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From the Grand Master

Aloha Everyone,

No sooner did the dust settle from the business meetings of our 20th Annual Communications on April 17th and 18th, that everyone was hitting the links for a highly competitive round of golf. Worshipful Brother Orlando Ragudos organized a golf outing (which has become to be known as The AnCom Tour) for everyone at the Hawaii Prince Golf Course on Sunday, April 19th where 36 golfers gathered for a 1:00 pm shotgun start.

Afterwards, everyone formed a convoy and headed to an awesome barbeque hosted by Brother Harry and Brother Renato. Worshipful Orly presented several awards to all the sand baggers and ringers, ... uuhh, I mean highly skilled golfers, ... that rose to the occasion that day. Great job!

On Saturday, May 9th, we participated in the 17th Annual Filipino Fiesta and Parade. Worshipful Brother Serafin "Jun" Colmenares, who was the chairman for this annual event, organized this year's Fiesta



Filipino Fiesta float depicting Dr. Jose Rizal -- a martyr, hero and Freemason -- teaching the youth while on exile in Dapitan, Philippines.



L-R: Hon. Gerhart Walch, RW Tony Ligaya, RW Charlie Wagener, and RW Monty Glover were among the Hawaii Grand Lodge officers who joined the parade.

and Parade. Hawaii Freemasonry was well represented, with the participation of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and all the Concordant Bodies.

Along with Grand Lodge of Hawaii officers present, Illustrious Potentate Pete Larson and our Aloha Shriners were there in mass. High Priestess Gail Longstreth and the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine were there, and Worshipful Brother Alexander Escasa brought half of Hawaiian Lodge along with him and as well as many other Hawaii Masons. Then there was Worshipful Brother Manny Aquino, who was the chief builder and driver for the "Rizal in Dapitan" float.

Spectators lined the streets of Waikiki to watch the parade which included floats depicting Philippine history and culture, all revolving around the theme "Kabataan: Pag-Asa ng Bayan" (Youth: Hope of the Fatherland). It also included street dancers, marching bands, and cultural, community, professional, civic, and student groups.

My sincere thanks to everyone who took time out to participate. What a truly good time it was to see all of the bodies meet in fellowship and come together to support our Filipino Community.

On Saturday, May 16th and Sunday, May 17th, Right Worshipful Monty Glover, SGW, Most Worshipful Bruce Bonnell, PGM and Brother Jim Tyson organized a Keiki ID Booth at the New-born Baby Expo held at the Blaisdell Center.



More detailed information will be given in our Senior Grand Warden's article.

Just to bring everyone up on what the Keiki ID Program is, it is known nationally as the "Masonic Child ID Program", or "CHIPS". Locally, Masonic Chip has become known as the "**KEIKI ID PROGRAM**" when Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie and Pearl Harbor Lodge started their programs. As the need for these services has grown, the Grand Lodge of Hawaii has committed to expanding the Keiki ID Program statewide to protect all of our children.



The above photos show MW Bruce Bonnell (top) and Sis. Maureen Glover, with RW Monty Glover observing (bottom), assisting in the registration of keikis who came out to the event with their parents.

The Child Identification Programs (CHIPS) address the growing issue of child abduction by assisting in providing a personal record of identification for our children. Expanding this program is one of the greatest services we can provide.

Oh, and by the way, **Happy 20th Birthday to US!** On Saturday, May 20, 1989, in the City of Honolulu, on the Island of Oahu, The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii was formed and became the fifty-first regular Grand Lodge to be established in the United States. While our jurisdiction is only 20 years old, Freemasonry has existed in Hawaii for a very long time -- spanning five different forms of government. It was formally introduced to the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1843, during the reign of Kamehameha III (Kauikeaouli). The Craft first worked during the time of the Hawaiian Monarchy, next during the Provisional Government, then under the Republic of Hawaii, next when Hawaii was a Territory of the United States, and presently as the 50th State of the Nation.

On Thursday, May 28th, hundreds gathered to witness an extraordinary event for an extraordinary cause. Present at the dedication and blessing of the new Honolulu Shriners Hospital for Children was the current Imperial Potentate, four Past Imperial Potentates, a State Senator, a Lt. Governor, heads of Masonic organizations, hospital board members and staff, and while the list goes on, the true highlight of the ceremony was watching the children perform the Hula! What a treat!

On Saturday May 30th, our Grand Lecturer, Most Worshipful Dennis Ing PGM, held a Grand Lecturer's School of Instruction at the Makiki Temple. This school of instruction was held for Grand Lodge Inspectors and Lodge Officers Coaches only.

As far as Official visits are concerned for this upcoming year, the Grand Lodge will be attending Officers' Installations later in the year in our official capacities, but I am wanting to try something a little different during the earlier part of the year by visiting lodges for Round-Table discussions. By these, I hope to try to open up dialogue with not only the officers of a





lodge but with the general membership as well. To come in, roll up our sleeves and find out how your Grand Lodge can better help your lodge with your specific needs. What tools can we provide to help you succeed? Get answers to those questions that might not be asked in a formal forum. I don't know whether this type of meeting will prove to be a success or not, only time will tell. I do know this though, it's success depends on the participation of all of us together.

Well those are the recent events. A few events coming up in our near future are:

There will be a Grand Master's One Day Class on Saturday, September 5th that will be from about 8 am until 6 pm. Coffee and pastries will be provided for breakfast and lunch will be provided as well. Most Worshipful Dennis Ing is organizing this event which will be held at the Makiki Temple. More information will be sent out closer to the time of the class.

Worshipful Master Camilo Andrade and Kauai Lodge will be having a BBQ on June 20th and this will be my first Round-Table visit of the year. Even though this is not an "official" visit, Worshipful Andrade has extended an invitation to all Grand Lodge officers to attend this feast. Friday, July 10th, will be the next Round Table at Leeward Lodge after their Stated Meeting. Worshipful Gerardo Biala, Jr. and Leeward's members have already shared with me many of their thoughts and questions and have some very good ideas that we will explore.

Then on Saturday, July 11th, there will be a Quarterly Masters' and Wardens' meeting to be held at the Waikiki Yacht Club at 1:00 pm. We will begin with a lunch before starting in with the meeting. Sorry, the lunch will be at the attendees' own expense but they have a great lunch menu at very good prices.

Next, on Friday and Saturday, July 24th & 25th is a trip to the Big Island. We will be having a Round-Table with Worshipful Mike Janovsky and Kilauea Lodge in Hilo on the 24th and then another Round Table with Worshipful Mike Baker and at Kona Lodge in Kailua-Kona Saturday morning of the 25th. This trip will be punctuated by a beach BBQ at noon hosted by Kona Lodge.

Then on Friday, August 28th is the Grand Lodge of Hawaii's 2nd Annual Black and White Ball to be held at the Hale Koa. This is actually the conception of our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Charlie Wegener. What a way to come together as a Masonic family to promote one thing, fellowship. Posters, information and tickets are currently being distributed in our lodges. This list of events should pretty well take us through until we get out our next Newsletter. There will probably be other events scheduled during this time but I promise to get that information out if anything changes or is added. Please check back with our Grand Lodge web site a bit more often as we will keep the events listed there as well. (www.hawaiiifreemason.org)

Aloha,

Marty Alexander
Grand Master



"A Freemason, therefore, should be a man of honor and of conscience, preferring his duty to everything beside, even to his life; independent in his opinions, and of good morals, submissive to the laws, devoted to humanity, to his country, to his family; kind and indulgent to his brethren, friend of all virtuous men, and ready to assist his fellows by all means in his power."

Albert Pike
Morals and Dogma,
p.113



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From the Deputy Grand Master

Brothers,

Over a month has passed since the 2009 Annual Communication and it seems we are traveling at warp speed into the year. Since Communication, we as the Grand Lodge participated in the Filipino Fiesta Parade and the Blessing at the Shriner's Hospital for Children. We must be proud as Masons and as Shriners that the great philanthropy that hospital represents exists within our jurisdiction. It is we the brothers of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, along with the Nobles of the Aloha Shrine, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine of North America, and the Daughters of the Nile that support the hospital and its children.

Brothers, being a man of few words, I sometimes have to borrow words of wisdom from others, so I include this piece by M.W. Raymond C. Ellis, PGM of New York.

How much, we may ask, is a man really worth?

He comes into the physical world, travels along the highway of life for a few years, and then lays aside the working tools of life and passes through the transition that--for want of a better term--men call death. And at his passing he takes nothing with him, all his material wealth and possessions are left behind. He takes only himself, and what he has done with his life in the development of character. So it is a fair question to ask, "What is a man really worth?" I think that the answer is that he is worth exactly what he has given away. What he has given away of his time, of his substance, of his effort, of himself. He is worth just that, and nothing more. What we give away we keep--and what we keep we lose. And so it is that the real wealth of any man consists of the countless little acts of kindness in which there is no thought of reward.

The Grand Lodge schedule for this summer includes the Kailua Fourth of July Parade and the Black & White Ball.

Brothers, let me tell you it is very impressive for parade watchers to see a long marching line of men wearing the white aprons and to hear the words "they're the Masons" ripple through the crowds. So, come and support the Grand Lodge on Saturday, July 4th. More to follow on staging and activities.

Friday, August 28th is the date for the Black & White Ball to be held in the Waikiki Ballroom of the Hale Koa Hotel. 6PM – No Host Bar. 7PM – Prime Rib Buffet, plus dancing to the music of Wasabi. The cost is \$65.00 per person and tickets are on sale now at each of the lodges.

Be safe this summer, my brothers, and if you and your families travel away from our fair islands, we wish you safe journey and a warm Aloha on your return.

A hui hou,

Charlie Wegener
Deputy Grand Master



"Masonry teaches that all power is delegated for the good, and not for the injury of the People; and that, when it is perverted from the original purpose, the compact is broken, and the right ought to be resumed; that resistance to power usurped is not merely a duty which man owes to himself and to his neighbor, but a duty which he owes to his God, in asserting and maintaining the rank which He gave him in the creation."

Albert Pike
Morals and Dogma, 155





From the Grand West

Well, here we are at the beginning of another Masonic year for the Grand Lodge and as always it's very busy. I'd like to congratulate Most Worshipful Dennis Ing for a wonderful year and thank him for his guidance and direction. I'd also like to thank the brethren for their continued support and trust in me in electing to the office of Sr. Grand Warden. It continues to be my honor to serve you and this Grand Lodge under the leadership of Most Worshipful Marty. I would also like to welcome Right Worshipful Brother Tony Ligaya to the team and I know he will make an outstanding addition to your Grand Leadership. I am truly looking forward to a wonderful year.

A couple weekends ago, the Grand Lodge held it's first Keiki ID events at the New Baby Expo at the Blaisdell expo center. We had a wonderful turn-out with Brothers from Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Koolau, and Lodge Le Progress in attendance. We served more than 600 of our Keiki and their parents in our community. We also got the word out that Masonry is alive and supporting our community. I would like to send a special Mahalo to Most Worshipful Bruce Bonnell and Brother Jim Tyson for their support and hard work at assisting me in the coordination, training and supervision for this event. It was a great success.

The Grand Lodge would like every Blue Lodge to adopt a school of their choice and work with them to schedule a Keiki ID event at the school. The Grand Lodge will provide the equipment and training for the Lodges and provide all the supplies needed. Please make an effort to schedule an event and let me know when you will be having it and we will make sure you are ready to go.

I am excited about all the work that is upcoming for the Grand Lodge this year. I will be working on the Masonic Recognition efforts and our Grand Lodge Representative program so if any Brother would like to be a Grand Lodge Representative to another Grand Jurisdiction, please let me know.

Fraternally yours,
Monty J. Glover
Senior Grand Warden



From the Grand South

As we usher in the new administration of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Hawaii, I am filled with mixed emotions of gladness and apprehension at the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

I am glad and certainly humbled, that you have given me your trust and the opportunity to be of continued service to our Fraternity in general, through the Grand Lodge in particular, as your Junior Grand Warden. Indeed, I am awed with gladness and excitement to be in the company of such a fine group of our Fraternity's leadership in this Grand Jurisdiction – sworn to each other to at least uphold the finest traditions of our proud and honored heritage as Masons! I am mostly certainly gladened by the opportunity to assist, to the best of my ability, in the execution of the excellent programs our Grand Master has laid out at least in the immediate future!

At the same time, I remain apprehensive, burdened and saddened with the lingering thought of what seems to be permeating in our Lodges – that of the seeming continuous decline in attendance of the Brethren – and, should this remain the norm, of its impact to our venerable Institution!

The Lodges need all of its members to do the work. Each Lodge Master can undoubtedly design and lay the best plans on the Trestle Board, and the rest of the officers will be more than willing to support them, but, without the rest of the Craft to execute such plans, everything will be for naught.

In more simplistic terms, I envision our Lodges as wheels of our Grand Lodge being the train, with the Brethren as the spokes. With all the spokes intact, the wheels remain functional and can go places; on the contrary, with even one spoke broken, the wheels will collapse – making it more difficult, if not practically impossible, for the train to move.

Let us continue working together in the finest traditions of our Fraternity for the betterment of all!

Antonio M. Ligaya
Junior Grand Warden



From the Grand Secretary

Aloha Brethren,

At the request of the Grand Master, I will have a page to keep all of you up to date regarding Grand Lodge activities.

The roster of active membership from all 11 of our lodges have been received and entered into our database. We do not have your archives except from Pearl Harbor Lodge. Their secretary, MW Lee Skinner has sent in his suspension list and their candidates list, which I appreciate much.

When possible, please send to the Grand Secretary your **candidates list** and your **suspension list**, as well as your **archives**.

Recently, we received a request for membership verification and standing. I was able to verify the name and address but was not able to give a standing certificate to the inquirer. With the above information, I will be able to complete any request regarding membership. The information also helps to calculate insurance charges fairly and keep an accurate account of per-capita expenses and charges.

I want to publicly thank Hawaiian Lodge for the new computer they have donated to our Grand Lodge in the earlier part of this year. Its OS runs on 64-bit Windows Vista Ultimate and sure makes record keeping a joy! It readily accepted all of the programs that we use also. Thank you very much, Hawaiian Lodge members.

At this time I would like to ask for help in getting our filing cabinets updated. Our cabinets dating back to the time of King Kamehameha, I think! And they need to be changed or updated. Opening the drawers takes a great deal of effort due to corrosion and worn-out bearings, resulting in sagging drawers and difficult to close. A couple of three new filing cabinets would be such a luxury that currently we can't afford.

At various times, I have sent out or forwarded a few e-mail notes to Secretaries and Masters of this jurisdiction which may have bothered some recipients to no end. They have considered it spamming and was very vocal about it. To them and to anyone who felt that I was invading their space, I apologize. My intentions were very innocent; thinking that all would enjoy or appreciate some information regarding items that affect our daily lives.

To all of you in our Brotherhood, if I can do anything within my cabletow to help make your life in Masonry better, please don't hesitate to call on me. I sincerely appreciate your vote of confidence and trust in me to serve as your Grand Secretary.

Mahalo.

Randy TS Chang, PGM
Grand Secretary



21st Our Masonic Custom ... Century



Our Masonic Customs have been tried and proven to be true by the generations of Masons who have gone before us. The benefits of them, the lessons they teach are timeless. Our ancient Brethren recognized their value and laid out our Masonic Customs, not to teach proper behavior, but because they are essential to the growth and development of a man. They are just as relevant today as they were in the beginning. Our mission, should we choose to accept it, is to pass them, intact and unimpaired, on to future generations.



Masonic Customs: Then and Now

by Tim Couch, DDGL

34th Masonic District of Missouri

A discussion of relevance regarding
Masonic Customs in the 21st Century

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Grand Lecturer's 2009 Goal:



STANDARDIZING OUR RITUAL WORK



by **Dennis A. Ing, PGM**, Grand Lecturer

I am happy to report that all Lodges except Lodge Maui and Kauai Lodge were represented at a six-hour workshop for Inspectors and Officers Coaches on Saturday, May 30, at Makiki Temple. The Inspectors and the Grand Lecturer make up the Ritual Committee, and I hope to be able to distribute a Manual of Floorwork by this fall.

Our schools of instruction have been of limited value. First, the Lodge exemplifying the degree usually makes mistakes that are either not noted, or the corrections make the session longer than necessary. Second, the audience tends to see only what they “want” to see. Third, there are too many differences of opinion that are argued in front of everyone, detracting from the credibility of the Grand Lecturer and/or the Inspectors. Therefore, I thought it was important for the Inspectors and Coaches to meet separately so we can discuss and resolve some of the issues – get the Ritual right before teaching it.

The HMC leaves it to the Inspectors to run schools of instruction, and I expect two or more Inspectors to combine their efforts to run a school for their Lodges. The sitting officers (and other interested members) would then receive “hands on” instruction in the degree.

A glossary has been distributed to Inspectors and Coaches describing terms in the cipher with which many members have had trouble deciphering, remembering or pronouncing. We intend this to be a working document, and as other problems with the cipher arise, we will add to the glossary. Some of the problems described in the glossary were the use of “the” when referring to the Wardens, distinguishing between “rapport” and “report”, forgetting “in the East” at the door, pronouncing “hail” as “hayl” (not “heel”), the proper pronunciation of Zere-datha. We also pointed out frequent mispronunciations of “tessel” (not “TAA –suhl”), “Sanctorum” (not “sank-

TOHR-ee-uhm”), the failure to pause between “due guard” and “sign”, and the differences between whispering, “not above your breath” and “low tone of voice”. The glossary will be distributed only to Inspectors and Coaches, and you are free to contact them if you have a particular question or problem.

We also distributed the beginnings of a Manual of Floorwork, which I hope to complete by the fall. We made clear how the Master distributes jewels at the opening of Lodge and when he sits. During the 1st Degree obligation, we established where the Treasurer, Secretary and Stewards stand. We also discussed the fine points of rod work and some of the movements of the Fellowcrafts and

other players during the 3rd Degree.

We did not have time to discuss floorwork during lectures or the administrative functions of Inspectors. We hope to cover these at subsequent meetings during the year.

My basic philosophy of ritual work is that we always “strive for perfection, although we know we are not perfect” and I caution both Inspectors and Coaches to teach to the level of the student – i.e., we should avoid “information overload”. But most of all, I would like all of us – the Grand Lecturer, Inspectors, Coaches and officers – to participate in teaching. Whenever you teach, there are two students; you are one of them. Every officer should consider himself as moving toward the Oriental Chair, and when he gets there, he must “spread light and instruction” to all the members of the Lodge. There’s no time like the present to learn how to teach.

Finally, I’d like to announce that we intend to have degree teams exemplify the degrees at the upcoming Fast Class. The Grand Lodge degree team will exemplify the 3rd Degree. The Inspectors will exemplify the First Degree, and the Officers Coaches and other selected members will exemplify the 2nd Degree. Should be lots of fun!





GOINGS and COMINGS at

HAWAIIAN LODGE

by **WB Alex Escasa**

Worshipful Master, Hawaiian Lodge

Fraternal greetings from Hawaiian Lodge!

This year is going so fast. It's already June and we are halfway through this Masonic Year. Our Trestle Board has been very busy and we continue to steadily receive applications for degrees. During the first half of this Masonic Year, we:

- raised twenty new Master Masons, eighteen through the Grand Lodge Fast Class and two through the "regular process" in the Lodge
- celebrated Valentine's Day with our sweethearts at a dinner in Hale Koa Hotel on February 13
- held our annual Easter Egg Hunt for our "keikis" on March 23

- attended the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge on April 17 & 18, and witnessed the election of our Secretary, now- RWBro. Tony Ligaya, as our new Junior Grand Warden, HBro. Bert Alarcon as Grand Treasurer, and MWBro. Dennis Ing as our new Grand Lecturer, as well as the re-election of MWBro. Randy Chang as Grand Secretary, and the appointment of WBro. Orly Ragudos as Senior Grand Deacon, and WBros. Wilson Camagan and Rick Huston as Grand Marshal and Grand Lodge Inspector, respectively, and their installation to their Grand Lodge positions
- restored to full membership four (4) members following receipt of payment of their dues arrearages and upon the unanimous approval of Brethren present at one of our recent stated meetings; unfortunately, we also had to suspend ten (10) members for non-payment of dues
 - honored our widows at a special dinner at Hale Koa Hotel on April 26
 - were honored with a visit by our Brethren from Koolau Lodge which was headed by



Hawaiian Lodge Brethren pose following a Memorial Day Rite in front of the Hassinger Columbarium.



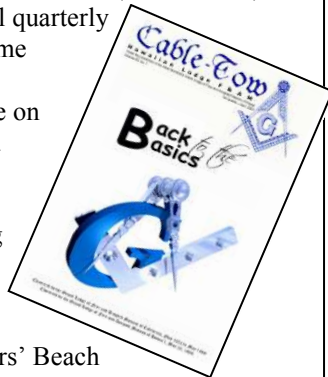


WBro. Keaka Hashimoto and his Corps of Officers during our May 6th stated meeting

- Hawaiian Lodge's century-old Bible, found in the archives of Ashland Lodge #23 in Oregon) was returned through WBro. Glenn Ward, PM



- participated in the annual Filipino Fiesta parade at Waikiki on May 9
- cleaned and prepared the Hassinger Columbarium for Memorial Day and held our annual Memorial Day Observance on May 26. We remembered and honored the memory of our Brethren who have gone to the Celestial Lodge above, including Bros. Rolland Helsel, James Mitchell and Craig Holderbaum
- received the outstanding First Degree Proficiency of Bro. Andrew Heim and subsequently conferred upon him the Fellowcraft Degree on May 27, as a courtesy to Temple Lodge No. 676, AF&AM, in Charlotte, North Carolina, as requested by The Grand Lodge of North Carolina and authorized by The Grand Lodge of Hawaii
- Published Volume 68, Number 1 (March 2009) of Cable Tow, our official quarterly publication, on the theme "Back to the Basics."
- conferred the 1st degree on June 17 on Mr. Ronald Santos.



In the month of June, we are gearing up for a Third Degree conferral on the 24th. We are also looking forward to having fun at our Annual Summer Picnic at Waimanalo Shiner's Beach Club July 12. Our Senior Warden, Bro. Bernie Balduenza, is also working with our active duty military brethren to get them ready as an all-Military First Degree conferral team for a Military Degree Night on July 22.

On behalf of the officers and members of Hawaiian Lodge, I congratulate the Most Worshipful Marty Alexander and the Grand Lodge of Hawaii Corps of Officers for 2009-2010; we wish you all a successful Masonic year. I also thank the Most Worshipful Dennis Ing, PGM, for his superb leadership in leading us last year.

"a fairly productive year!"



by **Tom Matthews**

Worshipful Master, Lodge Le Progres

This year has been fairly productive. We have had degree work every month as well as participated in the Grand Master's April Fast Class.

On a lighter side, on the evening of April 4th, we celebrated our "Sweethearts' Ball" by embarking on the NAVATEK I for a two-hour moonlight cruise off Waikiki. It was an excellent night, with everyone enjoying the trip and the entertainment provided by the cruise ship personnel. The entertainment provided by Brothers Don Orton, Lapaka Kapanui and Josh Bontog was equally outstanding. A great time was had by all with only two people, whose names will remain a secret, being slightly sea sick.

April 17 was also a memorable night in the lodge. A USN hospital-man from the Navy Medical Center at Pearl Harbor requested to reenlist in the Navy in the Lodge. He is a member of Yokosuka Lodge #20, Yokosuka, Japan. As there was no reference whether this was allowed in the lodge we proceeded to go forward. WBro. Mel Brittain, a Past Master of Yokosuka Lodge #20, read him his discharge and Brother Michael Ferreira, LCDR, USN swore him in. RWBro. Tony Ligaya, himself a Past Master of Yokosuka Lodge #20, also witnessed the reenlistment. For those in attendance who have never experienced such a ceremony, or heard the oath taken by all military personnel, it was indeed quite impressive.

We have a family picnic for 28 June at the Shrine Beach Home in Waimanalo.



Leeward Lodge

Committed *to the*
craft and the
community



by **WB Gerardo “Jun” Biala**
Worshipful Master, Leeward Lodge

As the cliché goes, time flies so fast. We are now finishing half the year and the first six months have been very productive. We continue to initiate, pass and raise new Brethren – either through Fast Classes or individual conferrals. More importantly, we continue to nurture our camaraderie and support one another in our undertakings, which is the core of our fraternal ties.

On May 20, we held a successful Masonic Education for 19 of our new Brethren at Max’s Restaurant, sowing in their minds further information, knowledge and wisdom relevant to the Craft and expectations of society.

I thank and congratulate WB Manny Aquino who led the construction of the Filipino Fiesta float depicting Dr. Jose Rizal, a hero and a Freemason, while on exile in Dapitan. He was joined by other Leeward Lodge Brethren – Bro. Raymund Liongson, WB Jun Colmenares, and Bro. Ben Sanchez. WB Manny also efficiently drove the float along the Kalakaua route, followed by participating Brethren.

This year also marks the launching of our partnership with the Filipino Community Center, a modest manifestation of our community involvement. Leeward Lodge has adopted the Rizal Monument and the Veterans’ Memorial in front of the sprawling structure on historic Waipahu.

I also congratulate our Senior Deacon, Bro. Sonny Cardenas, for his outstanding proficiency for the Junior Warden’s position. His excellent proficiency reflects our commitment to the great supports of masonry – that of wisdom, strength, and beauty.

Moving into the second half of the year, we look forward to two major events of the Lodge: **Layman’s Night** on August 7 and the **8th Anniversary of Leeward Lodge** – the youngest masonic lodge in Hawaii – on September 12. Both events will be held in the Schofield Lodge in Wahiawa.



For the Layman’s Night, I enjoin you to come and bring a friend who, in your judgment, would be a potential candidate to “participate in our privileges.” On our 8th anniversary, we anticipate an evening of fun and fellowship, and I personally invite all the Brethren on the island and across the State to join us.

I look forward to seeing you.



Serving the Community! *Clockwise:* WB Jun Colmenares, Bro. Mike Soriano, Bro. Nestor Muyot, Bro. Fred Cabansag (on inset and back away from the camera), and Bro. Raymund Liongson are restoring the luster of Bro. Rizal’s marker. The Brethren also power-washed and cleaned the Veterans’ Memorial in front of the Center.

Visits to the Muy Respetable Gran Logia de Colombia Muy Respetable Gran Logia del Valle de México

by **WB Camilo A. Andrade, PM**
Worshipful Master, Kauai Lodge

On February 19th, 2008, I had the honor of being invited to attend a “Tenida”, being the equivalent of our Stated Meeting, at Logia Hermes Trismegistus, a constituent Lodge of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Colombia, by the Grand Master, who is a personal friend of my nephew.

All Work is done in the Scottish Rite, and Lodge was opened in the First Degree since there were several EAs present. I was totally impressed by the solemnity of the ceremonies and by the mystical atmosphere created within the lodge room. EAs were all required to read a lecture, which they had prepared, and comments were then heard from the brethren. Among the EAs who delivered a lecture, was a member of the Supreme Court of Colombia!

Two weeks later, by personal invitation of the then Most Worshipful Pedro Márquez Celaya, Grand Master of Masons of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Valle de México, I attended another “Tenida” at Oasis Doce, No.29, located in the Grand Lodge building in México City.

They also work in the Scottish Rite, and the rituals and formalities were almost iden-



Logia Hermes Trismegistus
Gran Logia de Colombia
Febrero 19, 2008



tical. The Worshipful Master presented me with the official apron and lapel pin of the lodge.

On both occasions, I was received with the honors of a Past Master, and in the Colombian Lodge I was actually put to “Work” by being seated in one of the Columns. In México, I was escorted to a seat in the East. What a wonderful experience! In each Lodge I was asked to say a few words, I was pleased to greet them on behalf of MW Oscar Jayme, the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, and of Kauai Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons.

I will be returning to México in March 2009, and I plan to attend another “Tenida” during my stay.

**"What we have done
for ourselves alone
dies with us;
what we have done
for others and
the world remains
and is
immortal."**

Albert Pike
Morals and Dogma,
p.833



NEW PATIENTS, LESS HOSPITALS

by A. Lee Skinner, P.P.
Recorder



You may have heard in the news that we may be closing some of our Shrine Hospitals. This is due to declining donations, and the decreasing Endowment Fund due to the fall of the market and the loss of so many members. However, nothing will be done until the Representatives vote at the Imperial Session in San Antonio, TX.

We will not know for sure what will be presented until we see the call for the Imperial Session. The Representatives are receiving updates and potential options daily. One option would be to close Erie, Greenville, Shreveport, Spokane, Springfield and Galveston. Galveston was closed due to Hurricane Ike in September of 2008 and reconstruction was halted due to a lack of funding. Currently we have approximately 1,000 beds across the system and our average daily usage for 2008 was less than 400. The extra beds require additional staffing and costly overhead. If all 22 Hospitals were to remain open, they would be facing 25 to 30% budget cuts after already having cut their budgets by 6% this year. This would undoubtedly have an adverse effect on our ability to provide quality care to our children. Our Endowment Fund cannot afford a billion dollar annual budget, and that is where we are headed. If that were to happen, the Endowment Fund and Hospital System as we know it would come to an early demise. With less overhead, a smaller system, and the Fund growing instead of decreasing, every patient would still receive the required care for as long as we can foresee.

The Staff and Board of Governors at some Hospitals have been working diligently to restructure their operations and hopefully remove themselves from the list of closings. One of the largest outpatient Hospitals in our system has cut their 2009 budget beyond the requested 6% and is aggressively pursuing a partnership opportunity with nearby State Medical Center. By expanding their relationship, the needs of their surgical patients would be met in a more appropriate and efficient manner.

Whatever the outcome in Texas, I am sure the ability to help and save children will be preserved for a long, long time. That is why we can be proud to be a Shriner.



Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America



The ladies of Hawaii Court # 60, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, held a beautiful Open Installation the end of March which included members of the Legion of Honor carrying in the flags as well as Noble Bruce Bonnell giving the Sojourner's Tribute to the Flag. And the York Rite Honor Guard performed their Arch of Steel in their beautiful plumes. Shriner Ron Tish entertained with songs on his guitar and Nicole Nakamatsu, daughter of one of our Shrine Hospital nurses, danced two hulas. It was a very fraternal installation, and a pleasure to have so many of the other organizations participating. Thanks again to everyone who graciously joined in this lovely ceremony.

Look for us this year in many of the parades. There are plans for us to have at least one truck in the Starlight Parade and the Prince Kuhio Parade in November. And no doubt, many of you saw our entry in the Filipino Festival Parade in May. We appreciate Potentate Pete Larson inviting us to join the Temple's entry and the other invitations we have received.

Please come out on August 15th and enjoy our Annual Bunco Party Fund Raiser at Scottish Rite Cathedral. The tickets are very reasonable and include lunch. Please contact one of our members for advance tickets or purchase them at the door. We encourage all you gentlemen to join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter (last year about a third of those attending were men).

If you know of a lady who might be interested in joining our wonderful order, please contact Janet Larson, who will be happy to answer any questions.

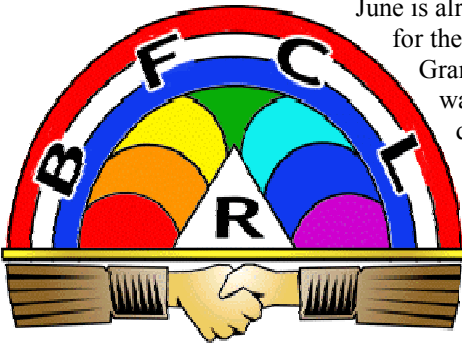
We have been growing by leaps and bounds the last year and look forward to lots of fun events throughout the year and happy times spent with the children at Shriner's Hospital.

With Aloha,
Gail Longstreth
Longstreth, Hawaii Court #60
LOSNA High Priestess





The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls



June is already here. It is time for the 38th session of the Grand Assembly of Hawaii, International Order Rainbow for Girls. Girls from assemblies around the State gather together under one roof for three days. The session starts on Friday night

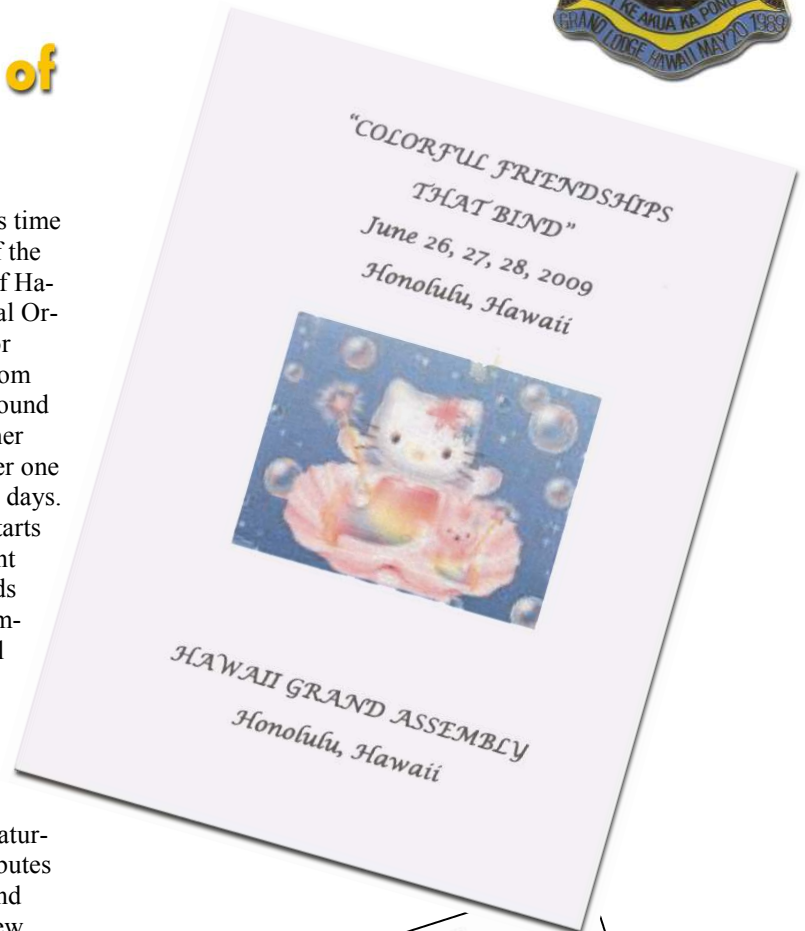
with dinner at the Pagoda Hotel. Following dinner, awards are given out to individual Rainbow Girls and to the assemblies for their achievements throughout the year. The total amount of money raised for the Grand Worthy Advisor's service project is announced and is generously added to by the audience. The highlight of the evening is the naming of the new Grand Worthy Advisor and her corps of officers. Saturday and Sunday sessions are held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Among the highlights on Saturday, are Initiation, the Grand Representative's reports, tributes to the flags and fun night. Sunday morning finds the Grand Cross of Color Breakfast followed by the investiture of new Grand Cross members. The afternoon is the beautiful installation ceremony for the new officers.

This will be the last Grand Assembly for Pauline Himmelein who is retiring from a life-long association with the Rainbow Girls, the last 17 years of which she was in charge of all Rainbow Girls in the State of Hawaii. I hope you can find the time to attend Grand Assembly or at least come to the dinner on Friday night and support the Rainbow Girls and Pauline Himmelein. The dates for Grand Assembly are June 26, 27, and 28, 2009. You may make reservations with my wife, Jill 487-9651. The cost is \$23.00 plus the registration fee of \$5.00 which is your weekend pass. I hope to see you there.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is open to all girls between the ages of 11 and 20 regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin. It is a non-profit, service-oriented organization that teaches girls three basic virtues -- Faith in a Supreme Being and other people, having hope in what they do and Charity towards others.



RSVP with Jill Bonnell,
487-9651



Tentative Schedule	
Friday, June 26 6:30 PM	Pagoda Hotel Informal Opening Introductions Awards Grand Appointments
Saturday, June 27 9:30 AM	Scottish Rite Cathedral Ritualistic Opening Initiation Flag Tributes Entertainment Lunch Representative Reports Greetings Presentations Dinner Talent/Fun Night Ice Cream Social
Sunday, June 28 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Scottish Rite Cathedral Grand Cross Breakfast Grand Cross Investiture Worship Service Majority Ritualistic Closing Lunch Installation, 2000 Officers
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WB Mike Baker
Worshipful Master

Greetings, Brethren!

It was so good to see such a great turnout for our May Stated Meeting. The food was excellent and Brother Hector did an outstanding job on providing dinner.

We had a busy month starting with a great stated meeting. We gave out two scholarships and had a couple of good practices.



Worshipful Mike Baker (left) with Ms. Avalon Coley (our Kealakehe High School Scholarship recipient) & Bob Foerster (right) on awards night May 27, 2009.

At the June Stated Dinner, I will be the designated chef. I will be preparing BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, Potato-Mac salad, chips, soft drinks and dessert. I am looking forward to a full house.

At the stated meeting, we will be installing Brother Danilo Ebias as Sr. Deacon, Brother Pete Wikeen as Marshal, and Brother Hector Robles as Jr. Steward.

We have planned two Child ID events:

1. At the Kona Library Used Book Sale on June 13, 2009, 9:00am to 1:00pm.
2. At Wal-Mart on the 4th of July.

We need volunteers to help us so please try to make it. This is a good time to perform an important service to our community. We will work out the final details at the June Stated Meeting.

Brethren, mark your calendars for July 25th. That will be our annual picnic at Old Airport pavilion. It will be pot-luck with Kona Lodge providing the meat and soda.

This is the time of year when things start to slow down and the main emphasis is placed on our officers learning advanced positions. We need to be proficient by the November Stated Meeting when we will hold our annual election of officers. There are a few open positions and we are looking for a few good men to fill them.

I don't know if you know about our on line website, but it seems to be getting a lot of traffic of late. I have been checking our statistics and there seems to be quite an increase in activity.

I have been getting a couple of calls a week for information on Masonry and also by sojourners who plan to make a visit.

Thank you for your continued support and I am looking forward to serving you dinner at the June Stated Meeting.



Peter Wikeen (Left) with Ms. Lucy Brown (our Konawaena High School scholarship recipient) and Russ Robinson (right) on Awards Night on May 20, 2009.





Prime Rib Buffet
No Host Cocktails

Music by Wasabi

Waikiki Ballroom
Hale Koa Hotel
Friday, August 28, 2009

6pm ● No Host Cocktails
7pm ● Prime Rib Buffet

Hosted by the:



The Grand Lodge of Hawaii

\$65 per person

*For reservations, contact your respective Masters
or Secretaries.*

