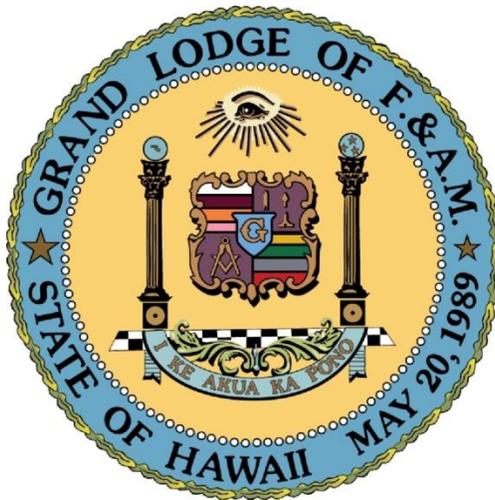


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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 32nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

VIRTUALLY held on

August 1, 2020



**Most Worshipful Alexander A. Escasa
Grand Master 2019**



Grand Lodge Officers 2019

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VIRTUAL MEETING



The Grand Lodge of Hawaii's Annual Communication that is typically held on the 3rd Friday and Saturday of April was canceled this year due to our Governor's and County Mayors travel bans and quarantine regulations caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

After several months of waiting to see if any of the mandates would be either lifted or lessened, Most Worshipful Alexander Escasa called for a Special Meeting to be held on June 27, 2020, wherein the voting membership of this Grand Lodge met and agreed to hold our 2020 Annual Communication by video conference on August 1, 2020.

Of particular note, the meeting was limited to our jurisdiction's voting members only. Other rules and guidelines governing this meeting were also established at that time. For more detailed information, please refer to the Proceedings of that meeting.

THEREFORE, The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii held its first ever virtual Annual Communication on Saturday, August 1, 2020 using the Zoom Video Conferencing platform.

FORMAL GRAND LODGE OPENING

At 10:10 am, Grand Master Most Worshipful Alexander A. Escasa called the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii to order by proclamation.

BUSINESS SESSION

The Grand Master began by thanking everyone for joining us for our Thirty Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and reminded everyone to please keep their microphones smutted until recognized to speak.

The Grand Secretary then called the role of those present which were as follows:

Elected Grand Lodge Officers Present

Most Worshipful Alexander A. Escasa Grand Master
Right Worshipful Garry GrahamDeputy Grand Master
Right Worshipful Edde T. Kanai Senior Grand Warden
Right Worshipful Dustin T. VerityJunior Grand Warden
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander, PGMGrand Secretary
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM..... Grand Lecturer

Past Grand Masters Present

Most Worshipful Oscar M. Jayme..... 2007
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing 2008
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander..... 2009
Most Worshipful Monty Glover 2011
Most Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya..... 2012
Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II.. 2013
Most Worshipful Richard Huston..... 2014
Most Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr..... 2015
Most Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser 2016
Most Worshipful Albert B. Alvarez 2017
Most Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan 2018

Lodge Representatives Present

If a name is listed more than once it is because either a) they have multiple votes by virtue of them hold different offices in different lodges or b) they are an authorized proxy holder for another officer from their lodge.

HAWAIIAN LODGE

Worshipful Master	Marlon Calventas
Sr. Warden	Rudy Alvarado
Jr. Warden	Jonjie Punzalan
Past Master's Rep.	Severino Malajito

HONOLULU LODGE

Worshipful Master	Frank Condello II PGM
Sr. Warden	Robert Kapanui
Jr. Warden	Jan Kershner
Past Master's Rep	Mark Leo

KAUAI LODGE

Jr. Warden	Herman Wilson
Past Master's Rep	Karvel Rose

KILAUEA LODGE

Worshipful Master	Toy K. Gibson, Jr.
Sr. Warden,	Jeffrey Cabanting-Rafael

KO'OLAU LODGE

Worshipful Master	Guy Hess
Sr. Warden	Marc Rubenstein
Jr. Warden	Marc Rubenstein
Past Master's Rep	Scott Waracka

KONA LODGE

Worshipful Master	Troy D. Gibson Sr.
Sr. Warden	Chris Domino
Jr. Warden	James Lysiuk
Past Master's Rep.	Robert Brogan

LEEWARD LODGE

Worshipful Master	Ric Gloria
Sr. Warden	Christian Cimafranca
Jr. Warden	Arnold Sarinas
Past Masters' Rep.	Gloriani Lontoc

LODGE LE PROGRES

Worshipful Master	Randy Rivera
Sr. Warden	Samson Thompson
Jr. Warden	Dino Montalbo
Past Master's Rep	Christopher Pang

LODGE MAUI

Worshipful Master	Timothy Jaworski
Sr. Warden,	Gerald Mateo
Jr. Warden	Timothy Torres
Past Master's Rep	Vincent Guzman

PEARL HARBOR

Worshipful Master	Jonathan Cross
Sr. Warden PGM	Andrew Geiser PGM
Past Master's Rep	Roy Ota

SCHOFIELD LODGE

Worshipful Master	Gloriani Lontoc
Sr. Warden	Dado Lajola
Jr. Warden	Clifford Jenkins
Past Master's Rep	James Sullivan

When the call of the roll was completed, the credentials report was as follows:

6	Elective Grand Lodge Officers Present
11	Past Grand Masters Present
39	Lodge Representatives Represent

56	Total Votes Represented

of which there was a representative from all 11 lodge present.

Therefore, a quorum of at least 50% of our chartered lodges was present as required by Hawaii Masonic Code Section 156 for the transaction of business.

2019 Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

(Who were unable to attend the Annual Communication were)

Very Reverend Randolph V.N. Albano Grand Chaplain
Worshipful Robert A. Schultz Grand Orator
Worshipful Aaron P. Daguio Grand Marshal
Honorable Douglas E. Crum Grand Standard Bearer
Worshipful Scott-Michael Waracka Grand Sword Bearer
Worshipful Vincent L. Gusman Grand Bible Bearer
Worshipful Arnold C. Sarinas Senior Grand Deacon
Worshipful Jared A. Namumnart Junior Grand Deacon
Worshipful David H. Gomes Senior Grand Steward
Worshipful Bernard C. Baldueza Junior Grand Steward
Worshipful Herman K. Wilson Grand Historian
Honorable Lee D. Gordon Grand Organist
Worshipful Dado C. Lajola..... Grand Pursuivant
Worshipful Lee K. Kaneakua Grand Tiler

Grand Lodge Inspectors

Donovan W. Young	Seth A. Connell	Dustin T. Verity
Michael D. Janovsky	Darryl E. Lajola	Mark P. Leo
Michael J. Lopez	J. Daniel Miller	Kevin R. Perdue
Karvel C. Rose	Chris N. Kaminaka	

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Albert Alvarez, who stepped in for our Grand Chaplain to give our Service of Remembrance to say a farewell to the brothers we have lost since our last Annual Communication..



These brothers have reached the end of their earthly toils this last year. The silver cord is loosed; the golden bowl is broken; the pitcher is broken at the fountain; and the wheel is broken at the cistern.

Larry Boot	Melvin Britain	Thomas Clark
James Coleman	Charles Comeau	Normand Couturier
Jerry Kaiama	Herman Kanae	Walter Kaneakua
William Lathers	John Leary	Steward Lemin
Ernest Martin	Steve McRitchie	Roy Michiels
David Nightingale	Roberto Olaes	Gordon Poire
Cecil Ryder	Alfredo Sarinas	Malcom Sharp
James Sienkiewicz	Robert Simich	Alfred Yuen
Herman Zulueta		

The dust has returned to the earth as it was, and the spirit has returned to God who gave it.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT & 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Grand Master then called upon Right Worshipful Garry Graham, who stepped in for our Grand Treasurer to report on the Grand Master's 2019 Annual Budget and to present the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget for acceptance.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
INCOME		
Affiliations	\$300.00	\$260.00
Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)	200.00	237.00
Dispensations (\$25 per dispensation)	300.00	50.00
George Washington Memorial Foundation (Est 75 X \$5 per new initiate)	375.00	425.00
George Washington Memorial Foundation (Est 1700 X \$1 member)	1,700.00	1,667.00
Grand Lodge (75 X \$20 per new initiate)	1,500.00	1,700.00
Hawaii Masonic Charities (Est 75 X \$15 per new initiate)	1,125.00	1,275.00
Per Capita Tax (Est 1700 X \$25 per member)	42,500.00	41,675.00
Donation/Other Income	3,000.00	0.00
One Day Class (\$100 x 75)	7,500.00	3,800.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$58,500.00	\$51,089.00

EXPENSES

Annual Communications:		
Supplies/Refreshments	1,500.00	0.00
Travel/Hotel	2,000.00	2,752.78
Conferences:		
Conference of Grand Master's Registration	300.00	421.90
Conference of Grand Master's Dues	250.00	250.00
Western Conference of Grand Masters	1,500.00	745.00
Conference of Grand Secretary's Dues	100.00	300.00
George Washington Memorial Foundation	2,075.00	0.00
Hawaii Masonic Charities	1,125.00	0.00

Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics:		
Pins	950.00	0.00
Grand Lodge Neckties/Shirts	850.00	0.00
Plaques/Mementos	600.00	0.00
Masonic Education	500.00	0.00
Masonic Services Association Dues	300.00	0.00
Name Badges	500.00	333.86
Office Supplies:		
Administrative Supplies (Postage, etc.)	1,000.00	2,084.23
Copier/Computer Supplies	800.00	685.41
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	650.00	0.00
Photography and Printing	750.00	688.48
Rental (HMTA)	6,000.00	6,000.00
Secretary's Honorarium (\$1,000 per month)	12,000.00	12,000.00
Secretary's Workshop/Leadership Workshop	1,000.00	220.63
Grand Secretary California ANCOM Travel	1,500.00	1,526.38
Gr. Master/Gr. Secretary/Western Conference	2,200.00	825.72
Tax Preparation Fee	750.00	0.00
Telephone	250.00	274.12
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 or 23.4% of Revenue)	13,000.00	9,659.56
Treasurer's Expenses	1,800.00	1,800.00
Website	1,250.00	1,254.00
Youth Groups	500.00	300.00
Executive Committee Meeting Refreshments	500.00	827.69
MORI Hosting	2,200.00	1,852.80
One Day Class Expenses	1,000.00	1,314.88
Miscellaneous	500.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$60,200.00	\$46,117.44

NET INCOME \$(1,700.00) \$4,971.56

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AS OF APR 30, 2020

CASH IN BANK (First Hawaiian Bank)	49,351.50
BANK OF HAWAII #6801-622404 (Savings)	6,683.01
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK (Building Fund)	43,674.00
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK (Wealth Management)	454,121.65

TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS \$553,830.16

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME:

2019-2020 Grandmaster's Operating Budget Net (Loss) Income	4,971.56
Bank Interest	3.13
Lodge Supplies (Ciphers, Dues Cards, Background Checks)	3,334.00
Pins (Pineapple)	60.00
ANCOM Dinner (2019 & 2019)	3,225.90
Master Ritualist Fees	35.00
Insurance	4,700.94
ANCOM 2020 travel ticket reimbursement	158.93
Transfer 20K from Investment Account to Checking Account	20,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$36,489.46

EXPENSES:

Insurance	4,707.09
4/20/2019 ANCOM BANQUET	18,085.82
ANCOM 2020 Banquet Deposit (Hale Koa)	700.00
Wilson Camagan (ANCOM Friday Night Banquet)	2,041.57
Wilson Camagan (Refund Banquet Fee)	176.00
Pentagraph (Printing for 2019 and 2020 Lodges List)	113.25
TRK Specialties (1K Pineapple Pins Order)	3,805.50
Wilson Camagan (Japan ANCOM Lodging Expenses)	526.41
Wilson Camagan (ECM March 2019 Refreshments)	264.91
Grand Lodge of Washington (2019 Western Conference Registration)	230.00
Accurate Graphics (1K Dues Cards)	539.49
Check Order Fee	255.57
P.O. BOX Rent 6 months	103.00
2020 Lanyards	733.98
Donation to HMTA for Cleaning Supplies	100.00
2020 ANCOM Banquet Refund	1,800.00
New P.O. Box Rental 1 year	216.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$34,398.59

BEGINNING BALANCE: MAY 1, 2019	\$47,260.54
INCOME	36,489.46
EXPENSES	(34,398.50)
ENDING BALANCE: APR 30, 2020	\$49,351.50

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Grand Treasurer's report be accepted and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

Item	2019 Budget Column7	Column3 Column8	Proposed 2020	Column5	Column6
				2019 BUDGET	2020 BUDGET
REVENUES:					
Affiliations				300	150
(\$1.00 per degree)				200	100
Dispensations (\$25 per dispensation)				300	100
George Washington Memorial Foundation- Apps				350	150
George Washington Memorial Foundation (\$1 per member campaign)				1,700	1,639
Grand Lodge (\$20 per new initiate x 50)				1,400	1,000
Hawaii Masonic Charities (\$15 per new initiate x 50)				1,050	1750
Per Capita Tax (1639 x \$25 per member)				42,500	40,975
Conference of GMs Reimbursements	-			1,800	Donations /
Other Income				3,000	1,500
One Day Class (25 x \$100)				5,500	2,500
				56,300	50,664
EXPENSES:					
Annual Communications					
Supplies/Refreshments				1,500	1,500
Travel/Hotel				2,000	2,000
Conferences:					
Conference of Grand Master's Registration				300	300
Conference of Grand Master's Dues				250	250
Western Conference of Grand Masters				1,500	1,500
Western Conference of Grand Masters - Hosting				-	3,000
Conference of Grand Secretary's Dues				100	100
Conference of Grand Secretaries				2,200	2,000
Grand Secretary California ANCOM Travel				1,500	-
George Washington Memorial Foundation				2,050	1,639
Hawaii Masonic Charities				1,050	750
Grand Master Pins/Emblematic:					
Pins (2000 x .575 + shipping)				950	1150
Grand Lodge Neckties/Shirts				850	738
Plaques/Mementos				600	521
Masonic Education				500	350
Masonic Services Association Dues				300	300
Name Badges				500	300
					Office

Supplies

Administrative Supplies (Postage, etc.)	1,000	868
Copier Computer Supplies	800	694
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	650	650
Photography and printing	750	750
Rental (HMTA)	6,000	6,000
Secretary's Honorarium (\$1,000 per month)	12,000	12,000
Secretary's Workshop/Leadership Workshop	1,000	180
Tax Preparation Fees	750	750
Telephone	250	250
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 or 23.4% of Revenue)	13,000	5,000
Treasurer's Expenses	1,800	1,800
Website	1,250	1,250
Youth Groups	500	434
Executive Committee Meeting Refreshments	500	400
MORI Hosting	2,200	2,200
One Day Class Expenses	1,000	500
Miscellaneous Expenses	500	400

TOTAL EXPENSE 60,100 50,524

NET INCOME (LOSS) (3,800) 140

Footnote:

* For 2019, \$1.00 in the "Per Capita Tax" line was transferred to GW Memorial Foundation

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Grand Treasurer's report be accepted and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

FOREIGN RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

The Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Michael P. Baker, Sr. a Past Grand Master of Hawaii and chairman of our Foreign Recognitions Committee for their annual report. Each recognition request was discussed and voted on individually. The results are as follows:

Findings for the Hawaii Grand Lodge Committee On Foreign Recognition

APR 29 2019 - The committee on Foreign Recognition received a request for recognition from the Grand Lode National Togolaise. After careful examination of their landmarks and recognition list the Committee on Foreign Recognition recommends a YES vote on granting recognition.

It was moved and seconded to accept recognition: **Motion passed, they will be recognized.**

MAY 16 2019 - The committee on Foreign Recognition received a request for recognition from Grande Oriente de Mato Grosso do Sul. After careful examination of their landmarks and recognition list the Committee on Foreign Recognition recommends a YES vote on granting recognition.

It was moved and seconded to accept recognition: **Motion passed, they will be recognized.**

May 30 2019 - The committee on Foreign Recognition received a request for recognition from the Regular Grand Lodge of Italy. . After careful examination of their landmarks and recognition list the committee on Foreign Recognition recommends a YES vote on granting recognition.

It was moved and seconded to accept recognition: **Motion passed, they will be recognized.**

On AUG 2019 - The committee on Foreign Recognition received a request for recognition from Grand Lodge of Ukraine. After careful examination of their landmarks and recognition list the Committee on Foreign Recognition recommends a NO vote. This is because insufficient information was received upon their request.

It was moved and seconded to NOT accept recognition: **Motion passed, they stand not recognized.**

FEB 19 2020 – The committee on Foreign Recognition received a request for recognition from Grand Lodge of Palista Brazil. After careful examination of their landmarks and recognition list the Committee on Foreign Recognition recommends a NO vote on recognition. There is no proof of recognition by the UGLE and they refer to recognition with Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, they are not listed with GLSP. The Grand Lodge of New York is listed as recognized but the Grand Lodge of New York does not list them.

It was moved and seconded to NOT accept recognition: **Motion passed, they stand not recognized.**

MAR 15 2020 – The committee on Foreign Recognition received a request for recognition from the Grand Orient of Bohia. After careful examination of their landmarks and recognition list the Committee on Foreign Recognition recommends a NO vote on recognition at this time. Their only references are within Brazil and Spain. There is no UGLE listed. Maybe next year.

It was moved and seconded to NOT accept recognition: **Motion passed, they stand not recognized.**

Hawaii Grand Loge Committee on Foreign Recognition
Chairman: Michael P. Baker Sr., PGM
Member: J. Daniel Miller, PM
Member: A. Lee Meyerson, PM

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT
Was not presented during the meeting
but is listed here for reference

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT
Dated April 17, 2020

Most Worshipful Sir and Esteemed Brothers all,

MEMBERSHIP COUNT

As always, first,... let's talk numbers for this last year,...

For the period covering January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 we started off the year with 11 chartered lodges and I am happy to report that at this time all lodges are current in their per-capita payments and all are authorized to have representation at this year's Annual Communication.

As far as membership count goes ... We ended the year with 1,656 members an increase of 7 over last year's 1,671 members. While it does not seem like a lot. We are headed in the right direction.

We had a total of 122 new members/affiliates and restorations but we also had 107 brothers who left our craft for one reason or another.

That left us with an overall increase of 15 members. This makes 4 years in a row we have seen an increase. While we seem to be holding our own as far as increasing memberships, we just haven't been able to get a handle on our NPD's or Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues.

A full membership report including individual lodge membership counts will be published along with the proceedings of this Annual Communication when they come out.

BACKGROUND MEMBERSHIP

Our Background reporting system through Tracers Info continues to be an asset as several applicants were identified with felony histories that they had not listed on their applications.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM - MORI

Our switch to MORI a few years ago seems to have been a great one. This company has continued to increase not only the program's features and associated applications such as Our Lodge Page web site presence which includes a wonderful member's portal and messaging system.

Along with all their new features they have even upgraded their whole user interface. With all the fresh new areas they have gone in they found it necessary to rebrand

themselves and MORI will now be known as Groupable: M2. I wish them the best because as long as they continue to expand and evolve, the better for us, their users.

SECRETARIES' WORKSHOPS

We will be continuing our Secretaries Workshop this year as well. We had gotten away from the secretaries work shop for a few years by having general leadership workshops instead but last year proved very beneficial when we refocused on our secretaries' specific needs.

Other types of support will continue to include.....

- Individual 1-on-1 training upon request
- MORI Zoom Training
- MORI direct email support
- Grand Lodge email support
- Grand Lodge phone support
- Continual updates for Secretaries Manual

We hope that all of our secretaries will take advantage of all of our resources. These things won't work if they are not used.

Most Worshipful Sir, thank you for your time.

Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Grand Secretary

GRAND ORATOR'S ORATION

Was not presented during the meeting but is listed here for reference

Grand Oration

By: MW Antonio M. Ligaya, PGM

Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, Very Reverend and Worshipful Sirs, Honorable Sirs, and Brethren All:

Good morning, and, welcome, again, to the 32nd Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Hawaii, albeit abbreviated in light of current situations upon us!

You no doubt have read, or even heard and / or listened to an extensive list of Brethren who distinguished themselves in the formation of governments, and those well-recognized in our Fraternity for having accomplished many outstanding achievements that benefited mankind in general, or their own people in particular. I will not go over such list of our Masonic luminaries, rather, for the next few minutes, I hope I can bring you all back to some basic lessons in our Fraternity, and, make you ponder over them. I will also touch on a couple of additional subjects that we all may have glossed over, perhaps until today. In this regard, I will share some thoughts I've always had over the last 39 years I've been a Master Mason.

In the *Entered Apprentice Degree*, one of the first questions asked, "**Whence came you?**" is answered, "**From a Lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem.**" In doing my due diligence to learn more about this, I read from the *Minnesota Masonic Archive* "there is not now, and never was, such a Lodge." Moreover, during a recent trip to Israel, particularly in Jerusalem, I met a couple of Israeli Brethren of whom I inquired where such a Lodge could be. I was told they were not aware of the location, or even the existence of said Lodge, which further confirmed what I learned from my foregoing reference.

As you will remember from one of our lectures, originally, Lodges were dedicated to King Solomon. Later - at least as early as 1598 – Masonry connected its name with that of St. John the Evangelist. Dedications to the Sts. John were made by other organizations as early as the third century, when the Church adopted the two pagan celebrations of summer and winter solstices and made them our St John's Day in Summer and St. John's Day in Winter [often called the Feast of St. John to distinguish it from St. John's Day in summer]. It was wholly natural for operative masons, having dedicated their Craft to the Holy Sts. John, to begin to believe that both Johns were themselves Craftsmen. Craftsmen must have a Lodge, and where should that Lodge be, but in Jerusalem? Hence "The Lodge of the Holy Sts. John of Jerusalem" came into imaginary existence.

No such Lodge ever existed – it is an ideal, and without such ideals our life could be dim and drab. The thought back of the question and answer, then, is that we come from an ideal or dream Lodge into this actual workaday world, where our ideas are to be tested. Today, as we use the phrase as the starting point for a Masonic career, Masons mean only that their Craft is dedicated to these holy men, whose precepts and practices, ideas and virtues, teachings and examples, all Freemasons should try to follow.”

“Every Freemason knows that immortal phrase: **“Erected to God, and dedicated to the Holy Saints John.”** Every American Blue Lodge is thus dedicated.

From before the creation and dedication of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717 – Freemasonry makes frequent reference to the **“Lodge of the Saints John at Jerusalem.”** Operative Masons are referred to both in Masonic documents and elsewhere as “St. John’s Masons” or “St. John’s men,” and Lodges of St. Johns Masonry existed in Italy, France, and Spain during the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Stonemason Lodges in England and Scotland from the time of the Crusades had one or Both Saints John as their Patron Saints.

In Duncan’s Masonic Ritual and Monitor of Freemasonry the two Saints John are referenced as being **“two perpendicular parallel lines”** and elsewhere in Masonic texts as **“perfect parallels in Masonry as well as in Christianity.”**

While it would seem to make more sense that St. Thomas – the patron saint of architects and builders – would be a ‘better fit’ and a simpler choice to be the sole Patron Saint of Freemasonry, the fraternity, lodges and guilds chose both Saints John instead. And for extraordinary reasons, rather than a simple, pedestrian and uninspiring one; Christianity has long held that John the Baptist was a zealous man, while John the Evangelist was an intellectual. By linking these two men symbolically as parallels, Freemasonry positions each Mason as being balanced between the fervency of passion and the tranquility of intellect. It being necessary to have both passion and logic to accomplish great and inspired works” . . .

“It is unlikely that either of the Saints John were members of the Fraternity, given that although Freemasonry has existed from **“time immemorial”** and both men were born after the building of King Solomon’s temple – they both had other, and, clearly, higher, callings.

The reasoning behind dedicating Blue Lodges to these two saints – and celebrating them every year – is because these two humble men exemplified the pure principles of Freemasonry in their deeds and in their words. They showed a reverence for the glory of Deity, a strong devotion to their great Creator, and worked every day to make themselves better men and their world a better place. Their lives are worthy of all emulation.”

I agree with **WB Bill Hosler, a Past Master of Three Rivers Lodge #733 in Indiana,** when he offered the following comments:

To the question, ***“What came you here to do,”*** the response we were taught is, ***“To learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry.”***

The interesting question is this: Are there any commas in this sentence? I believe that there are, or should be. I believe if the answer was actually written in most Masonic monitors, it would look like this: ***“To learn, to subdue my passions, and improve myself, in Masonry.”***

If this is right, then there was a new admonition added to the task of an Entered Apprentice as the philosophical integrity of our Craft ritual expanded, namely—that he first learns.

And I think this changes everything!

To learn: We have been learning since our mother gave birth to us. We learned to sit up, talk and eat without assistance before our first birthday. As we progressed in age we attended school. We never quit learning. The question remains, what can we learn from attending lodge?

As we progress through our degrees we hear certain words and phrases. At first these words sound unusual because they are phrased in a way in which our language is no longer spoken. Understanding what is being said to us is difficult at first to understand because we are not used to being spoken to in such an old tongue. I believe this is why the Craft asks us to memorize the work. Repetition and memorization help our brain to convert these words from gibberish to a beautifully spoken and largely forgotten language.

Sadly, today in Masonry we are convinced that the only reason we memorize these works is so we can advance to the next degree or learn the remaining ritual so we can help with the performance of the degree work. I truly believe this is one of the reasons men find it so hard to find what they are looking for in our fraternity. In essence, ***they’ve become parrots***, or, as the song goes, they are ***“talking without speaking.”*** In my opinion memorization for advancement is only a small part of the catechism or lesson to be learned. Whether we realize it or not our ritual isn't just a bunch of words thrown together to sound pretty and impress people. The ritual is a roadmap for our journey to the East to find that which was lost.

Each word of that beautifully phrased script is designed to be studied. I feel the archaic language is designed not to just sound impressive but to peak our curiosity and encourage us to research what we’ve heard. Each word and syllable should be dissected and studied to find out its meaning.

Floor work is also very instructive. If you have taken an office in your lodge or filled a chair for an absent officer, I know you have encountered the floor work. When I was a young officer I hated floor work. No matter how hard I tried after we

closed I had a couple of Past Masters approach me to tell me how I was doing the floor work wrong. Sometimes I would have several approach me at the same time to explain my errors and would get into a big argument about how I screwed it up. They would stand there and bicker back and forth about my transgressions and I would walk away and they never even noticed I left!

These Brethren who were trying to help me have been told since they were new in the Craft how important the proper execution of the floor work is and wanted to stress the importance of it to me. Proper floor work is important for several reasons. First it does impress the candidate and secondly, when properly done, is very beautiful to watch. These Brethren, while well meaning, in my opinion missed the importance of this essential lodge function.

Whether it is within the opening or closing of a lodge or within degree work, the floor work was designed to teach our Brethren about symbolism. Each step we take or how the deacons and stewards hold their rods is designed to display symbols in which, when researched give us a nugget of information in which we can add to our knowledge and ultimately to our self-improvement. Sadly, most of these subtle movements are lost on the brethren who it is meant to instruct.

Expanding our mind through the study behind the ritual and understanding the symbolism which is hidden within the floor work of the lodge is the first upright step on our journey from the darkness toward the light of self-improvement.

To subdue my passions: The second upright step in our journey to become a better man is learning to subdue our passions. I feel this phrase means learning to do things in moderation.

We all know the Junior Warden is supposed to watch over the Craft assembled and ensure that no one converts “Refreshment into excess” or don't have too much of a good thing. This is a lesson that is important to everyone. I also feel we each have to subdue our passions for different things.

For some people their passion is alcohol, for others it is relationships or tobacco. We can become addicted to many things. My passion was with food. When I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason I weighed nearly 200 pounds. I lived a sedentary lifestyle which made me feel truly miserable and helpless. As I came to light I started to study and read every Masonic book I could find and truly began to embrace the Fraternity and I realized that if I would simply “Try to subdue my passion” and just eat half of what I would normally eat at a meal I would take in half the calories. I started calling this my “Masonic diet”. Eventually, slowly, I began to lose weight and I am now down to a more manageable size.

Each of us have passions we find difficulty in subduing. In my opinion the self-reflection we learn through the study of Masonry and its symbols will help us identify the passion in which we need to control and place us on the right path to gaining control. I'm not saying it will be easy but since our faith is in God and is well founded with prayer

and self-control, we will be successful.

And improve myself in Masonry: Each of these upright steps will help us improve ourselves in Masonry. Self-improvement, like Masonry is a lifelong journey, one we will never complete. I feel the third upright step is continuing our journey by attending our lodge.

Each of us, no matter who we are, need help in maintaining the progress we have made through learning and in our fight to subduing our passions. Interacting with Brethren who are on the same journey of improvement as we are should give us motivation to continue our work and help encourage another brother to work harder on his goals. Spreading the cement of Brotherly love does strengthen each of us.

I know it is hard to see how sitting through a long dreary meeting of minutes and paying bills will make us better men but if we can look past what Masonry has become and try to see **“what has been lost”** maybe we can find the working tools in the ritual to help complete our rough ashlar into something that's a bit more perfect. To learn is to acquire knowledge; to acquire knowledge of a subject or skill as a result of study, of experience, or teaching; to receive instruction; to find out about, or discover; to be informed of, or learn about; to teach or inform a person of something.

In summary, therefore, we have **to learn** there is a moral imperative, for instance, before we can **subdue our passions**; we have to study Masonry before we can understand it. We have to discover there is an allegory before we can interpret it. We have to be informed of its history before we can comprehend its societal relevance. We have to detect its symbolic associations before we can grasp its spiritual nature. We have to contemplate its meanings before we can experience its insights. We have to be informed of its rules and laws before we can act within the due bounds of fraternity. We have to understand the meaning of manhood before we can grasp the unique power of fraternal association.

We have to learn before we can improve ourselves. And we are taught as Entered Apprentices, we cannot improve ourselves without first subduing our passions - - without releasing ourselves from our own ego so that we can feel the brotherhood of man. And we learn as Fellowcrafts that we have to overcome and go beyond the human senses, we have to transcend the logic of human education, we have to journey beyond the paradigms of human awareness, we have to surpass even inspiration and insight, go beyond all the powers and properties, the sciences and senses of man to erect our perfect ashlar; to get in touch with divine truth -- which is metaphysical —It surpasses human understanding. Then, as Master Masons, we learn that we have to finally overcome ourselves before we can achieve peace and harmony within ourselves, and in our lives.

I submit the bottom line of Masonic teaching is that, through the journey of our degrees, we learn that Divine truth can't be understood by the human agencies of education, or dogma, or rationale thought, or by the evidence of the senses—it has to

be perceived directly. And, my Brothers, it enters into us by the path of initiation.

All of this is pretty heady stuff. Men come into Masonry to learn to improve themselves. If they are coming here for any other reason, then we are failing to represent with honesty what our organizational purpose is. Men come to us to learn. The lodge is the receptacle, the personal space, the sacred environment that will either facilitate their learning, or prevent it.

On a seemingly trivial subject that I've also thought of several times in the past is ***must there be harmony at the expense of truth***, which, I am sure certain Brethren have also wondered about. I am reminded of the admonition I received on the Apron Lecture from the Senior Warden at my raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason, which says in part,

“You should never put on . . .” the badge of a Mason . . . “and enter a Lodge, in which there is a Brother with whom you are at variance or against whom you entertain animosity. Should you find yourself about to take such a step, it becomes your duty to ask the Brother to withdraw in order that you may amicably settle your differences. When this is happily effected, you may clothe yourselves, enter the Lodge, and work with that love and harmony which should at all times characterize Freemasons. But, if unfortunately your differences are of such a nature as not so easily adjusted, it is better that one, or both of you retire than that the harmony of the Lodge be disturbed by your presence.”

This certainly applies to me, especially lately! Someone much wiser than I once said, ***“He who does not know how to look back to where he came from will never get to his destination.”***

I am certain most of you, like I, have tremendous respect and admiration for people who are authentic, people who happily acknowledge their background and who never forget where they come from. There are many people in our Institution who have struggled to progress in our Craft, and they have accomplished it by hard work, dedication, sacrifices, and by the help of others. A number of these people have made it big in our beloved Fraternity.

I am fortunate to know such a Brother who have retained his sincere humility, one who never forgot how he got to his present exalted position in our Fraternity. I remember recruiting him to be our Junior Steward during my term as Hawaiian Lodge's Junior Warden a few years back – which he reluctantly accepted because he did not believe he was up to it. Was he ever wrong, for look at him now – our outgoing Grand Master, MW Alex Escasa.

On the other hand I also know of someone who has reached the pinnacle in our Institution, but has apparently forgotten how he got there, for he never looked back to those who pushed him up!

The saddest thing to see is how the last person forgot where he came from, to a point where he does not even acknowledge the people who, in one way or another, helped him along the way, and how he arrived to where he ended up at. ***“Ungrateful”*** comes to mind, but it just might be too strong a word, but hopefully you get the picture!

I think this goes beyond sad because such stories can serve as a very valuable tool to encourage others who have also embarked on a journey to pursue higher positions in our Fraternity, ***“upon whose head have rested the laurel wreath of victory, upon whose breast have hung jewels fit to grace the diadem of an eastern potentate, and with light added to the coming light, whose ambitious feet have trod round after round the ladder that led to fame in our mystic circle, and even the purple of Fraternity have rested upon his shoulders.”***

Why does this happen? What makes these people "forget" where they come from? Generally, when people go through hardships in life, they often become resentful and frustrated for having struggled more than others. When they make it big, they become selfish, arrogant, boastful, disrespectful, and so on. It seems that in the way to pursuing a better status, their hearts were hardened by the circumstances they ***imagined*** they went through.

It is understandable that suffering and pain can cause any person to feel the most negative emotions. However, when people's goals have been satisfactorily met, there's no reason for them to allow those negative emotions to control them. Life is hard, no doubt. Fortunately, we can learn to be better people without forgetting where we come from, and upon whose shoulders we stood to get to where we ended up at! How does one remain true to oneself? I offer the following pieces of advice that might be very helpful:

Acknowledge and share your struggles and accomplishments: This does not imply that you have to dwell on the difficult things that you went through. There's a difference in acknowledging your struggles and sharing how you overcame them; doing this helps you to continue pressing on and this is also encouraging to others.

Be grateful to the ones who helped you: Always recognize the people who helped you during your journey. This is not about repaying them for what they have done for you, it is about being grateful and showing that you do not take people or things for granted. Do what your heart tells you to do. Having an attitude of gratitude is key in life.

Help others with your resources: Remember the people who've helped you and be the kind of person who helps others, too. Helping others is rewarding. It is not about the amount of help that you can give, it is about the good disposition that you have to help. You may not have what a certain person needs, though you can lead him to someone who could provide what he needs. You have more resources to help others than you think. It is not always about money.

Be respectful to everyone: Respect is to be extended to every person, it is a human right. Respect people. If you do not agree with what some people believe or say, it is okay, respect them anyway. At the same time, keep healthy boundaries in place. Being disrespectful to disrespectful people is foolish.

Finally, Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren All: I will leave you with some food for thought on ***WHAT MAKES A MASON:*** “It is generally believed that receiving the degrees of Freemasonry makes a man a Mason. That is true, of course, but only in the technical sense. Advancing through the degrees of the various Masonic bodies qualifies a man to receive a dues card, have his name on the membership rolls, attend meetings, and voice his opinion on matters that are presented for discussion within the Lodge. In truth, these have little to do with being a Mason. The sad fact is, countless men carry Masonic dues cards all their life but never become Masons in the deeper, more important sense.

A man does not suddenly become a Mason. An old saying, well-worn out but nonetheless true, proclaims that a journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. Initiation into the Masonic Fraternity is just that, the first step in a journey that hopefully will last a lifetime. It is not an end in itself, but is rather the process whereby we are set upon the road that will, if followed faithfully, make it possible for us to become Masons.

When a man becomes a Mason, he experiences a change within himself. For him, things are never to be the same again. Because of his Masonic experience, he now sees life in a way that he had not seen before. His priorities change. What is truly important and what truly matters have changed him and so a new direction is set for his life. Masonry has become the first step in a journey that points him out of himself. By virtue of his new posture, he is forced to think loftier and more benevolent thoughts. The most profound acts in life become simple, yet filled with such earth-shaking things as offering a cup of cool water or a morsel of bread in the name of a higher good. One who was narrow and self-centered may now discover that his sense of charity knows no bounds and that he now has feelings for those around him, a unique experience in an otherwise cold society. He has now learned that those things of true value are more often spiritual than physical. Having become a true Mason, he is prepared to put the good of the Lodge ahead of his personal aggrandizement.

For too many years Freemasonry has been the battlefield where a war for power and recognition is waged. Some active members are working for what they call honors, and their quest ends with that goal. If they fail to attain that for which they seek, their quest ends and their interest in the Lodge ceases. They have visions of great things that don't materialize. They believe that because of their Masonic affiliation they will somehow receive the accolades of men. They have visions of power and influence that are not realized, and, they quickly become discouraged.

When a man becomes a real Mason, he realizes that there is a good life higher than himself, and he must address it in order to be happy. Many who do not get what they expect from Masonry soon absent themselves from it. All the while they fail to

realize that the real jewels of Freemasonry are all around them, but they do not see them. They miss the point!

When a man becomes a real Mason, he notices that he is completely happy only when he is addressing himself to that higher good. Personal accomplishments have a way of getting lost in time, while selfless acts outlast the doer. Recall, if you will, the great Masons in past and notice that the ones that come most quickly and clearly to mind are those whose lives were filled with sacrifice and service. They always gave of themselves without counting the cost.

We become Masons when we learn to live outside the Lodge the lessons we learned within it. Masonry must become more than an organization for us – it must become a way of life. The goal of the Lodge is to have its members live Masonry. Thus, in the world, we become living examples for others. The inner workings of the Lodge are becoming increasingly open to the world, and, in that arena, we are judged by what we are.

We talk with great pride about the men we make Masons. Every year the records of the Lodge are examined to determine how many men were made Masons. If the degrees have been conferred on a goodly number, we boast at length about how successful our Lodge is and how we are growing. What we need to be more concerned about is not how many men have been initiated, but rather, how many members of our Lodge, both old and new, have become Masons.

In truth, we are our Brothers' keepers in Masonry. Our own fate is completely bound with that of every other member of our Lodge. If Masonry is real, then whatever happens to a Mason happens to each of us. As Masons, we can never separate ourselves from those with whom we share a common cause and with whom we have taken common vows. Hence, it is our personal responsibility to see that each member of each Lodge, as far as possible, becomes a true Mason.

The Lodge is always only one generation from extinction. If enough members stop caring, Masonry could be something that exists only in the memories of a few who fondly recall the "good old days". All we need to toll the death for Masonry is for our lodges to become filled with members who have not really become Masons. The day we stop caring about one another would be a sad day indeed. If we ever stop caring about the condition of our fellow Masons, Masonry would cease to matter in life.

Should we ever refuse to help one another in life's most difficult situations, we will have denied the most basic principles of our Fraternity and it will have lost its importance in our lives. When the day comes that we no longer seek to point men to the Great Architect of the Universe, the foundation of Masonry will falter and all that we hold near and dear will come crashing down upon us. After all, the most important business of the Lodge is always the business of spiritual growth.

Masonry can be one of the most potent forces for good available to the modern

world. This can happen only if the members of the Masonic Lodges become more than just members. Only when they become Masons as well will this great potential be unlocked. To this end, we must do more than initiate members; we must always seek to make men Masons.”

To our incoming Grand Master and his Corps of Grand Lodge Officers for the 2020-2021 term – Congratulations, Good Luck and Godspeed; the best is yet to come! Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren All – Thank you!

God bless us all!!

2020 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

The Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II, Past Grand Master and chairman of our jurisprudence committee to present the proposed resolutions for this year.

All 2019 Grand Master's decisions were deemed moot as they did not affect a change in the Hawaii Masonic code nor do they go past his term of office.

For the record, they are as follows:

2019-01	Parade participation
2019-02	GM's 1-Day Class application process
2019-03	# of EA candidates allowed for participants of GM's 1-Day class
2019-04	Electioneering - JGW Resumes
2019-05	Response to Coronavirus Concern
2019-05b	Response to Coronavirus Concern - Update 1
2019-05c	Response to Coronavirus Concern - Update 2
2019-05d	Response to Coronavirus Concern - Update 3
2019-05e	Response to Coronavirus Concern - Update 4
2019-06	Call for Special Meeting on June 27, 2020
2019-07	Application by Mason from Non-Recognized Jurisdiction (To be Presented for business as Emergent Resolution 2020-03e)

Also, to keep our virtual meeting moving along today, with the approval of the Grand Master, the Proponent has agreed to withdraw his Carryover resolutions to 2021 Annual Communication.

For the record they are:

Carry Over Resolutions

2019-01 CO (30-20 / 60%)	Plain Text Cipher for GL Office Use	2/3
2019-02 CO (29-22 / 57%)	Use of cipher book by officers coach while in tiled meetings	2/3
2019-05 CO (30-20 / 60%)	Change frequency in which Hiram & McKee Awards are given	2/3
2019-08 CO (29 -23 / 56%)	Modifying requirements to join appendant bodies	2/3

However, there are 5 pieces of business remaining to be addressed.

Their results are as follows:

Res. #	Resolution Summary	% Needed	Result
2020-01	Clarification of who Masonic charges are submitted to.	66.6%	96% - Passed
2020-02	Per-Capita adjustment	66.6%	54% - Failed CARRYOVER

Emergent Resolution

(A motion to agree that an Emergent Resolution must be made and approved by a 2/3's vote before the actual Emergent Resolution can be brought before the floor for consideration)

Emergent Resolution 2020-03e was not brought to the floor for consideration as it only received 61% vote to determine if it was Emergent. It will be brought to the floor for consideration at the 2021 Annual Communication.

2020-03e	Affiliation Protocol For Members of Non-Recognized and Non-Reciprocal Jurisdictions	66.6%	N/A
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Emergent Resolution 2020-04e was brought to the floor for consideration as it received 84% of the vote to deem it emergent

2020-04	Next elections of officers to be held in April 2022	+50%	87% - Passed
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Most Worshipful Escasa then called upon Right Worshipful Edde T. Kanai, Sr. Grand Warden to bring a motion to the floor to hold the 2022 Annual Communication on the Island of Maui . Needing a 66.6% approval to pass, it was moved and seconded and after discussion, the motion received a 92% vote for acceptance and motion was approved.

With the regular business being completed for the day, Most Worshipful Escasa then announced the awardees for our jurisdiction's 2 annual individual awards.

The 2019 Lodge Secretary of the Year was awarded to Worshipful Scott M. Waracka of Ko'olau Lodge, and;

The 2019 Master Mason of the Year award was awarded Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II.

When all business had been completed, Most Worshipful Escasa asked if any brother had anything else to bring before this Grand Lodge as it was now time for the election of the 2020 - 2021 Grand Lodge Officers. He reminded us that our Masonic Code states that the election of officers shall be the last item of business at our Annual Communication, so once we start the election process, no other items of business may be presented.

There being none, the election process began with the following results

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The following Grand Lodge officers were then elected to serve for the 2020 – 2021 Grand Lodge year.

Grand Master	Garry Graham
Deputy Grand Master	Edde T. Kanai
Senior Grand Warden	Dustin T. Verity
Junior Grand Warden	Gloriani A. Lontoc
Grand Treasurer	Michael J.W. Lopez
Grand Secretary	Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Grand Lecturer	Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM

Upon completion of the election of officers, Most Worshipful Escasa then called the Grand Lodge of Hawaii from labor to refreshment until 2:00 p.m. this afternoon for the purpose of the virtual public Installation of Grand Lodge Officers.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The Installation of officers for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii began at 2:35 pm. With Most Worshipful Monty J. Glover PGM as Installing Officer; Worshipful Lee Kaneakua PM as Installing Master of Ceremonies, and Right Worshipful Steven King SGW from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Hawaii Inc. as Installing Chaplain.

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Grand Chaplain	Randy V.N. Albano
Grand Orator	Stephen G. Karel
Grand Marshal	Aaron P. Daguio
Grand Standard Bearer	Nicholai M. Khiterer
Grand Sword Bearer	Herman K. Wilson
Grand Bible Bearer	Keith N. Isaacson
Senior Grand Deacon	Scott-Michael Waracka
Junior Grand Deacon	Jonathan Cross
Senior Grand Steward	David H. Gomes
Junior Grand Steward	Bernard C. Balduenza
Grand Historian	Stephen D. Carroll
Grand Organist	Lee D. Gordon
Grand Pursuivant	Dado C. Lajola
Grand Tiler	Lee K. Kaneakua

Grand Lodge Inspectors

Mar Mark P. Leo	Chris N. Kaminaka	Jhun Dela Cruz
Gilles R. Tisseraud	J. Daniel Miller	Michael D. Janovsky
Seth A. Connell	Kevin R. Perdue	Dino J. Fernandez

After the installation of the 2020 – 2021 Grand Lodge officers, our newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Garry Graham addressed the assembly, to wit;

GRAND MASTER’S INSTALLATION ADDRESS

In an effort to help keep today’s proceeding as short as possible I will significantly cut down my speech.

But still, I would like to thank my installment team. Most Worshipful Monty Glover via zoom from Georgia, Worshipful Lee Kaneakua, risking life and health to be here with me today and Right Worshipful Stephen King, Grand Senior Warden of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F&AM of Hawaii and Its Jurisdiction, Inc.

As you brothers were instrumental in today events so have you been instrumental in my journey with your generous and extraordinary guidance and advice. Thank you. And for Right Worshipful King especially Thanks for the haircuts. You can all look this good too. Text me and I give you his number.

While my path to this moment has really been influenced by you all in some way there are a few that I would like to name specifically. Most Worshipful Frank Condello who was the first to sit me down and explain the debt I owned to masonry and that this path was one way for me to help repay it.

Most Worshipful Donald Wilson, who on his last weeks with us pointed to his Grand Master’s ring and had me promise to put this in my future. And to give the Grand Lodge of Hawaii the best that I have.

Worshipful Jeff Lowe, my grand lodge inspector who guided me as a new Master of the lodge. Who with his soft but unwavering tone espoused. “If you want to be a leader then make the work you do worthy of someone following.” Thanks, no pressure Jeff.

To the brothers that helped painstakingly instill that work and ritual into my mind and life. Worshipful Dale Paleleo, a three-time past master and most especially to Worshipful David Kaohelaulii, a four-time past master. who taught me the ritual patiently and for Worshipful David, not especially tenderly. Worshipful David had me meet him every day to practice whatever new part I was memorizing at the time. Always

promising me that when I got it right. I could have a day off. Then at the end of every study session he would shake his head and say. "See you tomorrow."

To Most Worshipful Alexander Escasa, PGM, when we were new Masters of our lodges back in the day and we were together at Most Worshipful Marty Alexander's installation, I think that was maybe in the late 20th century. Our conversation moved to would we ever seek the Grand Master's chair.

After much mutual laughter at this notion, I promised him if you do it, I will follow. Well sir. Thank you for leading the way and helping me grow into this position. You've taught me that I can lead with a quiet, calm assertiveness verse the aggressiveness that was my habit and for that alone, I am a better man.

And Foremost to Most Worshipful Dennis Ing, who on my third meeting as a Master Mason saw me deliver the Marshalls interrogation and promptly placed me in the Grand Lodge's one day class just 3 week later as my first introduction to the Grand Lodge. Who made me a grand lodge officer before I was even a Lodge Master and who has continued to guide me even today. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Lastly, to my contemporaries and perhaps future holders of the Grand Oriental chair, Illustrious Lee D Gordon, Worshipful Mark Leo, aka the Great One and Worshipful Brother Kevin Perdu who all consistently help keep my feet on the ground. And who never misses the opportunity to point out my blunders. I can hear the eco from Kevin's lips even now. "Well, Yeah. How did that workout for you."

Well Kevin, I am hoping for the best.

On a personal note: I send a special greeting to my biological brother and sisters that are on zoom today. Dawn, Donna, George, Lisa and Matthew. Thanks for putting up with me long before I was a decent man.

And the biggest thank you to my Lady Mika and my daughters Lexington and Jaz. You have firsthand witnessed the long and winding road. Thank you for keeping me out of the ditch. I love you.

If I didn't mention your name today, thanks. Know that I thank you from my heart and that your name must have been in the second half of the speech.

As for me, my journey for this distinguished chair started a lifetime ago, before I never knew. In 1989, when I was a young struggling entrepreneur. I placed an ad in the local new paper searching for a mentor. I wrote: Young entrepreneur is searching for a marketing mentor. For an occasional lunch or dinner and the benefit of seeing a young business prosper and grow. Call Garry @ 714....

The ad was answered by one person. And after putting me through business plan hell for about 3 weeks he decided to accept me. What he taught me did a little more than allowing my business to prosper and grow. On one assignment, he asked me who was the best of the best in my area in the local economy. There was a Financial planner in New Port Beach named Glenn Woody. (Some of you already see where this is going.)

My mentor had me call him and ask to meet him for some advice. I did. He agreed to meet me for 20 minutes, but on the day met he spent over an hour and half with me. Gave me some of the most curial insight that help my business grow. I doubt he remembers; but, it was something I have never forgotten. Neither men would ever accept the occasional lunch or dinner. What kind of men offer of themselves like this? Now I know.

Fifteen years later, of my own free will and accord I, decided to apply for the degrees of masonry. I wanted the comradery of like-minded people and to give back similar to those that had given so much to me.

I was accepted and went through my degrees and only after which I learned that both W. Don Estrin, my mentor and CFP, Most Worshipful Glenn Woody PGM of California were masons. Worshipful .Brother Don nor Most Worshipful Brother. Woody never, ever mentioned it. They gave without ever expecting any return. But, please let me tell you both. I am honored to have met you and followed in your footsteps.

This year, my theme is “Live the Charge”

We have, in our body of work, some of the most extraordinary life instructions. Guides and lesson from at least 300 if not 2000 year ago to teach us to think and help us make better choices. Rules and morals to live by. To help make us better brothers, citizens, employees and bosses, children to our parent, husbands and fathers.

For example, In the installation for our constituent lodges. The Tyler is instructed: ...

As the sword is placed in the hands of the Tiler to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass except such as are duly qualified, (**and here is the good part**) so should it admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips, and post a sentinel over our actions; thereby preventing the approach of every unworthy thought and deed, and preserving consciences void of offense toward God and man.

Just think about how the world would be different if just this one idea was universally inculcated.

And likewise, I believe, if we can remember, re-internalize and live the directions given to us in the charges from our first three degrees then we will by default become better men. I know I am preaching to the choir. Those hearing these words live by these ideals. But that’s not all I am asking. I will further charge each and every mason to help

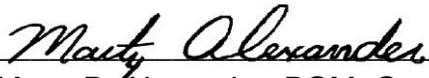
another younger brother learn, internalize and live these charges and inspire them to do the same for another. You didn't really think Hawaii masons were going to be sidelined by a virus. We think in terms of not one year but 100 years.

In this year of Covid-19, we cannot yet meet in our usual lodge structure. But, the pandemic has accelerated the online learning curve given us a new tools to be able to teach and connect with one another. In this new zoom and online world, it has become even easier to meet every day or we can use part of our normal lodge meeting time to connect with a brother or beehive of brothers to help them gain that essential knowledge that comes from memorizing and internalizing our ritual. Your dedicated outreach will change the life of this young mason, super charge the fraternity and ultimately change the world.

Thank you.
Garry Graham
Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii
1 August 2020

After his address, Most Worshipful Most Worshipful Graham thanked everyone in attendance then closed the 2020 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii by proclamation.

Respectfully Submitted: August 11, 2020


Marty P. Alexander PGM, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM

Reviewed and Approved by:


MW Garry Graham - Grand Master 2020


MW Alexander A. Escasa - Past Grand Master 2019



Past Grand Masters - Grand Lodge of Hawaii

* Indicates the Brother listed has dropped his working tools and entered the Celestial Grand Lodge Above

1989	* William K. McKee, Jr.	Waikiki
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1992	* Ernest Y. Yamane	Hawaiian
1993	* David K. Lindsey	Honolulu
1994	* Frederick H. Overstreet	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
1995	* Richard W.M. Dang	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
1996	* Bennett K.C. Ing	Schofield
1997	* Stuart M. Cowan	Pearl Harbor
1998	* Paul D. Jones	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
1999	Randy T.S. Chang	Hawaiian
2000	* Mason E. Teter	Kilauea
2001	* Donald W. Wilson	Ko'olau
2002	Lyle G. Phillips	Hawaiian
2003	A. Lee Skinner	Pearl Harbor
2004	Walter L. Hager	Maui
2005	Raymond Wieckowicz, Jr	Ko'olau
2006	* Bruce H. Bonnell	Pearl Harbor
2007	Oscar M. Jayme	Hawaiian
2008	Dennis S.A. Ing	Hawaiian
2009	Marty P. Alexander	Maui
2010	* Charles L. Wegener Jr	Ko'olau
2011	Monty J. Glover	Honolulu
2012	Antonio M. Ligaya	Hawaiian
2013	Frank M. Condello II	Honolulu
2014	Richard B. Huston	Hawaiian
2015	Michael P. Baker Sr.	Kona
2016	Andrew L. Geiser	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
2017	Albert B. Alvarez	Leeward
2018	Wilson S. Camagan	Hawaiian
2019	Alexander A. Escasa	Hawaiian

Lodges constituted under the Grand Lodge of Hawaii January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Grand Lodge of Hawaii - Constituted May 20, 1989

Grand Master	Alexander A. Escasa
Deputy Grand Master	Garry Graham
Senior Grand Warden	Edde T. Kanai
Junior Grand Warden	Dustin T. Verity

Annual Membership Count Since Electronic Age (Calendar years)

2008 (1699) +/- ?	2009 (1740) +41	2010 (1748) +48	2011 (1807) +59
2012 (1777) -30	2013 (1785) +8	2014 (1721) -63	2015 (1733) +12
2016 (1661) -72	2017 (1649) -12	2018 (1656) +7	2019 (1671) +15

Hawaiian Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1851 - California)

Honolulu Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1895 - Scotland)

Kauai Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1924 - California)

Kilauea Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1897 - California)

Kona Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1982 - California)

Ko'olau Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1961 - California)

Leeward Lodge - Constituted May 2, 2003

**Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie - Constituted January 30, 2015
(First chartered in 1843 - France)**

**Lodge Maui - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1872 - California)**

**Pearl Harbor Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1924 - California)**

**Schofield Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1914 - California)**