their approbation. How different is the effect produced upon Freemasonry by those who merely falter

through their official duties, who never show themselves where a personal service is demanded, and, in fact, who, if the charges have ever been read to them, disregard their importance by a coldness which is alike insulting to decency as to common sense. Another important duty of a Master is the selection of his Wardens - the members of a Lodge may exercise their franchise in the election of a Master with a view to please a friend or to self-gratification, but the Master in his selection of officers ought always to have in view the interests of the Lodge. He should avoid appointing to the office of Wardens any brethren who may not be enabled to qualify for the superior dignity of Master, in order that when the period of election for that office shall approach, the Wardens, by attending carefully to their duties in Lodge and at the public meetings of the Craft, may become so experienced, that the brethren will not feel themselves placed in the difficulty of either wounding the feelings of an otherwise respectable individual by passing him over, or by electing him to an office he is incompetent to sustain - either of these possible cases the Master may prevent by timely discretion. Finally, let him as well as the brethren of the Lodge diligently read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the constitutions of the fraternity, remembering that

**"ALL PREFERMENT AMONG MASONS IS GROUNDED UPON REAL WORTH AND PERSONAL MERIT ONLY"**

## *From the Grand South*

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By RW Albert Alvarez, Junior Grand Warden

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Due to unforeseen circumstances the Junior Grand Warden's article could not make it to press, but will be included in our next newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.



## A Master's Primer on Masonic Funerals

by MW Dennis S.A. Ing PGM, Grand Lecturer

HMC 2514 requires every Master-elect to be certified to conduct a Masonic funeral service. This doesn't mean he has to commit the ceremony to memory, but he must be capable of delivering the service in a "creditable" manner. He must understand what he is saying, pronounce all words correctly, and deliver the text with meaning and dignity. He should be able to look at his audience from time to time, speak without being overly dramatic or emotional, yet with compassion and sympathy.

The Master's duties are not limited to the Code. When he learns of a member's death his first

obligation is to contact the family personally to offer assistance. The respect and esteem we have for our deceased Brother and his family is best demonstrated by the lodge's highest ranking officer. Only when the Master is unavailable should he delegate this duty to another officer, and then, only to the next highest in rank. The Master of each lodge of which the deceased was a member bears this responsibility.

Before contacting the family, the Master should determine whether the deceased Brother is entitled to a Masonic funeral. In essence, he must ascertain whether our Brother was a Mason in good standing. If he belonged to more than one lodge, the affected lodges must eventually decide who will be in charge, and to what extent they will collaborate. Usually, the deceased's "mother lodge" is responsible, but this is not a hard and fast rule.

The Master must determine as soon as possible whether the family wants to have a Masonic service. Hopefully, the deceased will have discussed this issue with his family, but even if he has asked for a Masonic funeral, as a practical matter, we must always respect the family's wishes. Sometimes the widow or children may not know what a Masonic funeral is, and the Master (or someone close to the family) may gently persuade them that "this is what the deceased wanted" (or probably wanted, where he hasn't expressed his wishes), and the lodge would like to "honor" the deceased with such a ceremony.

Next, the Master must decide who will conduct the funeral, and whether the family will have a religious ceremony in addition to the Masonic service. In the latter case, the religious portion may be held before or after (or partly before and partly after) the Masonic service. The Masonic ritual should not be interrupted (except for eulogies, as indicated in the ritual book), but should continue from beginning to

end. The Master or the lodge's representative has the difficult task of coordinating the different ceremonies, being always sensitive to the family's wishes and those of the minister, funeral director and other participating organizations.

Sometimes the family may want a Masonic relative or friend to conduct the Masonic funeral. The Master must be certain that such relative or friend is certified. If not, the relative or friend might participate as the Chaplain, or Marshal, or as a eulogist.

As for the service itself, here are a few of the basic rules:

*No distinction.* Except in a tiled lodge, no Mason should wear regalia, jewels or other insignia that may indicate his office, awards or Masonic rank. We should be conservatively attired in dark suits (or coat with dark slacks) and tie, with white aprons. The Marshal is the only person with an implement (a baton), and the Master has neither a hat nor gavel. We Masons consider death the "mighty leveler of human greatness". It is a time "when all distinction save that of goodness shall cease." Thus, by wearing white aprons, we honor our deceased Brother by demonstrating that in death he is equal to all of us. No one in the procession should be singled out or honored, and only the Master, Chaplain and Marshal have any distinct role. We march two by two, without recognizing any sitting Master (unless he is conducting the ceremony), Grand Master, Past Master or Past Grand Master – who are given no special place in line or special seating in the funeral hall. (The Master should also advise EA's and FC's that they may not participate in the procession, and should not wear their aprons.)

*Sacred Roll.* The Master conducting the ceremony has to prepare and present the "Sacred Roll". This is a single page of

parchment or other paper containing the deceased Brother's full name, date of birth, lodge memberships, date of raising and date of death in years, months and days. Some Sacred Rolls include the date of initiation and passing. They are often rolled into a tube with a black ribbon tied around it. Some are designed like scrolls and are opened as such, then read. After reading, the scroll is placed on the casket or table next to the urn, followed by the Master's pronouncement: "Almighty Father, into thy hands...etc."

The Master should use the deceased's lambskin apron or find a substitute apron for the apron lecture. He must also carry a sprig of "acacia" (any evergreen). After describing each, the apron, then the acacia, may be placed on the casket or next to the urn. The deceased's other Masonic regalia should also be suitably displayed on the casket or near the urn.

*Let us pray.* The ritual doesn't require rapping up the audience for prayer, which is somewhat jarring and disturbs the tranquility of the service. However, since the audience is usually seated (including the Masons), they often don't even realize the Chaplain is praying. This also may occur when the Chaplain gives the Benediction. Therefore, notwithstanding the ritual, the Chaplain should always begin each prayer by saying: "Let us pray".

*Leaving the service.* Masons are supposed to leave the funeral hall after the Masonic service, two by two, with the Master and Chaplain last. By custom, the procession stops by the family to pay their respects before marching out. There should be some flexibility in executing this part of the floorwork. If the Masonic service will be followed by religious or other ceremonies, or where the family wishes to deliver eulogies and/or express their thanks, the Masons should wait until the entire funeral is over before marching out. Or they may skip

the exit march altogether. It would be impolite and somewhat irreverent to march out before the minister, funeral director, family or other organization has completed their part of the service.

*Booklet.* It is customary to give the family a memorial copy of the funeral service. These are short, professionally-designed pamphlets that are available from the Grand Lodge.

*Attendance.* Finally, just as the Masonic service should be delivered in a “credible” manner, so should there be a credible showing at every deceased Brother’s funeral. Nothing can be more disheartening than to have a mere handful of Brothers appear at the funeral – embarrassing the family, the lodge and the memory of the deceased. It is the duty of every Mason to attend the funeral of a Brother, and the Master should make sure this duty is observed.

## From the Grand Secretary

by MW Marty P. Alexander PGM, GS

Aloha My Brothers All,

First off, a HUGE thanks to those that participated in our first Leadership Workshop on Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>. While on a good note, registration filled to the maximum, but sadly there were a few no shows that we could have given to others that were interested but turned away because the max had been reached.

But none-the-less, we had great feedback from those who did participate. I think the main difference between this workshop and previous types of similar educational events is that not only was there a wide variety of topics

discussed but there was 6 different speakers with focused knowledge in those areas. Next, thanks to our Grand Master Most Worshipful Richard Huston for thinking outside the box from what we have done in the past and to our presenters, MW Dennis Ing, RW Michael Huston, RW Andrew Geiser and Wor. Dustin Verity. It’s easy to be successful when you have the right people in the right places. And last but not least, the main with the red cape on in the kitchen.... Brother Douglas Crum, Secretary of Lodge Le Progres for giving of his time and culinary artistry. Thank you all. Now, onto some interesting numbers we just received from The Masonic Service Association. In their membership report for the year 2013, our jurisdiction was 1 of only 5 jurisdictions showing an increase in membership. We all work hard at our Craft and these types of results are not an accomplishment from a few. It takes a whole jurisdiction to see these kind of results. Let’s give ourselves a little pat on the back. See chart on next page.

Next, don’t forget, if you plan to submit a proposed resolution for next year’s Annual Communication, your deadline is Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. They can be submitted anytime before that date either by USPS or email at [grandlodgehi@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:grandlodgehi@hawaiiantel.net). And lastly, please be kind to your lodge secretary at this is the time of year. Yes, it’s dues time once again already! If you haven’t updated your personal information with your secretary lately, please do so. It not only saves a lot of time on his part, but also it saves your lodge money from not sending mail to old addresses. Plus, if your email address is outdated, you’re probably not be receiving a lot of important lodge communications being sent to you.. We have no way of knowing if your address, phone number, email address, etc. has changed unless you tell us.

STATE	2012 MEMBERSHIP	2013 MEMBERSHIP	GAIN/(LOSS)
ALABAMA	27,654	25,885	(1,769)
ALASKA	1,820	1,797	(23)
ARIZONA	8,000	7,812	(188)
ARKANSAS	13,042	12,301	(741)
CALIFORNIA	63,546	55,893	(7,653)
COLORADO	8,885	9,311	426
CONNECTICUT	11,778	10,576	(1,202)
DELAWARE	4,910	4,843	(67)
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	4,438	4,091	(347)
FLORIDA	42,959	41,134	(1,825)
GEORGIA	41,255	40,750	(505)
HAWAII	1,778	1,787	9
IDAHO*	3,670	3,567	(103)
ILLINOIS	65,781	64,705	(1,076)
INDIANA	60,449	58,363	(2,086)
IOWA	20,203	19,338	(865)
KANSAS	21,225	20,176	(1,049)
KENTUCKY	43,658	42,019	(1,639)
LOUISIANA	20,404	19,431	(973)
MAINE	19,860	18,573	(1,287)
MARYLAND	16,146	15,429	(717)
MASSACHUSETTS	33,048	30,861	(2,187)
MICHIGAN	34,686	32,997	(1,689)
MINNESOTA	13,587	13,062	(525)
MISSISSIPPI	18,063	17,565	(498)
MISSOURI	45,850	42,274	(3,576)
MONTANA*	5,565	5,401	(164)
NEBRASKA	11,895	11,405	(490)
NEVADA	4,163	4,085	(78)
NEW HAMPSHIRE*	6,497	6,097	(400)
NEW JERSEY	22,523	22,514	(9)
NEW MEXICO	5,389	4,669	(720)
NEW YORK	42,669	41,305	(1,364)
NORTH CAROLINA	43,112	42,296	(816)
NORTH DAKOTA	2,876	2,885	9
OHIO	94,867	91,040	(3,827)
OKLAHOMA	23,842	22,622	(1,220)
OREGON	8,946	8,648	(298)
PENNSYLVANIA	108,758	107,731	(1,027)
RHODE ISLAND	3,573	3,444	(129)
SOUTH CAROLINA*	37,810	36,689	(1,121)
SOUTH DAKOTA*	5,471	5,654	183
TENNESSEE*	40,926	39,943	(983)
TEXAS	93,188	81,340	(11,848)
UTAH	2,057	2,081	24
VERMONT	5,855	5,708	(147)
VIRGINIA	37,177	36,335	(842)
WASHINGTON	15,450	14,774	(676)
WEST VIRGINIA	20,808	20,251	(557)
WISCONSIN	11,742	11,367	(375)
WYOMING	3,579	3,417	(162)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,305,433</b>	<b>1,246,241</b>	<b>(59,192)</b>

regiment. Since then, it has spread throughout the world wherever American Forces are deployed with the biggest growth occurring during WWII. The three active Chapters in Hawaii meet jointly on the second Wednesday of each month. They are Hawaiian #9, Honolulu #11 and Kamehameha #439. Bro Roy OTA (839-3689) is the PACAREA Rep with Bro Arne WINTERS as the PACAREA Regional Rep (HI).

“On Monday, 17 November 2014, the Heroes of '76 will honor all veterans, past and present for their service to their Country.”

The NSI supports and promotes Americanism with various programs, i.e., essay contests and youth leadership programs. Our most visible program is the Color Guard performed by the Heroes of '76, an affiliate, auxiliary organization of NSI. Since the public schools do not promote Americanism as it did in the past, the NSI has picked up the mantel to perform this vital educational process as a public service. We are proud to "show" the colors and educate the young on what it means. The "Toast to the Flag", which most Masons are familiar with, is just one of the things we do when asked.

On Monday, 17 November 2014, the Heroes of '76 will honor all veterans, past and present for their service to their country. This program is known as the "Lodge of Military Tribute" and is sponsored by Pearl Harbor Lodge at the Makiki Masonic Temple. The program commences at 1800 and is open to the public. Proudly wear your uniform if it still fits! Light refreshments will be provided at the conclusion of the program. Please RSVP with Arne WINTERS at 589-8789/cell: (503) 913-2286 (or email:

## National Sojourners

by WB Mike Maklary, PM Pearl Harbor Lodge

National Sojourners, Inc. (NSI) is a Masonic Organization consisting of Commissioned Officers, Sr, NCO and Honorary members who do not meet the requirements of regular membership. It has its genesis dating back to the Spanish-American war of 1898 when a volunteer infantry regiment from North Dakota was sent to the Philippines. The first meeting of NSI began with a Sojourner Club in 1919 in Detroit with some members of the original

arnewinters@prodigy.net) if you will be attending or are interested in becoming a member of NSI.

## A Visit to Peru

by Bro. Jose A. Cabrera

Jose A. Cabrera of Kilauea Lodge on his visit to G.:L.:of A.:A.:M.: of Perú,with the M.:W.:M.: Galo Jesus, Moncada Mau; and the Vice W.:M.: Edgar Neyra Bardales.



## Schofield Lodge F&AM

by Worshipful Dado Lajola

Aloha Brethren,

We are officially at the tail end of the Masonic Year and one would think that lodges would be slowing down to gear up for the upcoming Annual Installation of Officers, but for some lodges that is not the case, Schofield Lodge being one of them.

We are still fully in the midst of activites, but nowadays we are concentrating on degrees to wrap up the year. Our concentration on the candidates stems from their eagerness to learn and the motivation and sincerity that they have displayed thus far. They have really compelled

the members of Schofield to ensure that we don't slow down. That's what makes our Fraternity strive and progress. The injection of new members reinvigorates our more seasoned masons, and reminds us how exciting it can be to be a part of this great and amazing organization of ours.

Here are just a few pictures of the degrees we have conferred lately, and I look forward to the rest we will soon have.be thankful and honored to experience your company during my year as Worshipful Master. We still have a few more months to go, and our activity will only grow as we enter the tail end of this Masonic year, but I am genuinely excited to see what is in store for Schofield.



# Honolulu Lodge F&AM

by Worshipful Mark P. Leo

Below: On September 25, 2014, Worshipful Brother Mark Leo (current Master) was conferred the time-honored degree of Past Master. The Past Master's degree was conferred during a special joint program of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Hawaii, which included the Honolulu Chapter No. 1 and Kalakaua Chapter No. 2 RAM. This degree is conferred because ancient custom required that a Mason must be a Past Master in order to be exalted to the Royal Arch. In some Grand Jurisdictions this degree is still conferred upon all sitting Masters of the Blue Lodges.



Below: Honolulu Lodge F&AM receives special dispensation, allowing a total of eight brethren to be raised (full form) between October 1st and November 25th.



Above: Deputy WM Per Hannevold of Lodge Oscar (Norway), Bro. Chris Vasquez (raised), Worshipful Mark Leo, Bro. Jack Madriaga (raised) and Bro. Chez Torres of Silvergate 3 Stars Lodge No. 296 (San Diego, CA).



Above: Bro. Noel Nohara from Square & Compass Lodge No.3 (Tokyo, Japan), Bro. Raven Esposito (raised) and Worshipful Mark Leo.

Next Page: Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II PGM, Bro. Shea Mirafuentes (raised) and Worshipful Mark Leo.



Bottom left: Most Worshipful Monty J. Glover PGM, Bro. Javier in uniform, Lt. Colonel Bro. Floyd Lewis (Ret.), Bro. Zachary Rogers and Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II PGM.

Below: The Brethren of Honolulu Lodge following the raising of Brother Floyd Lewis. Bro. Lewis who recently retired as a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason during a special Veterans Day degree.



## Quotes to Ponder

by Worshipful Mark P. Leo

"There is nothing which rots morale more quickly and more completely than ... the feeling that those in authority do not know their own minds.." — Lionel Urwick, Harvard Business Review 1956

"Again and again, the impossible decision is solved when we see that the problem is only a tough decision waiting to be made." — Dr. Robert Schuller

"The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." — Albert Einstein

"The most serious mistakes are not made as a result of wrong answers. The truly dangerous thing is asking the wrong questions." — Peter Drucker

"The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people." — Theodore Roosevelt

"The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it." — John Ruskin

"Nothing is easier than saying words. Nothing is harder than living them day after day." — Arthur Gordon

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