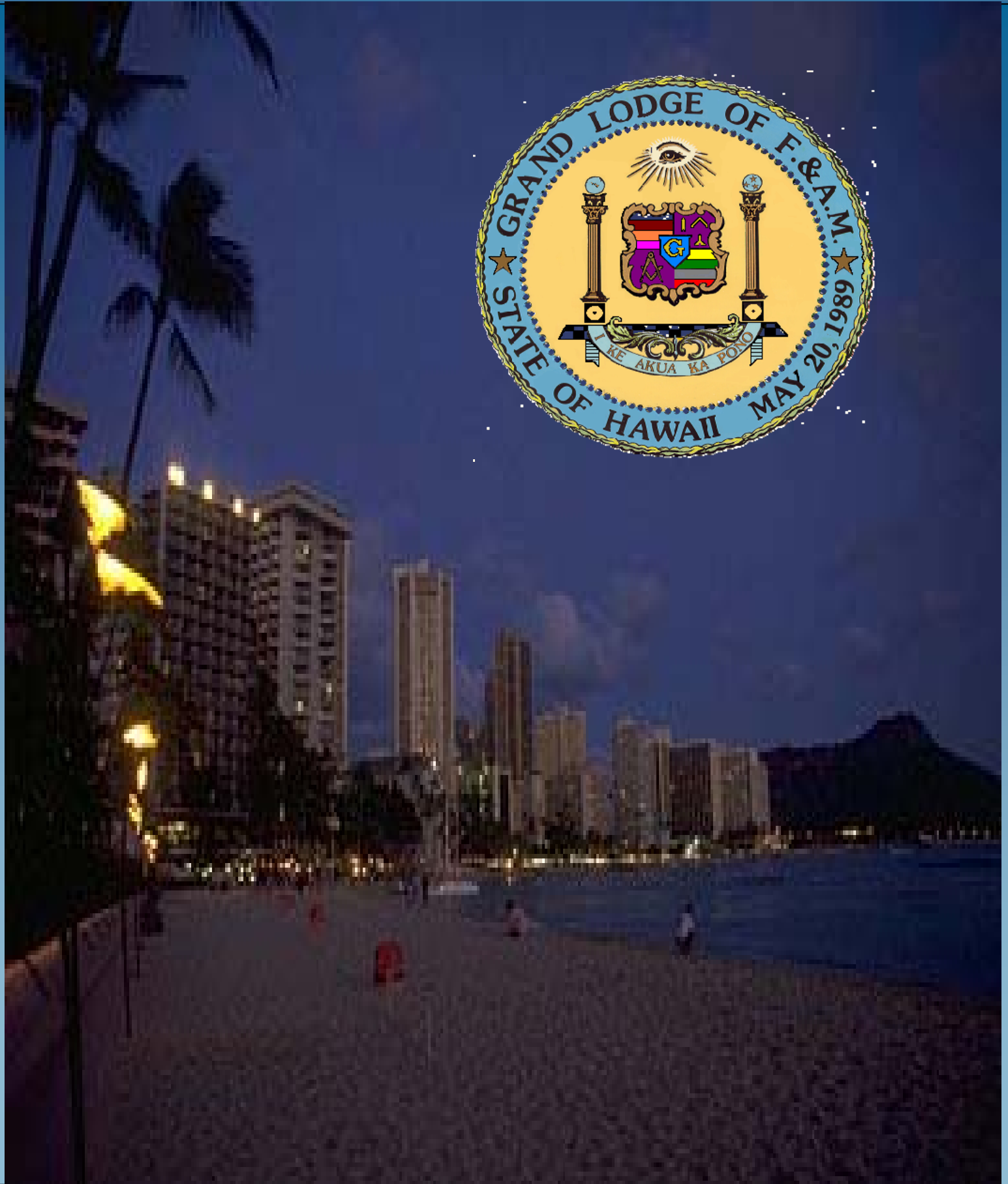
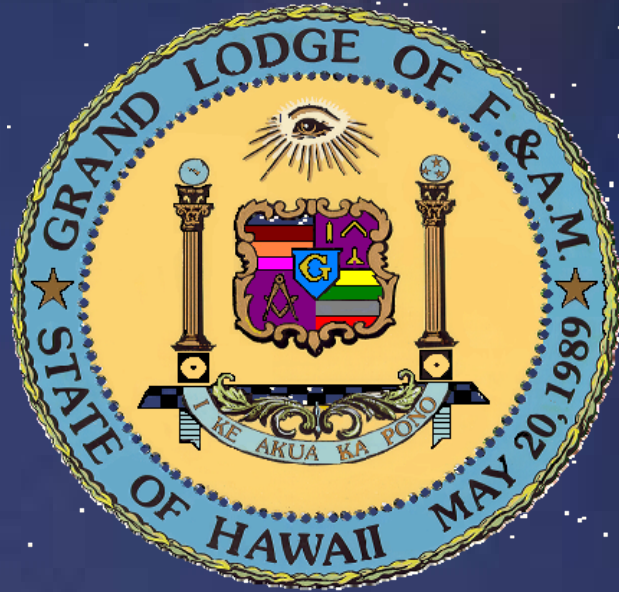


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Message from the Grand Master



"A Minister's daughter said to her visiting boyfriend, "Dad's sermon tonight is on the text, "Love One Another". Would you like to go to church and listen?" Replied her boyfriend: "I'd rather stay here at your house and practice what your Dad is preaching." We, likewise, should practice our Masonry rather than preach it

This being the fourth and last of our series of Grand Lodge Newsletter for 2007-2008, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the Masons of this jurisdiction whithersoever dispersed for a truly memorable year. Words are not enough for Luci and I to extend to you our love and appreciation for all the support you have given me during my tenure as Grand Master. It has always been difficult to single out any particular individual and commend him or them for good deeds done, but one can only agree that it is not so in the case of our diversified Hawaii Freemasonry. I am afraid that I would miss to appreciate those who took time and gave us their very best for the good of our Grand Lodge. To the 2007 Grand Line of Officers, accept my sincere appreciation for your time and services. To MW Raymond Wieckowicz Jr.,PGM and Hon. Jorge Disuanco our sincere Mahalo for all the services and hard work you have given this Grand Lodge. The HIFile maker program, was developed in collaboration between the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to provide a simple, fast and proven system of membership record maintenance. To the Hawaii Masonic Code Revision Committee chaired by the VW David Nightingale,PGL, what a commendable work indeed updating the HMC where it should be today, thank you my Brothers. The revived Grand Lodge Representative Program (foreign and domestic)in the good hands of RW Marty Alexander, so may it continue to prosper, thank you. To the RW Charles Wegener Jr.,JGW and editor of the Grand Lodge Newsletter, thank you for a job well done. To the Board for General Purposes comprised of our respected Past Grand Masters thank you for your priceless experience and timely good counsel. I thank the various Committees and my Grand Lodge Inspectors for keeping in line the Lodge Officers to be worthy and well qualified.

In addition to the regularly scheduled degree conferral in our Lodges, contributing also to their growth is the annual occurrence of the Grand Master's Fast Class. Throughout the years, these classes have always been successful under the direction and supervision of our Deputy Grand Master, the RW Dennis Ing and through the support given by our Lodges, working together in harmony in making good men better which makes a bond of brotherhood, the strength of which no mortal can measure.

"He who industriously sows and reaps is a good laborer, and worthy of his hire. But he who sows that which shall be reaped by others, by those who will know not of and care not for the sower, is a laborer of the nobler order, and, worthy of a more excellent reward."

The recently-concluded annual Western Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges composed of the Grand Lodges of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and host jurisdiction Washington State was held on February 15, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel, at Louisville, Kentucky. Conference voting members from Hawaii included MW Oscar Jayme, RW Dennis Ing,DGM; RW Marty Alexander,SGW and RW Charles Wegener,JGW. Part of the delegation also was Hon Jorge Disuanco, Grand Treasurer and Sister Gemma, together with Sisters Luci Jayme, Charlys Ing and Stella Carter.

The purpose of the Western Conference is to provide a forum for the elected leaders of the Grand Lodges to meet annually and exchange ideas on topics which are of common interest to them, acquaintance of Grand Lodges, to promote open line of communications between the elected leaders of member Grand Lodges in a pleasant and productive manner and to promote one of the truly Masonic ornaments, Brotherly Love. Each year the Western Conference convenes on a Friday immediately preceding the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. Consideration of new members will be discussed for the Grand Lodges of Arizona and British Columbia and Yukon at the February 2009 Western Conference, to which the Host Jurisdiction will be Hawaii. The Conference will be held at the Orange County Hyatt Regency in Anaheim, California .

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America was held on February 17-19, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. It was attended by 64 Grand Masters from the United States and visiting dignitaries with this year's theme of "Motivating Tomorrow's Leaders". The Conference convened as called to order by Chairman MW Johnny D. Onkst, Grand Master of Oklahoma followed by the invocation by the Reverend Gene Crady, Grand Chaplain of Kentucky. The Conference included various reports from several committees, breakout sessions and meetings which were also attended by our Grand Pillars. The Grand Secretaries' Conference was attended by our Grand Treasurer. Some of the meetings included Future Grand Masters' Meeting, Committee on Information for Recognition, CHIP Meeting and the George Washington National Memorial Report. The Breakout Sessions included Team Approach for Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge and New Technology, Youth Programs, National Masonic Foundation for Children, Mentoring, Member Retention, Community Involvement and Public Perception among other things.

I had the honor of presenting on behalf of the Freemasons of Hawaii a check for \$2,500.00 to the National Masonic Model Student Assistance Program, money which was raised during the 2005-2006 Masonic Year. Our Hawaii representatives was also privileged by attending the Shrine-DeMolay Breakfast sponsored by the Imperial Shrine headed by Imperial Sir Bernard J. Lemieux, Imperial Potentate. The 2009 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America will be hosted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California. The Conference wrapped-up with the presentation of the New IRS Requirements and the Grand Masters' Banquet at the Marriott Ballroom.

Brethren, as we come close to our Annual Communication, we fondly hope that you will vote for the Brother whom you sincerely believe will provide the Craft with inspiring leadership when elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden. Remember, that merit is the just title to our privileges. Let us therefore heed to this piece of advice from our Brother, Count Leo Tolstoy: ***"Life is a place of service, and in that service one has to suffer a great deal that is hard to bear, but more often to experience a great deal of joy. But that joy can be real only if people look upon their lives as a service and have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness."***

There are still many tasks ahead within the confines of the Grand Lodge. What has been accomplished are only to give way for the incoming leadership be better equipped in dealing with future realistic goals. Some items of interest are the HIFile Maker, the Cipher Ritual, the 5 Paddles of Progress, the Hawaii Ritual, the Non-Profit 501(c) (3) Designation for Foundation and Grand Lodge Website. Every Mason in this jurisdiction is an integral part of the fraternal team. We welcome all constructive suggestions and most of all your time and effort in coping with the crisis of modern time Masonry.

As a reminder and in addition to our regular obligations, let us remember and invoke the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe for our Brothers and Sisters and the men and women of our armed forces of the United States serving in harms way whithersoever dispersed. Let us pray for their bravery, courage and safety. Let us give them thanks with heartfelt gratitude from every Mason in Hawaii for all their sacrifices and service.

Finally my Brothers, it was indeed a great honor and privilege to have served this venerable Grand Lodge. May the Great Architect of the Universe watch over us in all our undertakings. May Brotherly Love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.



WHAT FLOOR ARE YOU GOING TO?

By Dennis Ing, Deputy Grand Master

A guy notices your Masonic ring, and asks the inevitable question: “What’s a Mason?” Or, worse, he says: “I heard the Masons are some sort of a cult, is that true?”

If you’re at a party or playing golf in his foursome, you might have time to give him a decent answer. But typically, you’re buying stamps at the Post Office, or standing in line at Long’s Drugs. That’s why you should be prepared with your “elevator speech”.

At the Grand Lodge of California’s Annual Communication last September, the membership committee encouraged everyone to develop a short, succinct statement about Freemasonry that contains the essence of who we are. It should be no more than 30 seconds, the time it takes to travel several floors in an elevator.

The “elevator speech” is one of the latest tools for salesmen. There are seminars, books and workshops on employing this promotional technique. The speech should be compelling, something that attracts interest, or at least curiosity. It should be accurate and contain the essence of what you are trying to sell. Above all, it must be short and to the point.

Indeed, succinctness is probably the most difficult aspect of an “elevator speech”. First, you don’t know what floor your listener is going to. Second, you have to prioritize the points you want to make. The recommended durations range anywhere from ten seconds to two minutes. But most experts suggest that your “blurb” should be no longer than 25 seconds.

I’ve come up with an elevator speech that will allow you to be cut off at 10, 15, 20 and 25 seconds. Just stop at the end of each sentence. Maybe you can pick up the conversation when you see the listener again (unless he seems to be running away from you):

“Freemasons are the largest and oldest fraternity in the world, dedicated to improving our own character for the betterment of fellow Masons, our families, our community and our nation. Our members have included famous historical figures, like George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and King Kalakaua – but most of us are ordinary citizens from all walks of life. We sponsor the Shriners Hospitals and many other charities. All of us believe in God, but we accept men of all faiths. It’s easy to join. All you have to do is ask. Check us out on the Internet.”

Try this speech out when you next have an opportunity to “sell” your Lodge. Better yet, try improving on this “elevator speech”, and email me (ing@lava.net) your own version. Warning: do not follow your listener out of the elevator in order to finish your speech; he might think you’re a stalker.

MIND OF GOD

by Brother Rob Morris

And can we know the mind of God,
A window to the will supreme?
And is His purpose all exposed
to human eye, so faint and dim?
Look! Open upward broadly lies
The Word of God -- the unerring Law,
Threatening and promising by turns,
As Masons yield to fear or love,
Oh, be it ours to walk therein,
And at the end have sure reward!



Hmmm.... Email, a blessing or a curse?

Advanced technological advances has brought us the Internet and along with it, a faster way of communicating with one another. EMAIL! Whether it be from one office to the next in the same building, or from island to island or even sent to someone somewhere around the globe, it has definitely been a quicker and more efficient way of communicating.

But far too often, we see things get out of control as far as comments and heated discussions are concerned. And when one is sent, there is a reply that will take it one step further, then a “one-up” reply to that one and next thing you know, it has escalated into a heated situation. Unfortunately as well, many times these emails are shared on group lists and now many people get involved to some degree or another. And most the time, the confrontation was really over nothing at all except a misperception.

My wife and I email back and forth quite a bit from my office to hers each day and do a lot of Instant Messaging as well. I sometimes find that in one moment all is going well and in a split instant, the tone of our communications has taken a rather sour turn for the worse and we are now in an e-argument! When all is said and done, we are both sorry for letting it get out of hand, make up and all is well in our e-world once more.

We found that neither was upset with the other at all at first but then something we had “typed” kind of ticked the other off a bit. And when a little snide comment was sent back in reaction to the first comment, then the communications just started to quickly spiral out of control. What was the culprit? What was the catalyst? What just happened to put us at each others throats? And can you imagine how far this could get out of control if there were more than just two people involved? Geesh, who knows?

I think the main reason for sparking some of these “heated” discussion lies within a very basic problem with email. When you send an email, it doesn’t have the inflection in your voice to tell the recipient of your intent, whether you were serious or innocently trying to be jovial. Email doesn’t have a certain look in it’s eyes as the recipient is reading your email to indicate you were just kidding. The recipient doesn’t see the corner of an emails mouth turn up with a snicker to tell you it was just teasing and pulling your leg.

Also, while often times the sender is merely trying to make his message sound professional, the words have a tendency to come off sounding very gruff, stern and many times insulting. Which, if the reader of the email can’t read your intent and takes it insultingly, then the battle begins again!

Please be careful what you write my brothers. Read it as though you yourself were receiving it. When you write, reread what you wrote before you press that send button. Make sure your words communicate what you intended them to do. Sometimes, a message is what it is and may be meant derogatorily, but more often it is not but is taken that way. I think many disgruntlements and arguments can be saved in the future, just by reading your own email to yourself and see how you would perceive it if you were the recipient of it. I know I myself am guilty of this and need to improve my email etiquette as well.

And now, while maybe last, but in by no means least. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a quick little story. To say the least, I have been on a few plane rides lately and I run across travelers who are in a wide range of attitudes. Many, because of travel situations, are not exactly what you would describe as the being in the best of moods. They carry this testy attitude around the airport with them, they carry it on the planes with them, they get off the planes with them and they get into the airport shuttles with them. I can only imagine what they are like when they get to their home, work, conference, connecting flight or wherever their destination is. And when you get on a plane, everything seems to intensify just a little bit because of the tight and cramped quarters.

I have the fortunate pleasure of every now and then, catching a flight that has a crew member that helps to change the disposition of all who step on board. It is usually on a very late flight, when moods are at their darkest. But no matter what, on every single flight that this person is on, there he is, standing at the doorway meeting and greeting all of the passengers. The reason why this is so unusual is that he is the pilot!

Most pilots stay inside the cockpits and all you typically see is the back of their heads as they leave this task for the flight attendants to do. But aboard his flights he is always there with a quick word of welcome aboard, thanks for flying our airlines, etc...

I bring this up for two reasons: One that, this pilot makes a difference not only for those on his flight as you can immediately feel the difference he makes in the overall mood in the cabin of the plane. Which undoubtedly makes the flight crew's job easier having happy people on board instead of a plane full of crotchety travelers and two, if it makes that much of a difference immediately for those traveling on his flight, I can only imagine what a difference those people will make to those they are about to see when they get to their homes, work places, conferences, connecting flights or wherever.

I learned that this person is a Freemason from Hawaii and more particularly I learned his name is Brother Walt from Schofield Lodge. This, my Brothers and friends, is true Masonry at work and when you catch that last Aloha flight from Oahu to Maui, I hope you have the pleasure of finding your way onto his flight. Mahalo Brother Walt for being a role model in our Masonic Community

Fraternally,

Marty Alexander

Wait a minute, let me proof read this first, LOL!



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Oscar M. Jayme - Grand Master



Aloha Brothers,

How fast the time has gone! Year 2007 has passed, we are already three months into 2008 and our annual

Communication is just days away. It was my privilege to attend the Western Conference of Grand Masters and the Grand Master's Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in February and to visit with brothers from the many jurisdictions. If there was one message that I came away from that conference remembering it was the one that, big jurisdiction or small jurisdiction we are all faced with the same issues paramount among these being the retention of our membership.

In the July, August, September issue of the Hawaii Freemason, I informed you that I was tasked with seeking 'Cooperation with the Concordant Bodies'. I suggested at that time that this could not be realized without the incorporation of 'Family Involvement', 'Community Involvement', 'Public Relations', and 'Fraternalism'. On this page is a banner displaying the insignia of the prominent Ascendant Bodies of our Fraternal Order in Hawaii along with the Square and Compass.

At almost every Lodge Installation held in December, 2007 and January, 2008, it was said that we all wanted to encourage good fellowship among our brethren within our Lodges. The opportunity for us to gather and enjoy good fellowship as one will come on Friday, September 12th of this year. The Grand Lodge will host a Black and White Ball featuring a Prime Rib Buffet and dancing to live music at the Hale Koa Hotel at a cost of \$60.00 per person. A flyer is included in this issue of the Hawaii Freemason and will be distributed to all the lodges and the concordant bodies along with tickets for this event. This event is not only open to the Blue Lodges but also to the Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Sojourners, Square and Compass, the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. My brothers, this is a wonderful opportunity for prospective members and their ladies to meet the members of our Fraternal Order and their

ladies at a sparkling social event. We are also inviting those who are Shriners to wear their fezzes to the Black and White Ball.

My brothers, you don't know how honored I have been to serve you and the Grand Lodge as Junior Grand Warden for the past year. No matter what happens in the future, the memory of the moment when I was elected as Junior Grand will remain with me forever and I am grateful for the privilege you have given me.

A hui hou: Charlie

An Irish Blessing

**May you have
Enough happiness to keep you sweet,
Enough trials to keep you strong,
Enough sorrow to keep you human,
Enough hope to keep you happy;
Enough failure to keep you humble,
Enough success to keep you eager,
Enough friends to give you comfort,
Enough wealth to meet your needs;
Enough enthusiasm to look forward,
Enough faith to banish depression,
Enough determination to make each
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Thank You My Brethren

I want to take this opportunity to thank every one of My Brothers that has made my time as your Grand Secretary a most enjoyable, while busy time.

Having been the Grand Secretary during 1999 through 2001, I learned much about the character and workings of our jurisdiction. I must say that over the time in the Grand Line, we as a jurisdiction experienced many growing pains. We have made advances and in some ways we have lost ground. I do not mean membership alone.

During this period as your Grand Secretary, I found that in many meetings, we discuss important matters, but we do not make assignments, or commit to an action to be taken. It appears that once we discuss it, it will just go away. Then in a few months or even a year, we re-visit the same matter and become frustrated because it didn't go away. Taking action on a subject is NOT just talking about it. If we want something done, we need to focus our time and effort to accomplish our goals, which should be for the benefit of the jurisdiction. Our unconditional attention to improve our jurisdiction should be our goal, not that I or you will receive accolades.

We recognize that in the Lodges, the Secretary is the workhorse and he is, in my estimation, the most important Officer. It is he that ensures that the Lodge is prepared for their meetings, assists the Master and other Officers in their duties and records and maintains the records which directly and indirectly helps to steer the Lodge on its quest of greatness. This does not mean that he "runs" the Lodge. That important duty is reserved for the Master. The Master rules and governs the Lodge. The Lodge as a whole determines their direction and the Master decides on the final course. Too often, an unprepared Master acquiesces to the knowledge of a Secretary and loses control. The Master is like the steersman while the Secretary is the paddler. Secretaries for the most part have been Masters of their Lodge, they have served many Masters of the Lodge and they have the wealth of history of the Lodge from which to draw on. They have much information that can be passed to the Master so that he can do his duty. Working together while remembering who is Master and listening to the members, ensures a strong and healthy Lodge that can do much.

I want to thank the Secretaries of the Lodges for their support and their assistance and their willingness to review the HMC and discuss possible solutions when questions arise. This indicates Masonic growth on their part. It is truly refreshing to work with my Brethren who respond in a mature and friendly manner.

I want to thank our Grand Treasurer, Jorge Disuanco, for his untiring love for the Craft. Together, he and I collaborated on a software program that will make the duties of the Lodge Secretaries and the Grand Secretary's duties much easier and provide greater information for both to do their jobs. Demonstrations of the software, in its development, were initially well received by all except two Lodges. Both had to do with the concern for personal data. This centered on the use of the Social Security Number. HIFilemaker, does not ask for, provide a repository for the SSN. There is a blank on the Application form that asks for the SSN, this is for Lodge use, in that Lodges may request a credit report on a Candidate. The knowledge that Grand Lodge and HIFilemaker did not request the SSN and that files are protected by Firewalls and Passwords, satisfied one Lodge. Due to Brother Disuanco's business requirements, it has caused a delay in the implementation of the program.

You have been well served by your current Grand Line Officers and the Executive Board. While there were a few items that did not get accomplished, even though they were assigned, the jurisdiction, for the most part has been favorably served. We are looking forward for continued advances in the coming Masonic Year.

On a more personal note, the annual word that I and Claire are moving permanently away from Hawaii has surfaced again. This has been a topic since 2004. If we had moved permanently away from Hawaii as rumored, I would not be writing this article, because I would not be here. Well it has come up again, and I will leave it as a question for you to answer. Would we be moving after having purchased another car, purchased a new residence at Ocean Pointe, and are in the process of outfitting it with new furniture? Hoping to see you on the golf links.

Am I running for Grand Secretary? In a word, NO! As I mentioned to Most Worshipful Oscar, when he called me to serve the unexpired term of the previous Grand Secretary, I was preparing to begin a business and had to put it off to assist. I further explained that, I would not seek, nor accept another term as Grand Secretary. We do have a Past Grand Master, other than myself, that has and can perform the full range of duties of the Grand Secretary. The only others to have done so are deceased. He is also not afraid of hard work and has the benefit of the jurisdiction on his mind instead of personal benefit. I will totally support that Brother and have already told him that I will assist him over the telephone, email, and in person when available. I will also assist on various committees. This Brother has already received encouragement from the next Grand Master and I am confident, that building on this year, next year, is going to be very successful and this jurisdiction's members will be proud.

Your Junior Officers have been encouraged to take on more responsibilities and I have seen them grow and become very knowledgeable in the operations of this jurisdiction. All of us, in this jurisdiction must continue to assist each other as Brothers, and to remember to whisper kind counsel, where needed and to remember we are all traveling on a rough and rugged road. We as a jurisdiction, are not out of the woods.

I would like to thank Brother Gerhart Walch. He and members of the Shrine have instituted a Membership program that will benefit, not only the Shrine, but the Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite and York Rite. Through a cadre of Ambassadors the membership ranks can swell. Through the judicious use of Grand Master's Fast Classes and multiple candidates in each degree night we can reduce the degree nights at Lodges and utilize those nights for other Lodge programs. Boredom works against us.

I guess you can tell that I am getting excited about the coming years. Your Past Grand Masters are getting more involved. Your Grand Master, Oscar re-instituted the Policy and General Purposes Committee and Past Grand Master Frederick Overstreet is the Chairman of the Committee. Just as Past Masters provide guidance and counsel to the sitting Master, so do the Past Grand Masters provide information and assistance to the sitting Grand Master. In fact this has begun working so well that there is a proposed amendment to the HMC regarding the makeup of the Executive Committee that supports this position.

Again, although I will not be in the office, in person, I will be providing assistance to help make the next Grand Secretary's time more productive and supportive to the jurisdiction. I know that Hawaii will grow to become a jurisdiction that its members are proud to be a part. Claire and I wish each of you a most enjoyable ensuing Masonic Year and a prosperous and healthy year personally.

With warmest fraternal aloha,
Raymond Wieckowicz, Jr., PGM
Grand Secretary

Two experienced Master Masons were enjoying a flight in a hot air balloon when suddenly a thick cloud formed between them and the ground. Being without instruments, after half an hour they realized that they were well and truly lost. A short time later there came across a large hole in the cloud and espied a gentleman below walking his dog across a field. They had time to exchange pleasantries and found that he too was a member of the Craft. The chaps in the balloon inquired of him as to their location and received the reply, "About 200 feet up in a balloon." Just then the cloud closed the hole and they were alone again. One turned to the other and said, "I bet he's the Secretary of his Lodge!" "Why do you say that?", the other asked. "Well what he has told us is absolutely true - but in our present predicament is totally useless!"

“Don’t Bore Me”

Grand Master’s Message - MWB Dennis D. Johnson

This year my focus is on developing our skills as leaders and I recently wrote about utilizing one particular leadership “style”—that of leading by example. Leadership by example is simple and by setting high standards we continue to be the premier fraternal organization that men are proud to join.

One of the things I’ve mentioned at our Occasional Grand Lodges is membership decline. All Grand Jurisdictions experience this. One cause is related to the large influx of Masons who joined our ranks around the times of World War II and the Korean War who are now passing on to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Sadly, we can’t do anything about that. However, several Grand Jurisdictions have observed a decline in membership loss caused by deaths and, in fact, are finding that their membership losses are due to other causes—Masons simply deciding to walk away from their membership in our order. Now that’s an issue we can do something about!

It’s really a shame to hear about someone who has sought to join our Fraternity and who then subsequently drops out. It’s especially disturbing because each one of them had to ask to join. They must have seen something that appealed to them to prompt them to ask for a petition. What happened!? I think I might have one answer—they got bored.

Think about it. What do you have to go through to become a Mason? Most of the time men hear about us from a conversation they had with a Mason and it sounded intriguing. In today’s world folks will go on the internet and check it out that way. I believe men petitioning Masonry already know quite a bit about our traditions, our history, our ceremonies and rituals and I believe they like what they see and want to be part of it. Next, he asks for a petition. That requires a listing of references as to his character. We actually conduct an investigation into his background! We even come out to his home and interview him and his family. Then we vote to decide if we’ll accept him. Not everybody who wants to be a Mason gets to be one. Then he goes through the Degrees and eventually becomes a Master Mason. Now he’s coming to Lodge and becomes an integral part of our order. And.....what does he find. It’s boring. It’s nothing at all like what he thought it would be. And.....it’s our fault.

Again, think about it. As I’ve said during the my remarks at the Occasional Grand Lodge sessions, the second most important meeting in a Masons life is the first meeting he attends after he’s been initiated. That’s the meeting that sets the tone for his entire Masonic “career.” We’ve got to make that interesting and fun and something he looks forward to attending on a regular basis and becoming part of the Lodge.

How do we do that? How do we keep it from being boring, dull, monotonous? We do that by taking the lead and doing our homework before the meeting. Let me outline some bullet points to guide you to make the meetings move along quickly and efficiently so we can adjourn to the refreshment table where the real fun is.

Planning – Planning – Planning. Leaders plan. You absolutely must have an officers’ meeting several days prior to the scheduled stated meeting and it should not be at the Lodge. It is at this meeting that all aspects of the upcoming Stated Communication are reviewed from the opening ceremonies, minutes, petitions, to the actual refreshment table. Develop an agenda. Figure out such things as who will make a specific motion or who will be appointed to investigating committees.

Delegate – Delegate – Delegate. Leaders delegate. The Master can’t do it alone. Officers need to step up and pitch in. An example is that the Junior Warden makes sure he’s got everything under control for the refreshment table from food to a program. Another example would be regarding bills. Who is supposed to be reporting them? Who determines if they are within budget, if the Lodge operates with a budget? Determine these things before the Lodge meeting.

“Don’t Bore Me” Continued

Practice – Practice – Practice. Leaders practice. Think the evening through. Start with the opening ceremony. On what degree will we open? Make sure all the officers know their parts so you can open and close properly. Practice at the officers’ meeting. Okay, now the Lodge is open; what’s next? Sickness and Distress? Do we have memorials? Is the chaplain ready with a prayer?

Timing – Timing – Timing. Leaders use their time wisely. The day of the meeting the officers should get there early to discuss last minute issues that will need to be addressed. Open the Lodge on time. Move things along. The Master needs to be judicious in the use of his gavel, yet there are times when it’s best for him to say it’s time to take a vote and move on to the next topic. Try not to do too much in one meeting. Sometimes it’s better to accomplish a few things at several meetings instead of everything on one interminable meeting.

Fun – Fun – Fun. Take the lead in making it fun. While we need to be correct and respectful of the Fraternity and respectful of those who sit in various places and stations in the Lodge, there’s no reason for us not be light hearted and enjoy ourselves in Lodge. If it’s not fun, why are we doing it? The refreshment table is the perfect time for us to enjoy fully that fellowship we talk about. Plus, it’s the last thing we do in our evening—it will be the thing that’s most fresh in our Brother’s mind when he goes home.

Keep in mind this one thought: What is our new Mason going to tell his wife when he goes home after that first meeting? She is just dying to know how it went. What’s he going to tell her? Is he going to talk about the great time he had with “those guys” who really know their stuff? Is he going to be excited about a new event the Lodge is participating in out in the community? Is he looking forward to a Degree conferral next week? Is he going to mention that killer chili they had for refreshment table and laugh over telling the great joke he heard? Is he going to talk about being moved by the reading of a beautiful poem by one of the brethren? Or....is he going to just shrug and say it was “okay” and go off to bed wondering to himself why he joined.

It’s up to us. Don’t bore me. Do your work BEFORE the meeting. Make it fun.

And.....here we go.

WHO IS A MASON?

A Mason is a man who professes a faith in God.

As a man of faith, he uses the tools of moral and ethical truths to serve mankind.

A Mason binds himself to like-minded men in a Brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, social, cultural, and educational differences.

In fellowship with his Brothers, a Mason finds ways in which to serve his God, his family, his fellowman, and his country.

A Mason is dedicated.

He recognizes his responsibility for justice, truth, charity, enlightenment, freedom and liberty, honesty and integrity in all aspects of human endeavor.

A Mason is such a man.



Officers of Ko'olau Lodge for 2008

Worshipful Master	Scott Waracka, PM	Senior Warden	Charles L. Wegener Jr. PM
Junior Warden	Ke'aka Hashimoto	Treasurer	John Topliss III
Secretary	Norman E. Epton, PM	Chaplain	VR John Connell, PM
Senior Deacon	Jacob Leong	Junior Deacon	Dustin Verity
Marshal	Leslie E. Fuqua Jr.	Senior Steward	Air'rain Edwards
Junior Steward	Tracy J. Helms	Tiler	Cecil Ryder Jr.



Officers of Kauai Lodge for 2008

Worshipful Master	Dennis Alkire, PM	Senior Warden	Camilo A. Andrade, PM
Junior Warden	Nicolas H. Zina, PM	Treasurer	Harry K. Kaneakua, PM
Secretary	Donald W. Traller, PM	Chaplain	George Batt, PM
Senior Deacon	Dave W. Mason	Junior Deacon	Danilo Sanchez
Marshal	Jonny Zahabe	Tiler	Bill Fontana



Leeward Lodge F.&A.M.

Brethren,

I hope this note finds you and your family in good health. This has been a very eventful and successful first quarter for Leeward Lodge. We've already raised three candidates thru the regular degree conferral and the recent Grand Master's Fast Class in which our Lodge performed the second degree with more than a handful of positive comments from the Brethren of other Lodges present during the event. I especially would like to extend my congratulations to Brother Reyallan Trinidad for his excellent deliberation of the Middle Chamber lecture. Every one of you know that this took a lot of work on his part, especially delivering it in front of as huge a crowd as the Fast Class with nineteen candidates and thirty or more Brothers from different Lodges. Great job Bro. Allan "daBoy".

I would also like to personally congratulate the recent Entered Apprentice Degree conferral officers who was composed mostly of military members who were non-regular officers of the lodge. On April 4, 2008, SSG Jason Dean Ambrose, U.S. Army was initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason in due form by the following military Brothers: QM1(SW/AW)USN Donald Alvarado,WM; Bro. Gerardo Biala,SW; LtCol,USA Jay Trinidad,JW; CSC,USN Ric Gloria,TR; EMCM(SW)USN Tim Cagadas,SEC'Y; AD2,USN John Salomon,CH; CS2(SW),USN Raymund Lee,SD; PS2(AW),USN Eugene Asuncion,JD; YN1(SW),USN Sean Jaena,MAR; EM2(SW),USN Steve Chan,SS; EMC(SW),USN Chris Villanueva,JS; CSC(SW/NAC),USN Rudy Cabalar,OR and PFC(ANG) Eric Mateo,Tiler. Even though most of the praises came initially from the conferral members at first, they were all affirmed by the Grand Master Oscar Jayme and WB Jhun Dela Cruz, Grand Lodge Inspector. And also to Bro. Gerry Mateo our Senior Deacon who was the catalyst of getting this group together before being sent to duty at the Big Island, congratulations my brother your hard work paid off. Kudos to all of you my brothers. Brethren, no one can say enough, and for the Brothers that missed the conferral, come to the lodge if you are able to. The more we have in attendance the merrier. We enjoy your company and enjoy hearing from you.





Finally my Brethren, always keep in mind, that being a Freemason is much more than wearing a ring or displaying masonic emblems on our vehicles, it is an attitude towards mankind particularly our Brethren in Masonry that others, believe it not are watching. We say we take good men and make them better, but these men only become better if they live by the the tenets we teach.

Fraternally,

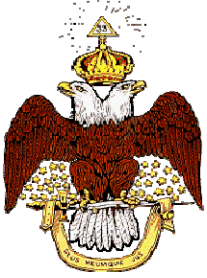
Albert B. Alvarez

Junior Warden

Corned Beef and Cabbage Night at Ko'olau Lodge



Out & About with The Family of Freemasonry



Honolulu Scottish Rite Bodies meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 P M Scottish Rite Cathedral, August thru May. Dark June and July.



Honolulu York Rite Bodies meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 P M at Makiki Temple.



Aloha Temple Shrine meets quarterly, dates and location to be determined.

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MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER

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 ! You can get more information and even apply on line.

<http://www.dmv.org/hi-hawaii/license-plates.php>

The Grand Lodge office now has more Pineapple Lapel Pins. They are available for \$10 each.

Please call (808) 596-9100 to order yours.



All proceeds go to support the Grand Lodge of Hawaii Building Fund.

A smile costs nothing but gives much. It riches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes last forever. No man is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and no one can be so poor that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is natures best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give a smile. Give them one of yours, as no one needs a smile so much as he who has none to give. -These Times

Out & About with The Family of Freemasonry



Order of the Eastern Star

Chapter	Address	Meeting Day
Hawaii Chapter #1	335 Wailuku Dr., Hilo, Hawaii	3rd Monday
Leahi Chapter #2	1227 Makiki, Honolulu	1st Saturday
Lei Aloha Chapter #3	1227 Makiki, Honolulu	2nd Saturday
Harmony Chapter #4	1227 Makiki, Honolulu	3rd Saturday
Maui Chapter #5	Masonic Temple, Kahului, Maui	2nd Tuesday
Leilani Chapter #8	1227 Makiki, Honolulu	4th Saturday
Kailua-Lanikai Chapter #9	Emmanuel Episcopal Church 780 Keolu Dr., Kailua, Oahu	1st Friday
Mid-Pacific Chapter #10	Schofield Masonic Temple, Wahiawa	3rd Friday



Lei Aloha Chapter #3

Installation 2008

Leilani Chapter #8

Installation 2008



Out & About with The Family of Freemasonry



Egyptian Temple #33 Daughters of the Nile meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. Scottish Rite Cathedral, September thru May. Dark June thru August.



Daughters of the Nile Installation, April 2008



Hawaii Court #60 Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. Scottish Rite Cathedral, September thru June. Dark July and August.



Ladies of Hawaii Court #60 and the Grand High Priestess



Hawaii Court #60 Installation, March 2008

Constituent Lodge Information

Hawaiian Lodge - 951-9914

www.hawaiianlodgefreemasons.org

Stated Meetings 1st Wed. @ 7:30 pm

Worshipful Master	Orlando S. Ragudos
Senior Warden	Alexander Escasa
Junior Warden	Bernard C. Baldueza
Secretary	Anthony Ligaya, PM

Honolulu Lodge -

www.honolulufreemasons.org

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

Worshipful Master	Dale B. Palileo
Senior Warden	Garry Graham
Junior Warden	Dexter C. Carrasco
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	Dennis Alkire, PM
Senior Warden	Camilo Andrade, PM
Junior Warden	Nicholas H. Zina, PM
Secretary	Harry K. Kaneakua, PM

Kilauea Lodge - 934-0012

Currently No Web Site

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

Worshipful Master	Michael D. Janovsky, PM
Senior Warden	Cyrus H. Wilson, PM
Junior Warden	David E. Sellers
Secretary	Lyle G. Phillips, PM

Kona Lodge - 329-7664

www.KonaLodge.com

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

Worshipful Master	Michael P. Baker, PM
Senior Warden	Robert F. Self, PM
Junior Warden	Oscar Tuano, PM
Secretary	A. Lee Meyerson, PM

Ko'olau Lodge - 261-3921

Currently No Web Site

Stated Meetings 1st Wed. @ 7:30 pm

Worshipful Master	Scott Waracka, PM
Senior Warden	Charles L. Wegener, Jr., PM
Junior Warden	Ke'aka Hashimoto
Secretary	Norman E. Ipson, PM

Leeward Lodge

www.leewardlodge.com

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

Worshipful Master	Manuel V. Aquino
Senior Warden	Gerardo F. Biala, Jr.
Junior Warden	Albert B. Alvarez
Secretary	Teofilo De Aquino, PM

Lodge Le Progres De L'Oceanie - 864-6357

www.lodgeleprogres.org

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

Worshipful Master	James Willig, Jr., PM
Senior Warden	Thomas Mathews
Junior Warden	Andrew Gaiser
Secretary	Dennis Miller

Lodge Maui

www.LodgeMaui.com

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

Worshipful Master	Stewart H. Enger
Senior Warden	Vincent L. Gusman, PM
Junior Warden	Arthur G. Chenoweth, PM
Secretary	G. Richard Jordan, PM

Pearl Harbor Lodge - 487-9651

www.pearlharborlodge.org

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

Worshipful Master	James R. Davis, PM
Senior Warden	Richard Terwilliger
Junior Warden	William H. Settle Jr
Secretary	A. Lee Skinner, PGM

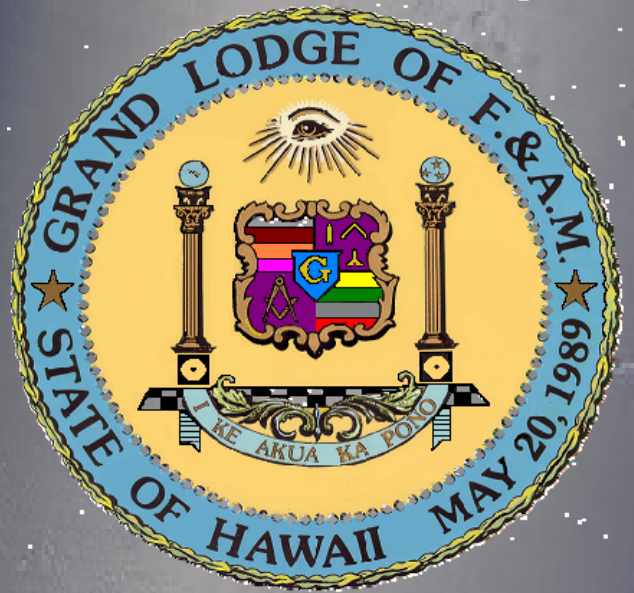
Schofield Lodge - 625-9157

Currently No Web Site

Stated Meetings 2nd Tue. @ 7:30 pm

Worshipful Master	James A. Sullivan Jr, PM
Senior Warden	Teophilo Aquino PM
Junior Warden	Jeremy Holloway
Secretary	Keith N. Issacson, PM

NOTICE: Every effort has been made to insure that all information in this newsletter is as accurate and up-to-date as possible. If there are any errors, corrections or additions that need to be made, please feel free to email them to me at chazokaneohe@aol.com so they can be incorporated into the next issue. Thank you.



Maui from the JGW