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## Message from the GRAND MASTER

Bruce H. Bonnell



Welcome to the first edition of our Grand Lodge newsletter, "The Hawaii Freemason". The Grand Lodge of Hawaii has not had a newsletter since early 2003. Since good communications are the hallmark of a successful organization, funds were budgeted for a newsletter. We need to improve communications within the Grand Lodge, with the constituent lodges, and with the concordant bodies.

"The Hawaii Freemason" will be a quarterly publication of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. This newsletter will be the responsibility of the incoming Junior Grand Warden. To be successful and meaningful, the newsletter needs articles from all of you; the 2006 Grand Lodge line, the Masters, Wardens, and brethren of each constituent lodge.

Your articles can be specific to your Lodge in particular or to Masonry in general or for the good of the order or an article that would pertain to all the brethren. Your articles for our next newsletter are due on or before August 15, 2006.

The name of the newsletter, "The Hawaii Freemason", was picked for its' simplicity, for its' easy name recognition, and because it relates to the name of our Web Site: [www.hawaiifreemason.org](http://www.hawaiifreemason.org).

However, we are open to suggestions for a name for our newsletter. The Grand Lodge is,

therefore, having a contest among the brethren to name our newsletter. This should generate interest among the brethren, our newsletter, and the Grand Lodge.

Brethren, it is in your corner. Put on your thinking caps and send in your suggestions to name our Grand Lodge newsletter. Send suggestions to RW Marty Alexander, at [lodgemaui@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:lodgemaui@hawaii.rr.com) no later than August 1, 2006. The winner will receive \$25 and will be featured in our next issue.

The International Order Rainbow for Girls had their 35<sup>th</sup> Grand Assembly, "Colors of Paradise" session on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Grand Worthy Advisor, Faymae Queja from Hilo Assembly #4, was the presiding officer. Annually in June, all the assemblies in the State of Hawaii gather together for the conclusion of the Grand Worthy Advisors' Grand Year.

The highlight of Faymae's session was the initiating of 10 candidates on Saturday. It has been a long time since they have had this many candidates at Grand Assembly. Other highlights were the banquet, fun night, the scrapbook contest, Grand Cross and the installation of new officers on Sunday afternoon. Congratulations to Melissa Heinz who was installed, as the 2006-2007, Grand Worthy Advisor for the Grand Assembly of Hawaii.

Interest in Masonry has increased with the release of the Da Vinci Code and the programs aired by the Discovery channel. Our Lodges, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, National Sojourners, the Ladies organizations and the youth groups have all reported an increase of interest and petitions. It is now up to us to keep these new members busy and interested so that masonry can continue to move forward.

The Grand Lodge Fast Class under the leadership of RW Dennis Ing will be on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006. Grand Masters' decision 03-2006 allows the reading of a petition at any meeting and after the proper investigation, balloting at any meeting provided the petitioner is going through our fast class.

Let us all continue to have a good year!

## MASONIC LICENSE PLATES

The Hawaii Masonic License Plate Program is still going on. Have you got yours? If not, go down to the Department of Motor Vehicles and get yours today !  
Remember, all proceeds will benefit and support the Grand Lodge of Hawaii.

## SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

### FAST CLASSES ARE HERE TO STAY

The GL of Washington DC introduced the first "Fast Class" in 1992, and has been holding them ever since. Paul Bessell's 2001 statistical analysis of these classes ([www.bessell.org/gmclass.htm](http://www.bessell.org/gmclass.htm)) found:

- (1) membership significantly and steadily increased;
- (2) about the same percentages of Fast Class and traditional Masons remain in the fraternity;
- (3) about the same percentages became officers;
- (4) there was no decline in the amount of Degree work performed in Lodges.

Ohio's two GM Classes in 2002-03 raised 11,000 new Masons, mostly younger and well-educated, many with previous ties to Masonry. Significantly, 91% stated that the shortened time was either "very important" or "somewhat important" in their decision to join.

Bessell concluded that Fast Classes are a "useful tool", and there is "no evidence" that choosing between Fast Classes and traditional conferrals, is harmful to Freemasonry. Approximately 31 U.S. jurisdictions agree. Yet the controversy rages. There are numerous and extraordinarily emotional arguments pro and con.

As a product of Hawaii's first "One Day Class", I myself have mixed feelings. I liked being able to witness all the Degrees immediately, to participate fully in Lodge. I probably would not have joined but for the shortened time. But I like the idea of bonding with a mentor, of being "brought from darkness" in stages, and passing on that experience to others. I argued long and hard with my dad, who was then Grand Master, that the GL was responsible for educating the Fast Class. (He left that job to individual Lodges.)

I believe that Fast Classes should not be held on a regular basis, particularly in a small jurisdiction like ours. I support Ohio's example of making "events" out of their classes – a concerted campaign to pull in multitudes and stray EAs and FCs – thus injecting enthusiasm and energy into the Craft, as well as numbers. Above all, I think all candidates – not just the exemplar – should actively experience and participate in the conferral, and have as much Masonic education during the class as possible. We tried to do this in the last Fast Class, and I hope the upcoming Fast Class will be even better.

Fast Classes are apparently here to stay. Let's all support them and make them work.



Dennis S.A. Ing

## JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

Aloha one and all.

I am very excited to be part of Most Worshipful Bonnell's line as he has already laid ground work for many exciting things to come this year. The first of which is the resurrection of this Grand Lodge Newsletter.

This publication will hopefully bring everyone a little closer together through the exchange of ideas and information of the news and events that take place in each of our lodges.

The exchanging of ideas will allow us to keep active within our own lodges by using fresh ideas from other lodges. And, while this is a small jurisdiction and everyone pretty much knows the other, the exchange of information will help bring us a little closer together more frequently instead of the typical once or twice a year basis.

While this issue came out a little quick, which is probably the cause of why there are not as many contributors to this Newsletter issue as we had hoped, We encourage the Lodges, their Masters, and Secretaries to not be hesitant about submitting articles in the future. We will be in touch with each lodge personally between issues to be of assistance however we can. Communication is one of the keys to success in any organization, ours is no different.



Marty P. Alexander

## GRAND SECRETARY

### What Does Grand Lodge Do?

- \* Maintains membership records and related activities
- \* Serves as a link for communication between the Grand Master and lodges
- \* Assists secretaries in performing their duties
- \* Assist in developing and implementing programs for membership retention and growth
- \* Provides educational material
- \* Provides informational and promotional materials
- \* Prepares and distributes the Grand Lodge Bulletin
- \* Conducts the annual communication
- \* Hosts a web-site
- \* Maintains the history of Masons and Masonry in Hawaii



A. Lee Skinner, PGM

## GRAND LECTURER

Masonry is on a roll! It has been a long time since I have seen so much interest in the fraternity. Most of the Lodges are hard at work making new Masons and these Masons are all young men. Many of them are looking towards the officers line up in the Lodge which makes the fraternity look strong.

For example, some months ago, I saw something that I have never seen before and will probably never see again. It was when we had a First Degree in the Honolulu Temple on a Saturday. It was because we had so much work to do that we had to meet there. We had just completed the First Degree and were about to close the Lodge.

I looked at the columns and there were seven Ko'olau Entered Apprentices sitting next to each other.



Donald W. Wilson, PGM

What a sight that was. Three of them are already serving as officers of Ko'olau. Almost all of the other Lodges are doing as well.

The problem is, as I see it, is that the Lodges need time. Time to advance these new Masons. It seems that there has been a lull in developing new officers and it has been necessary to bring in some of us old members to fill the gap. The work necessary to advance from the 3rd degree proficiency to being a Senior Deacon is overwhelming. It takes time and dedication to complete the goal.

I do believe, however, that with the right training from the older members, that we will soon have a solid fraternity. Looking forward in seeing you assist in this great movement.

The Inspectors have been instructed to provide assistance in the ritual. If for any reason, you are not getting the help needed, please let me know and we will make sure that assistance is provided.

## News from our Constituent Lodges

### Kilauea Lodge

The good news is that Kilauea Lodge in Hilo is enjoying a spurt of new members. We now have seven Entered Apprentices studying their proficiencies and two applicants waiting to be voted on.

The bad news is that we are, like a lot of Lodges, having a difficult time keeping officers in the line. The usual job-related, family-related, health-related issues are involved, but we still ponder the growing debate about memory work and whether that issue is a root cause.

Those of our E.A.s who received the E.A. lecture in the long-form are now studying the long-form proficiency, and some express an interest in going in the chairs, so what does that tell us?

Carl Jones P.M. is a Texas Mason with a great web site that posts debates on the issue of memory work and it seems to be evenly divided pro or con whether or not required memory work is causing our memberships to wane.

My personal opinion is that laxness and acceptance of mediocrity causes new Master Masons to shun accepting appointments to chairs - simply because they haven't been taught how to study and learn ritual - and feel daunted by the task.

This debate won't end nor will it be resolved, so I believe all an individual brother can do is set his own standards and practice them.

Let our consciences be our guide, and what will be will be.

### Kona Lodge

Thus far 2006 has been an eventful year for Kona Lodge. We welcomed several new members affiliating from other Lodges and jurisdictions. In addition we have several Brothers in the degree process.

We are continually working on our building and are in the process of having our cornerstone, which was dedicated in 2004, engraved and permanently put in place. In addition we have new carpeting in the Lodge Room which greatly enhances the appearance of the room.

During the year so far, we have had two pre-meeting dinners which were specifically designated as family dinners. The latest one, on June 7, was a fund raiser for our scholarship fund. In both cases the ladies and children played bingo while the Stated Meeting was going on.

July is a month which promises to be busy. We will be conferring a third degree and will also be welcoming Most Worshipful Bruce Bonnell and other Grand Lodge Officers to our annual picnic, at which time we will be presenting the Hiram Award to Brother Peter Wikeen and the McKee Award to Worshipful Larry Jones. At that event we will also present scholarship awards to a senior at both Kealakehe High School and Konawaena High School.

We look forward to continued activity during the second half of the year.

## K o ' o l a u L o d g e

4th of July, the Declaration of Independence, quite a historic day in the lives of Masons though out American. In the past few years the Masonic Organization has had much exposure with movies like National Treasure and the current Da Vinci Code.

Well, here in Hawaii we have also been exposing the organization to the general public and most of it all in the name of the 4th of July, or the birth of the greatest country on the planet.

The Masonic families have been participating in the annual 4th of July Parade in Kailua for many years and have always done it under God. Last year, under the theme of "Family of Freemasonry", we were able to attract over 70 people to march in the Parade. All the way from the Demolay & Rainbows to the Grand Lodge officers and Shrine Band, to celebrate the United States of America. And what a great time all had.

Also, to commemorate this great day, the Marine Corp Base in Kaneohe celebrates by way of the now 16th annual Bay Fest. This yearly event has rides for the kids, music for the adults and a Life Style Expo of which we purchase a booth to "Bring Masonry" before the many eyes that attend, which last year was well over 60,000.

This year, this event will be 5 days starting on the 30th of June and ending on the 4th. All in all, this year should bring the fraternity even more successes. So, if you are able to attend please do so and if not, just remember that faithful day, and here's wishing the entire fraternity and our country a Happy 4th of July.

## L o d g e M a u i

The ties that bind together two fraternal organizations were evident when, once again, the Maui Masonic Family was invited to march with the Royal Order of Kamehameha, along with their various organizations, on Saturday June 10, 2006 to celebrate and honor King Kamehameha the I's birthday.

With lodge member, Alii Nui Sir Clifford Hashimoto at the reviewing area, the march started from the Maui Community College entrance to Hoaloha Park, ending there with a beautiful closing ceremony honoring the King's rich heritage. We then proceeded to Hale Nanea, the Order's lodge building, for lunch and fraternal fellowship.

The following represented the respective organizations:

Personal Representative Richard Ball 33rd degree, Scottish Rite; and Noble Thomas Rossman, Shriners. Also in attendance was Past Grand Master, Walter Hager.

Yours truly represented our fraternity by attending services the next day at Waiola Church in Lahaina honoring Sacred High Chieftess Keopuolani. The Royal Order of Kamehameha, along with their appendant bodies, gathered at her gravesite for an solemn observance, then assembled in the church for a inspiring service.

Brotherly Love was definitely prevalent during that weekend.

## GRAND MASTER'S FAST CLASS!



Please let the membership of your respective Lodges know that the Grand Lodge of Hawaii is having a Fast Class on July 21<sup>st</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006. It will be held in Honolulu at Scottish Rite and will follow last years' format with some new enhancements.

To be eligible for this Fast Class, a new candidate must:

- Ask a Mason you know to recommend them for membership in his Lodge
- Or, contact the Grand Lodge of Hawaii to find a Lodge near you by calling 531-9050 or by visiting [www.freemasonhawaii.org](http://www.freemasonhawaii.org)
- Complete a petition for membership and designate it Fast Class.
- Have your Petition signed by two members of the Lodge you wish to join.
- Give your petition and fees to the recommending mason or to the Lodge Secretary. Normal Lodge Fee plus Grand Lodge fee of \$75.
- Promptly turn in your petition so that the Lodge can read your petition and vote on it the next month.
- All of the above must be completed by the gaining Lodge's Stated meeting prior to 7/21/06.

If your member is already an Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft, they are still eligible to join this Fast Class regardless when they received their degrees. All they need do is to notify the Lodge Secretary and since they already paid the Lodge Fees, they only need to pay the Grand Lodge fees of \$75. These persons will go through all three degrees. Further details will be forthcoming. Let us work together and have a great class. If you have any questions, please call the Grand Secretary at (808) 531-9050.



# Jurisdictional Information



## 2006 Grand Lodge of Hawaii Officers



|                      |                                    |                      |                                     |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Grand Master         | Most Worshipful Bruce H. Bonnell   | Deputy Grand Master  | Right Worshipful Oscar M. Jayme     |
| Senior Grand Warden  | Right Worshipful Dennis S. A. Ing  | Junior Grand Warden  | Right Worshipful Marty P. Alexander |
| Grand Treasurer      | Honorable Jorge N. Disuanco        | Grand Secretary      | Most Worshipful Lee Skinner, PGM    |
| Grand Lecturer       | Most Worshipful Donald Wilson, PGM | Grand Chaplain       | Very Reverend David Kaohelauii      |
| Grand Orator         | Worshipful John B. Connell         | Grand Marshall       | Worshipful Carl W. Scheer           |
| Standard Bearer      | Worshipful Teofilo E. DeAquino     | Grand Sword Bearer   | Worshipful Keith N. Isaacson        |
| Grand Bible Bearer   | Worshipful Jack A. Hughes          |                      |                                     |
| Senior Grand Deacon  | Worshipful Wilfred K. C. Lam       | Junior Grand Deacon  | Worshipful Roy T. Ota               |
| Senior Grand Steward | Worshipful Stanley H. Takeuchi     | Junior Grand Steward | Worshipful Harry K. Kaneakua        |
| Grand Historian      | Honorable Herbert G. Gardiner      | Grand Organist       | Honorable Milton Anderson           |
| Grand Pursuivant     | Worshipful Bernardo F. Biala       | Grand Tiler          | Honorable James R. Steinwandt       |

|            |                                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Inspectors | Worshipful Arthur G. Chenoweth    |
|            | Worshipful Frank M. Condello II   |
|            | Worshipful Robert A. Schultz      |
|            | Worshipful Robert M. Shimamoto    |
|            | Worshipful Donald W. Traller      |
|            | Worshipful Charles L. Wegener Jr. |

## Grand Lodge of Hawaii Past Grand Masters



In recognition of those Brothers who have toiled in the quarries of the Grand East for many years for the betterment of the Brethren at the expense of their own sweat, we thank you.

|      |                            |                         |
|------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1989 | MW William K. McKee Jr.    | Waikiki                 |
| 1990 | MW William K. McKee Jr.    | Waikiki                 |
| 1991 | MW William K. McKee Jr.    | Waikiki                 |
| 1992 | MW Ernest Y. Yamane        | Hawaiian                |
| 1993 | MW David K. Lindsey*       | Honolulu                |
| 1994 | MW Frederick H. Overstreet | Le Progres de l'Oceanie |
| 1995 | MW Richard W.M. Dang*      | Pearl Harbor            |
| 1996 | MW Bennett K. C. Ing*      | Hawaiian                |
| 1997 | MW Stuart M. Cowan         | Pearl Harbor            |
| 1998 | MW Paul D. Jones*          | Le Progres de l'Oceanie |
| 1999 | MW Randolph T.S. Chang     | Hawaiian                |
| 2000 | MW Mason E. Teter          | Kilauea                 |
| 2001 | MW Donald K. Wilson        | Ko'olau                 |
| 2002 | MW Lyle G. Phillips        | Kilauea                 |
| 2003 | MW A. Lee Skinner          | Pearl Harbor            |
| 2004 | MW Walter L. Hager         | Maui                    |
| 2005 | MW Ray Wieckowicz, Jr.     | Ko'olau                 |

\* Deceased



# More Jurisdictional Information



## Constituent Lodge Information

### Hawaiian Lodge - 951-9914

[www.hawaiianlodge.org](http://www.hawaiianlodge.org)

Stated Meetings 1st Wed. @ 7:30 pm

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Worshipful Master | Froilan B. Domingo  |
| Senior Warden     | Eduardo L. Abutin   |
| Junior Warden     | Orlando S. Ragudos  |
| Secretary         | Oscar M. Jayme, DGM |

### Honolulu Lodge -

[www.honolulufreemasons.org](http://www.honolulufreemasons.org)

Stated Meetings 1st Tue. @ 7:30 pm, Dinner @ 6:30 pm

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Worshipful Master | Matthew K. Baker    |
| Senior Warden     | Mark Von Stilt      |
| Junior Warden     | Frank Condello, PM  |
| Secretary         | Monty J. Glover, PM |

### Kauai Lodge - 639-0958

Currently No Web Site

Stated Meetings 1st Wed. @ 7:30 pm, Dinner @ 6:30 pm

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Worshipful Master | Nico H. Zina          |
| Senior Warden     | David W. Mason        |
| Junior Warden     | Harry K. Kaneakua, PM |
| Secretary         | Camilo A. Rosales, PM |

### Kilauea Lodge - 934-0012

Currently No Web Site

Stated Meetings 1st Tue. @ 7:30 pm, Dinner @ 6:00 pm

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Worshipful Master | Sam Hansford          |
| Senior Warden     | Bob Hoffman           |
| Junior Warden     | Donald Millard, PM    |
| Secretary         | Lyle G. Phillips, PGM |

### Kona Lodge - 329-7664

[www.KonaLodge.com](http://www.KonaLodge.com)

Stated Meetings 1st Wed. @ 7:00 pm, Dinner @ 6:00 pm

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Worshipful Master | Lee Meyerson         |
| Senior Warden     | Harold V. Hall       |
| Junior Warden     | Michael P. Baker, PM |
| Secretary         | Scott Snoek, PM      |

### Ko'olau Lodge - 261-3921

Currently No Web Site

Stated Meetings 1st Wed. @ 7:30 pm

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Worshipful Master | Scott Waracka, PM      |
| Senior Warden     | Jack Hughes            |
| Junior Warden     | Charles L. Wegener, PM |
| Secretary         | Norman E. Ipson, PM    |

### Leeward Lodge -

Currently No Web Site

Stated Meetings 2nd Fri. @ 7:30 pm, Fellowship follows

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Worshipful Master | Feliciano H. Dela Cruz, Jr. |
| Senior Warden     | Vacant                      |
| Junior Warden     | Oscar M. Romero             |
| Secretary         | Antonio Ligaya, PM          |

### Lodge Le' Progres De L' Oceanie - 864-6357

[www.lodgeleprogres.org](http://www.lodgeleprogres.org)

Stated Meetings Last Fri. @ 7:30 pm, Social @ 6:30 pm

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Worshipful Master | James Willig, Jr., PM |
| Senior Warden     | Robert A. Schultz, PM |
| Junior Warden     | David Kaohelaulii, PM |
| Secretary         | Dennis Miller         |

### Lodge Maui - 877-6328

[www.LodgeMaui.com](http://www.LodgeMaui.com)

Stated Meetings 2nd Wed.. @ 7:30 pm, Dinner @ 6:30 pm

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Worshipful Master | Stanley H. Takeuchi, PM |
| Senior Warden     | Marty P. Alexander, PM  |
| Junior Warden     | Stewart Enger           |
| Secretary         | G. Richard Jordan, PM   |

### Pearl Harbor Lodge - 487-9651

[www.pearlharborlodge.org](http://www.pearlharborlodge.org)

Stated Meetings 2nd Mon. @ 7:30 pm, Social @ 6:30 pm

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Worshipful Master | James R. Davis, PM   |
| Senior Warden     | Stuart Cowan, PGM    |
| Junior Warden     | Jean-Paul Marquez    |
| Secretary         | Bruce H. Bonnell, GM |

### Schofield Lodge - 625-9157

Currently No Web Site

Stated Meetings 2nd Tue. @ 7:30 pm

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Worshipful Master | Teofilo "Phil" De Aquino, PM |
| Senior Warden     | Ryo Kubota, PM               |
| Junior Warden     | Vacant                       |
| Secretary         | Keith N. Issacson, PM        |

NOTICE: Every effort has been made to insure that all information in this newsletter is as accurate and correct as possible. If there are any errors, corrections or additions that need to be made, please feel free to email them to me at [LodgeMaui@Hawaii.rr.com](mailto:LodgeMaui@Hawaii.rr.com) and I will incorporate them for the next issue.

Thank you.



## *For the Good of the Order*

### *Upcoming Grand Lodge Events, Visits & Holidays*

| Date                   | Event or Holiday                                 |
|------------------------|--|
| July 4, 2006           | Independence Day - Kailua 4th of July Parade     |
| July 21 - 22, 2006     | Grand Master's Fast Class                        |
| July 28, 2006          | Grand Master's Official Visit - Kilauea Lodge    |
| July 29, 2006          | Grand Master's Official Visit - Kona Lodge       |
| August 18, 2006        | Admission's Day                                  |
| September 4, 2006      | Labor Day  |
| September 17, 2006     | Constitutional Observance at the Falls of Clyde  |
| October 8 - 11, 2006   | Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of California |
| October 9, 2006        | Columbus Day (Discoverer's Day)                  |
| October 28, 2006       | Maui Scottish Rite Bodies 100 year Celebration   |
| October 31, 2006       | Halloween  |
| November 4, 2006       | Scottish Rite Fall Class                         |
| November 11, 2006      | Veteran's Day/ Color Guard at the Submarine Base |
| November 23, 2006      | Thanksgiving                                     |
| December 25, 2006      | Merry Christmas                                  |
| January 1, 2007        | Happy New Year                                   |
| January 15, 2007       | Martin Luther King Day                           |
| February 1 - 2, 2007   | Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of Alaska     |
| February 16, 2007      | Western Conference of Grand Masters              |
| February 18 - 20, 2007 | Conference of Grand Masters                      |
| February 19, 2007      | President's Day                                  |
| February 22, 2007      | George Washington's Birthday                     |
| April 8, 2007          | Easter   |
| April 20 - 21, 2007    | Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of Hawaii     |

For more information regarding any Grand Lodge function,  
please contact the Grand Lodge office at (808) 531-9050.

#### **Speaking of Schedules ....**

**Don't forget the deadline for proposed resolutions for next years Annual Communications is approaching. Hawaii Masonic Code section 4000 states that they should be submitted "at least 160 days prior to the commencement date of the next Annual Communication". With that being said and the AnCom set for April 20 & 21, 2007, that gives a deadline of November 17th, 2006.**

## Masonry in Hawaii makes the pages of USA Today!

Annually, Honolulu Lodge and other members of the Masonic Community including Prince Hall reenact the Boston Tea Party on the Falls of Clyde anchored in Honolulu Harbor. For more information on this annual event, go to ... [mastermason.com/teaparty/homepg.htm](http://mastermason.com/teaparty/homepg.htm)

# Replaying history

Famous battles aren't the only events being re-enacted. Here are three of America's more unusual re-creations.

BY CAITLIN EVANS

COUNTLESS HISTORICAL re-enactments take place each year across the country, depicting everything from landmark speeches to famous battles. The Battle of Gettysburg, for example, will be re-enacted July 1, 2 and 3 — the original battle's actual dates — for its 143rd anniversary. But re-enactments don't have to be so, well, *normal*. Just check out these events:

**What: Annual Boston Tea Party**  
re-enactment ([mastermason.com/teaparty/homepg.htm](http://mastermason.com/teaparty/homepg.htm))

**Where:** Aloha Tower Marketplace, Honolulu

**When:** Sept. 17

Hey, if the original Tea Party participants could have done it this way, they would have. Some 5,000 miles away from Boston in a far less taxing climate, the spirit of liberty lives again. Each September, local community members re-enact the Boston Tea Party, Hawaiian style. No, the re-enactors don't wear leis; they remain true to the event's history.

On Dec. 16, 1773, Samuel Adams (wasn't he more of a beer guy?) led about 50 men dressed as Indians to board three ships and toss 45 tons of tea into the Boston Harbor, protesting taxes. During the re-enactment, participants dressed in colonial uniforms yell, "No taxation without representation!" Dozens of re-enactors toss about 40 prop boxes of tea into Honolulu Harbor. Participants of many nationalities are included, so don't be surprised if you see a Japanese George Washington or a British Betsy Ross.



**Boston uprising in Hawaii?**

## A little humor to start your day!

MW Bruce Bonnell - contributor



"It's a deal, but just to be on the safe side let's have our lawyers look at this handshake."

**Here is a noteworthy article sent in by Brother Pete Larson from Pearl Harbor Lodge.**

### "I'M THE GUY"

I'm the guy who asked to join your Masonic Lodge. I'm your Brother who has gone through the Three Degrees of Masonry and paid my dues. I'm your Brother who stood up in front of you and promised to Assist when called upon. I'm your Brother who came to the meetings and no one paid any attention to.

I tried several times to be friendly and interact, but you all had your own buddies to talk and sit next to. I sat down several times, but none of you, my Brothers, paid any attention to me. I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a project or help out, but no one saw my efforts when I volunteered.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much to others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting I decided to stay home and watch Television. The following meeting I attended, and again, no one asked me where I was the last meeting. I'm a good guy, a good family man, one who loves his community and his country.

You know who else I am? I'm your brother who never came back. It amuses me when I think back on how the Heads of the organization and the members were discussing why the organization was losing members. It amuses me to think they spent so much time looking for new members when there I was all the time.

**Author Unknown**