

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F & A M Of the State of Hawai'i

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Grand Master's Decision 2020-02 UPDATED/a Application By A Mason From A Non-Recognized Jurisdiction

My Brothers All,

Last year, Most Worshipful Alexander Escasa evoked Grand Master's Decision 2019-06 whereby setting forth a Grand Lodge Policy setting guidelines to accept applications from men who were already made Masons but were from jurisdictions that were either not recognized by our jurisdiction as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge or a member of a jurisdiction wherein only visitation rights are recognized but not full membership reciprocity.

This GM's Decision was brought before the floor as an Emergent Resolution at our Annual Communication on August 1, 2020. We were not able to vote on it as a vote of at least a 2/3 was needed to deem it as an Emergent issue whereby that vote was 61%. So that resolution never made it to the floor for action.

So in order to keep a policy in place for the time being until we are able to bring it for vote at our Annual Communication in April of 2021...

IT IS THEREFORE MY DIRECTION that this updated Standing Policy be put in place until such time as it can be presented at our 2021 Annual Communion to be ratified in the Appendix of our Hawaii Masonic Code.....

STANDING POLICY REGARDING APPLICATIONS FROM MASONS FROM NON-RECOGNIZED JURISDICTIONS.

Circumstances can arise when an applicant wishing to join the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM was made a Freemason from a jurisdiction that is not officially recognized by our jurisdiction as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge.

Applications stemming from instances such as this will be accepted for membership under the conditions that the applicant sign the Grand Lodge of Hawaii's Acknowledgement and Repudiation form and apply using the Application for Degrees wherein, he will then retake the first 3 degrees of Masonry according to our jurisdiction's practices.

When an applicant wishing to join the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM was made a Freemason from a jurisdiction that is a member of a jurisdiction wherein only visitation rights are recognized but not full membership reciprocity wherein, he is currently allotted admittance privileges to our meetings, degrees and can witness our clandestine work presently.

Applications stemming from instances such as this will be accepted for membership under the conditions that the applicant deliver a valid demit from his lodge and apply using the Application for Affiliation and upon election will participate in a Traversing Ceremony consisting of a re-

obligation of the first 3 degrees, an initiation into the esoteric pass, signs, tokens and words of these degrees and a re-investiture of the raising in the 3rd degree of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

The above reference Acknowledgement and Repudiation form is attached.

Please direct any questions you may have to our Grand Secretary at either HawaiiFreemason@hawaii.rr.com or at 808-596-9121

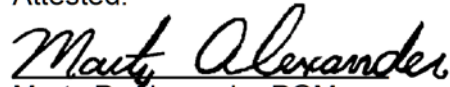
Dated: January 8, 2021



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Grand Master



Attested:



Marty P. Alexander PGM
Grand Secretary

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Acknowledgement and Repudiation of Prior Affiliation with an Un-Recognized or Visitation only Recognized Masonic Organization

I, (Print Full Name) _____

Of my own free will and accord, do hereby acknowledge that I am or have been a member of a Masonic jurisdiction that is :

- a) Not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM.
 b) Recognized by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii FA&M but for visitation purposes only.

My previous Masonic affiliation information is as follows:

Grand Lodge of : _____
Lodge Name and Number: _____
Years of Affiliation : _____ thru _____

I also acknowledge that I understand that in order for me to become a Freemason through the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM, that I must cut my Masonic ties and repudiate my membership with the above named Masonic organization and that I must apply for membership and retake all 3 degrees of Masonry within this jurisdiction.

Also let it be known that after due diligence, that I (have) (have not) been able to obtain a demit from the above named Grand Lodge.

Signature

Dated

* Attach copy of demit if applicable.