

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII FALL 2012

FROM THE GRAND EAST

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Well here we are with almost half of our term behind us, yet it seems we just started! We've conducted official visitations with approximately 82% (9 of 11) of our lodges, and feedback I've received thus far has been nothing but positive and encouraging. Despite, or perhaps because of, the "extra effort" everyone had to put in as a result of conducting our rituals in the regular form, I've observed a renewed vigor and enthusiasm throughout our Jurisdiction in learning (or, perhaps "re-learning") this way of doing business. I am certain the fruits of everyone's labor will be well worth the effort in the foreseeable future! By and large, the process of qualifying for the next (higher) positions in our lodges is well underway, and I definitely look forward to the next corps of lodge officers getting installed very shortly.

The July-September Quarter was ushered in with our participation in the Annual 4th of July Parade in Kailua that was coordinated and arranged for us by the Brethren of Koolau Lodge. All told, our Family of Freemasonry in Hawaii was well represented, with all appendant and concordant Bodies, as well as our Youth Groups from the International Order of DeMolay and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, in attendance.

During this period in addition to visiting with our lodges, I also had the opportunity to witness the initiation of at least a couple of young men into the Order of DeMolay. It was truly an awe-inspiring experience, one wherein I genuinely believe I was looking at the future of our Fraternity right before my eyes – as I saw the hopes and aspirations, and heard the unspoken words, of these young men speaking to me and the other Masons there asking for our support and guidance, for us to help nurture their growth in this fine Order. This is also what I felt in the presence of our youthful Rainbow Girls – future members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, and Daughters of the Nile – who, despite their seemingly carefree and youthful ways, were constantly thinking of worthwhile projects to get into in their attempt to contribute to the improvement of the lives of others. Yes, dear

Brethren, we are, indeed, looking at and listening to the future of our gentle Craft, and all we have to do is pay attention!

I was also invited to speak at the combined meeting of the three local chapters of the National Sojourners in August, wherein I discussed the theme of our current Grand Lodge Year. From all indications, I believe the message I delivered was well-received by all in attendance.

I was joined by our Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother Mike Baker, and our Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Marty Alexander at the Annual Communication and Election of Officers of the Grand Lodge of California, our Mother Grand Lodge, in San Francisco, and took some very valuable lessons from that event home with us. Perhaps even more importantly is that we met some new Brothers and renewed acquaintances with several more, and were able to “compare notes” with all of them, albeit briefly, with how we “do business” in this slice of Paradise we all call home.

At the same time, challenges and opportunities somehow seemed to constantly materialize from all directions – be they seemingly isolated instances or continuing occurrences – if only to create hiccups in our collective journey as we travel during our year of stewardship. Rest assured that none of these situations are ignored, but on the contrary, are addressed head-on until resolved!

Despite the superb planning and coordination of Right Worshipful Brother Rick Huston, our Senior Grand Warden, and the invaluable assistance of our Lodge Secretaries, as well as the number of follow-up emails I’ve sent to ensure the success of our scheduled “*Black and White Ball*” on October 13th, the low ticket sales (less than 80 of the required 250) at the time of this writing has put the execution of this event in seeming jeopardy! I am still optimistic that a demand for tickets is still forthcoming and will surge right before the event date, yet I have to be realistic as well . . . so we’ll see . . .

Our Grand Lecturer, Most Worshipful Dennis Ing, PGM, provided valuable information in his previous article in this periodical called, “*Embracing the Ritual*”, and, also elsewhere in this issue called, “*We Should Not be Competing for Masonic Office*”. Both superbly-written pieces of literature are quite informative and should be required reading for the Brethren, and I highly encourage everyone to take the messages imparted to heart!

Before I close, I offer the following section which I’ve reproduced from our website (www.hawaiiifreemason.org) for whatever purpose it may serve:

“THE LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY

The Landmarks of Freemasonry are unwritten laws that form the basis of every Grand and subordinate Lodge constitution. The Landmarks are the foundation on which Freemasonry stands. The majority of Grand Lodges adopt all or a portion of the Landmarks listed below. An extensive discussion of these Masonic principles can be found in "Jurisprudence of Freemasonry" by Albert G. Mackey.

- **LANDMARK FIRST**

The modes of RECOGNITION are, of all the Landmarks, the most legitimate and unquestioned. They admit of no variation; and if ever they have suffered alteration or addition, the evil of such a violation of the ancient law has always made itself subsequently manifest. An admission of this is to be found in the proceedings of the Masonic Congress at Paris, where a proposition was presented to render these modes of recognition once more universal - a proposition which never would have been necessary, if the integrity of this important Landmark had been rigorously preserved.

- **LANDMARK SECOND**

THE DIVISION OF SYMBOLIC MASONRY INTO THREE DEGREES is a Landmark that has been better preserved than almost any other, although even here the mischievous spirit of innovation has left its traces, and by the disruption of its concluding portion from the Third Degree, a want of uniformity has been created in respect to the final teaching of the Master's order, and the Royal Arch of England, Scotland, Ireland, and America, and the "high degrees" of France and Germany, are all made to differ in the mode in which they lead the neophyte to the great consummation of all symbolic masonry. In 1813, the Grand Lodge of England vindicated the ancient Landmark, by solemnly enacting that ancient craft Masonry consisted of the three degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, including the Holy Royal Arch; but the disruption has never been healed, and the Landmark, although acknowledged in its integrity by all, still continues to be violated.

- **LANDMARK THIRD**

The Legend of the THIRD DEGREE is an important Landmark, the integrity of which has been well preserved. There is no rite of Masonry, practiced in any country or language, in which the essential elements of this legend are not taught. The lectures may vary, and indeed are constantly changing, but the legend has ever remained substantially the same; and it is necessary that it should be so, for the legend of the Temple Builder constitutes the very essence and identity of Masonry; any rite which should exclude it, or materially alter it, would at once, by that exclusion or alteration, cease to be a Masonic rite.

- **LANDMARK FOURTH**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRATERNITY BY A PRESIDING OFFICER called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the craft, is a Fourth Landmark of

the Order. Many persons ignorantly suppose that the election of the Grand Master is held in consequence of a law or regulation of the Grand Lodge. Such, however, is not the case. The office is indebted for its existence to a Landmark of the Order. Grand Masters are to be found in the records of the institution long before Grand Lodges were established; and if the present system of legislative government by Grand Lodges were to be abolished, a Grand Master would be necessary. In fact, although there has been a period within the records of history, and indeed of very recent date, when a Grand Lodge was unknown, there never has been a time when the craft did not have their Grand Master.

- **LANDMARK FIFTH**

The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the craft, wheresoever and whensoever held, is a fifth Landmark. It is in consequence of this law, derived from ancient usage, and not from any special enactment, that the Grand Master assumes the chair, or as it is called in England, "the throne," at every communication of the Grand Lodge; and that he is also entitled to preside at the communication of every Subordinate Lodge, where he may happen to be present.

- **LANDMARK SIXTH**

The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant Dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times is another and a very important Landmark. The statutory law of Masonry requires a month, or other determinate period, to elapse between the presentation of a petition and the election of a candidate. But the Grand Master has the power to set aside or dispense with this probation, and allow a candidate to be initiated at once. This prerogative he possessed in common with all Masters, before the enactment of the law requiring approbation, and as no statute can impair his prerogative, he still retains the power, although the Masters of Lodges no longer possess it.

- **LANDMARK SEVENTH**

The prerogative of the Grand Master to give dispensations for opening and holding Lodges is another Landmark. He may grant, in virtue of this, to a sufficient number of Masons, the privilege of meeting together and conferring degrees. The Lodges thus established are called "Lodges under Dispensation." They are strictly creatures of the Grand Master, created by his authority, existing only during his will and pleasure, and liable at any moment to be dissolved at his command. They may be continued for a day, a month, or six months; but whatever be the period of their existence, they are indebted for that existence solely to the grace of the Grand Master.

- **LANDMARK EIGHTH**

The prerogative of the Grand Master to make masons at sight is a Landmark which is closely connected with the preceding one. There has been much misapprehension in relation to this Landmark, which misapprehension has

sometimes led to a denial of its existence in jurisdictions where the Grand Master was perhaps at the very time substantially exercising the prerogative, without the slightest remark or opposition. It is not to be supposed that the Grand Master can retire with a profane into a private room, and there, without assistance, confer the degrees of Freemasonry upon him. No such prerogative exists, and yet many believe that this is the so much talked of right of "making Masons at sight". The real mode and the only mode of exercising the prerogative is this: The Grand Master summons to his assistance not less than six other masons, convenes a Lodge, and without any previous probation, but on sight of the candidate, confers the degrees upon him, after which he dissolves the Lodge and dismisses the brethren. Lodges thus convened for special purposes are called occasional lodges, "This is the only way in which any Grand Master within the records of the institution has ever been known to "make a Mason at sight". The prerogative is dependent upon that of granting dispensations to open and hold Lodges. If the Grand Master has the power of granting to any other Mason the privilege of presiding over Lodges working by his dispensation, he may assume this privilege of presiding to himself; and as no one can deny his right to revoke his dispensation granted to a number of brethren at a distance, and to dissolve the Lodge at his pleasure, it will scarcely be contended that he may not revoke his dispensation for a Lodge over which he himself has been presiding, within a day, and dissolve the Lodge as soon as the business for which he had assembled it is accomplished. The making of Masons at sight is only the conferring of the degrees by the Grand Master, at once, in an occasional Lodge, constituted by his dispensing power for the purpose, and over which he presides in person.

- **LANDMARK NINTH**

The necessity of masons to congregate in lodges is another Landmark. It is not to be understood by this that any ancient Landmark has directed that permanent organization of subordinate Lodges which constitutes one of the features of the Masonic system as it now prevails, but the landmarks of the Order always prescribed that Masons should from time to time congregate together, for the purpose of either operative or speculative labor, and that these congregations should be called Lodges. Formerly these were extemporary meetings called together for special purposes, and then dissolved, the brethren departing to meet again at other times and other places, according to the necessity of circumstances. But warrants of constitution, by-laws, permanent officers and annual arrears, are modern innovations wholly outside of the Landmarks, and dependent entirely on the special enactments of a comparatively recent period.

- **LANDMARK TENTH**

The government of the craft, when so congregated in a Lodge by a Master and two Wardens, is also a Landmark. To show the influence of this ancient law, it may be observed by the way, that a congregation of Masons meeting together

under any other government, as that for instance of a president and vice-president, or a chairman and sub-chairman, would not be recognized as a Lodge, The presence of a Master and two Wardens is as essential to the valid organization of a Lodge as a warrant of constitution is at the present day. The names, of course, vary in different languages, the Master, for instance, being called "Venerable" in French Masonry, and the Wardens "Surveillants," but the officers, their number, prerogatives and duties, are everywhere identical.

- **LANDMARK ELEVENTH**

The necessity that every lodge, when congregated, should be duly tiled, is an important Landmark of the institution, which is never neglected. The necessity of this law arises from the esoteric character of Masonry. As a secret institution, its portals must of course be guarded from the intrusion of the profane, and such a law must therefore always have been in force from the very beginning of the Order. It is therefore properly classed among the most ancient Landmarks. The office of Tiler is wholly independent of any special enactment of Grand or Subordinate Lodges, although these may and do prescribe for him additional duties, which vary in different jurisdictions. But the duty of guarding the door, and keeping off cowans and eavesdroppers, is an ancient one, which constitutes a Landmark for the government.

- **LANDMARK TWELFTH**

The right of every mason to be represented in all general meetings of the craft and to instruct his representatives is a twelfth Landmark. Formerly, these general meetings, which were usually held once a year, were called "General Assemblies," and all the fraternity, even to the youngest Entered Apprentice, were permitted to be present. Now they are called "Grand Lodges," and only the Masters and Wardens of the Subordinate Lodges are summoned. But this is simply as the representatives of their members. Originally, each Mason represented himself; now he is represented by his officers. was a concession granted by the fraternity about 1717, and of course does not affect the integrity of the Landmark, for the principle of representation is still preserved. The concession was only made for purposes of convenience.

- **LANDMARK THIRTEEN**

The Right of every mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren in Lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or General Assembly of Masons, is a Landmark highly essential to the preservation of justice, and the prevention of oppression. A few modern Grand Lodges, in adopting a regulation that the decision of Subordinate Lodges, in cases of expulsion, cannot be wholly set aside upon an appeal, have violated this unquestioned Landmark, as well as the principles of just government

- **LANDMARK FOURTEENTH**

THE RIGHT OF EVERY MASON TO VISIT and sit in every regular Lodge is an unquestionable Landmark of the Order." This is called "the right of visitation." This right of visitation has always been recognized as an inherent right, which inures to every Mason as he travels through the world. And this is because Lodges are justly considered as only divisions for convenience of the universal Masonic family. This right may, of course be impaired or forfeited on special occasions by various circumstances; but when admission is refused to a Mason in good standing, who knocks at the door of a Lodge as a visitor, it is to be expected that some good and sufficient reason shall be furnished for this violation, of what is in general a Masonic right, founded on the Landmarks of the Order.

- **LANDMARK FIFTEENTH**

It is a Landmark of the Order, that no visitor, unknown to the brethren present, or to some one of them as a Mason, can enter a Lodge without first passing an examination according to ancient usage. Of course, if the visitor is known to any brother present to be a Mason in good standing, and if that brother will vouch for his qualifications, the examination may be dispensed with, as the Landmark refers only to the cases of strangers, who are not to be recognized unless after strict trial, due examination, or lawful information.

- **LANDMARK SIXTEENTH**

No Lodge can interfere in the business of another Lodge, nor give degrees to brethren who are members of other Lodges, This is undoubtedly an ancient Landmark, founded on the great principles of courtesy and fraternal kindness, which are at the very foundation of our institution. It has been repeatedly recognized by subsequent statutory enactments of all Grand Lodges.

- **LANDMARK SEVENTEENTH**

It is a Landmark that every freemason is Amenable to the Laws and Regulations of the Masonic jurisdiction in which he resides, and this although he may not be a member of any Lodge. Non-affiliation, which is, in fact in itself a Masonic offence, does not exempt a Mason from Masonic Jurisdiction.

- **LANDMARK EIGHTEENTH**

Certain qualifications of candidates for initiation are derived from a Landmark of the Order. These qualifications are that he shall be a man, shall be un mutilated, free born, and of mature age. That is to say, a woman, a cripple, or a slave, or one born in slavery, is disqualified for initiation into the rites of Masonry. Statutes, it is true, have from time to time been enacted, enforcing or explaining these principles; but the qualifications really arise from the very nature of the Masonic institution, and from its symbolic teachings, and have always existed as landmarks.

- **LANDMARK NINETEENTH**

A belief in the existence of God as the **GRAND ARCHITECT** of the universe, is one of the most important Landmarks of the Order. It has been always deemed essential that a denial of the existence of a Supreme and Superintending Power is an absolute disqualification for initiation. The annals of the Order never yet have furnished or could furnish an instance in which an avowed atheist was ever made a Mason. The very initiatory ceremonies of the first degree forbid and prevent the possibility of so monstrous an occurrence.

- **LANDMARK TWENTIETH**

Subsidiary to this belief in God, as a Landmark of the Order, is the belief in a resurrection to a future life. This Landmark is not so positively impressed on the candidate by exact words as the preceding; but the doctrine is taught by very plain implication, and runs through the whole symbolism of the Order. To believe in Masonry, and not to believe in a resurrection, would be an absurd anomaly, which could only be excused by the reflection, that he who thus confounded his belief and his skepticism, was so ignorant of the meaning of both theories as to have no rational foundation for his knowledge of either.

- **LANDMARK TWENTY-FIRST**

It is a Landmark, that a "Book of the Law" shall constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge. I say advisedly, a Book of the Law, because it is not absolutely required that everywhere the Old and New Testaments shall be used. The "Book of the Law" is that volume which, by the religion of the country, is believed to contain the revealed will of the Grand Architect Of The Universe. Hence, in all Lodges in Christian countries, the Book of the Law is composed of the Old and New Testaments; in a country where Judaism was the prevailing faith, the Old Testament alone would be sufficient; and in Mohammedan countries, and among Mohammedan Masons the Koran might be substituted. Masonry does not attempt to interfere with the peculiar religious faith of its disciples, except so far as relates to the belief in the existence of God, and what necessarily results from that belief." The Book of the Law is to the speculative Mason his spiritual Trestle-board; without this he cannot labor; whatever he believes to be the revealed will of the Grand Architect constitutes for him this spiritual Trestle-board, and must ever be before him in his hours of speculative labor, to be the rule and guide of his conduct. The Landmark, therefore, requires that a Book of the Law, a religious code of some kind, purporting to be an exemplar of the revealed will of God, shall form an essential part of the furniture of every Lodge.

- **LANDMARK TWENTY-SECOND**

THE EQUALITY OF ALL MASONS is another Landmark of the Order. This equality has no reference to any subversion of those gradations of rank which have been instituted by the usages of society. The monarch, the nobleman or the gentleman is entitled to all the influence, and receives all the respect which

rightly belongs to his exalted position. But the doctrine of Masonic equality implies that, as children of one great Father, we meet in the Lodge upon the level-that on that level we are all travelling to one predestined goal, that in the Lodge genuine merit shall receive more respect than boundless wealth, and that virtue and knowledge alone should be the basis of all Masonic honors, and be rewarded with preferment. When the labors of the Lodge are over, and the brethren have retired from their peaceful retreat, to mingle once more with the world, each will then again resume that social position, and exercise the privileges of that rank, to which the customs of society entitle him.

- **LANDMARK TWENTY-THIRD**

The secrecy of the institution is another and a most important Landmark. There is some difficulty in precisely defining what is meant by a "secret society," If the term refers, as perhaps in strictly logical language it should, to those associations whose designs are concealed from the public eye, and whose members are unknowing which produce their results in darkness, and whose operations are carefully hidden from the public gaze - a definition which will be appropriate to many political clubs and revolutionary combinations in despotic countries, where reform, if it is at all to be effected, must be effected by stealth - then clearly Freemasonry is not a secret society. Its design is not only publicly proclaimed. But is vaunted by its disciples as something to be venerated; its disciples are known, for its membership is considered an honor to be coveted; it works for a result of which it boasts, the civilization, and reformation of his manners. But if by a Secret society is meant, and this is the most popular understanding of the term, a society in which there is a certain amount of knowledge, whether it be of methods of recognition, or of legendary and traditional learning, which is imported to those only who have passed through an established form of initiation, the form itself being also concealed or esoteric, then in this sense is Freemasonry undoubtedly a secret society. Now this form of secrecy is a form inherent in it, existing with it from its very foundation, and secured to it by its ancient Landmarks. If divested of its secret character, it would lose its identity, and would cease to be Freemasonry. whatever objections may, therefore, be made to the institution, on account of its secrecy, and however much some unskillful brethren have been willing in times of trial, for the sake of expediency, to divest it of its secret character, it will be ever impossible to do so, even were the Landmark not standing before us as an insurmountable obstacle; because such change of its character would be social suicide, and the death of the Order would follow its legalized exposure. Freemasonry, as a secret association, has lived unchanged for centuries an open society it would not last for as many years.

- **LANDMARK TWENTY-FOURTH**

The foundation of a Speculative Science upon an Operative Art, and the symbolic use and explanation of the terms of that art, for purposes of religious or moral teaching, constitutes another Landmark of the Order. The Temple of

Solomon was the cradle of the institution," and, therefore, the reference to the operative Masonry, which constructed that magnificent edifice, to the materials and implements which were employed in its construction, and to the artists who were engaged in the building, are all component and essential parts of the body of Freemasonry, which could not be subtracted from it without an entire destruction of the whole identity of the Order. Hence, all the comparatively modern rites of Masonry, however they may differ in other respects, religiously preserve this temple history and these operative elements, as the substratum of all their modifications of the Masonic system.

- **LANDMARK TWENTY-FIFTH**

The last and crowning Landmark of all is, that these Landmarks can never be changed. Nothing can be subtracted from them-nothing can be added to them-not the slightest modification can be made in them. As they were received from our predecessors, we are bound by the most solemn obligations of duty to transmit them to our successors. Not one jot or one tittle of these unwritten laws can be repealed; for in respect to them, we are not only willing but compelled to adopt the language of the sturdy old barons of England - "Nolumus legen mutari."

Finally, as we move further on in our Masonic and in life's journey, please be reminded that communication is always paramount if we are to succeed in all our goals.

I once again everyone to always remember in prayer our men and women, our sons and daughters, and our brothers and sisters who so proudly wear the military uniform of our great country who remain "on watch" on foreign and domestic soils in the name of the freedom we all cherish those who cannot defend themselves, as well as the civilian personnel who support them, and their families – may God, the Supreme and Great Architect of the Universe, forever keep them under His Care away from all harm, and may they soon be back home safely to their families!

God bless us all!!

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

By: RW Frank M. Condello II, Deputy Grand Master



Aloha brethren! We have all managed to stay quite busy over the summer months. The Fourth of July Parade in Kailua was very enjoyable and the turnout this year was great. I especially enjoyed marching in the parade with my son, Frank III, who is a member of DeMolay. On that topic, I am pleased to note that the DeMolay boys have initiated 9 boys in the last several months and have several more to go next month. They are slowly building their numbers back up. For those of you who may not know, any boy from the age of 12 to 21 can join DeMolay. They need not be related to a Mason, but most happen to be the sons of Masons. So if you have a son, grandson, nephew, etc. that is in that age range and they would like to join a Masonic affiliated group of boys who teach leadership, respect, learn ritual, and have fun hanging out together, please consider the DeMolay chapter we have here in Honolulu.

In August, I had the pleasure of traveling to New Hampshire and attended a Past Masters 3rd Degree night at St. John's No. 1 in Portsmouth, NH. The lodge was founded in 1736. I was impressed by their rich history and how similar parts of the ritual were to ours. No matter where you might be in the world, you will always find wonderful brethren to associate with and can learn more about yourself as a Mason.

By now all of you have realized the challenges of the new requirements that candidate proficiencies and degree lectures be performed in long form. I hope all of you are doing well with this, but I know it will continue to challenge the lodges with respect to doing their degree work and moving their candidates along. Please continue to try your best. We are getting very close to election time for the lodges and I would hope that the officers of the lodges would be fully qualified by then. Please work closely with your Officer Coaches and the Inspector for your lodge to qualify as soon as possible.

On October 6th, I will be having a meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee at the Grand Lodge office at 2 p.m. This meeting is for all Wardens of the lodges to attend if possible. We will be discussing my plans for next year as Grand Master as well as getting your input as to what you would like to see at the Grand Lodge level. We will also discuss how The Five Paddles of Progress can and will be incorporated into the planning of our future as a Grand Lodge.

Our Grand Lodge continues to be challenged with issues that are not as positive as we would like. Even so, we are committed to dealing with these issues head on and with a level head. Please understand that this is our duty and you have elected us to make these tough decisions on your behalf. During these potentially difficult times, please keep your passions within due bounds and act as honorable men who hold themselves to a higher standard. We will all come out stronger and better men as a result.

Lastly, I want you all to know how much I truly love this fraternity and want it to prosper. I look forward to seeing many of you in December during all of the installations we will be attending. If you ever have an issue to discuss with us, please

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do so knowing that you will get a straight answer back. If we work together, we can be proud of our accomplishments. Divided, we will surely fail.



Left: Frank Condello attending 3rd Degree at St. John's Lodge No. 1 in Portsmouth, NH - Right: MW Tony Ligaya and RW Frank Condello attending DeMolay initiation at Makiki Temple.



Honolulu Lodge's annual BBQ at RW Frank Condello's house

From the Grand West

By RW Rick Huston, Senior Grand Warden



OUR LAST SWIM WITH CHARLEY

How often in our Masonic journey do we hear words and terms like brotherly love, relief, family of Masons, brotherhood? How often do we really stop and observe these Masonic sentiments in action? To sit quietly and watch as a group of people come together to socialize, celebrate, hold a meeting, or... attend a funeral.

How often do we really pause, take in the life and sights around us, and say, "This is what being a Mason means to me".



Charles M. Guzman was a Mason in Hawaiian Lodge. I first met Charley in February 2002 when we initiated him as an Entered Apprentice Mason. We learned during that meeting that Charley was not in the best of health. He was suffering from diabetes, which over the course of the next 10 years would continue to worsen.

Charley was not a Past Master, nor did he ever enter the Officer line. Yet, health permitting, he was always at lodge, whether by friend, walking or handi-van, he would be there to sit and visit with the brothers. He attended as many of our social functions as he could, even when it became increasingly difficult to get around. Diabetes affected his eye sight early during the progression of the disease, yet he continued to attend lodge, often assisted by a friend or brother. You could tell he had trouble with facial recognition, but all you had to do was speak and he knew who you were. A smile would come to his face and he was ready to talk story or just listen. Charley never complained or wanted to discuss his own health situation. He was indeed a bright, knowledgeable individual who was a conversationalist and liked to socialize and visit. On September 20th Charles Guzman passed away. Hawaiian Lodge held a service on Friday September 28th at the Hassinger Masonic Columbarium where we interned part of his cremated remains. It was here that most of us met his family for the first time, his parents Vincent and Julie Guzman, his brother Gilbert and his sister Diane. As we visited following the service, we could see a little of Charley in each of them, and could sense the love they had for him and one another. Charley was also very fond of the Shriner's Waimanalo Beach Park, where he often spent as much time as he could. During visits by his family, he would always take them out there for a day at the beach.



On Sunday, September 30th, several Hawaiian Lodge Brothers gathered with the family at WBC to scatter the rest of Charley's ashes. I was honored to take part in this scattering of his ashes. Brother Gilbert, his sister Diane, Worshipful Raymund Liongson and I, aided with a boogie board, placed his ashes on the board and swam the 100 yards out to sea as his parents and the rest of the Hawaiian Lodge Brothers watched from the

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beach club

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Following our return to the beach, we sat with light refreshments and visited. I watched as this family and Hawaiian Lodge brothers, who just a few short days before had been total strangers, talked, laughed and socialized like we had known one another for years, 10 years to be exact. From the day we initiated Charles M. Guzman as a brother Mason, we had also become a family with his. With sincerity, love and affection, we joined with this family and shared ourselves, as Masons.

From the Grand South

By RW Michael P. Baker, Junior Grand Warden

The Masonic Insurance Policy



“Just what exactly do Masons do?” is a question often asked by non-masons. “A lot!” would probably be the simplest, most direct and honest answer. What we actually do is take good men and make them better; bring them from darkness to light.

While many lodges do act collectively to do good deeds in their communities, by and large, most of the achievements of Masonry are accomplished by individual Masons, just being Masons. After all, admiration and respect for a Mason and wanting to emulate his character, remains our sole recruiting tool.

In the United States we often point to the many leaders in education, business and politics that were and are Masons. However, the same is true in every country on earth, as we are a worldwide fraternity. Among 8 billion people we are very small in number, but just as the cream pasteurized milk, no matter how hard it is shaken, the cream rises to the top! It’s no wonder we find Masons in leadership positions all over the world.

Considering the above, the question not asked by either Masons or non-masons is, do we have an overall value to society? And if so, what is it?

Today there are many who believe that we are nearing the end of days, the great apocalypse, or some unseen force out in the universe that will tear our planet apart at the end of the Mayan calendar. Personally, I believe the world will still be there on December 22nd, 2012.

However, there are extreme natural disasters that have occurred on a planetary scale before and could again. In the almost non-technological age of 1859 a huge solar flare engulfed the earth. It knocked out all telegraph service, the apogee of technology in that time. If that same “naturally occurring” flare hit today it would wipe out all our satellites and destroy anything that has a “chip” in it, like your car, cell phone, TV and all power plants. A magnitude 10 earthquake in a coastal area, the eruption of a mega volcano or an asteroid strike, could slam us all back into the dark ages.

In any such mega disaster, in any country, state, city, town, village or hamlet, who could people turn to? Who could people trust to act in their benefit with no regard to profit or politics? What group could rise above all else to help? What group would already have instant good relations worldwide and could count on a word given? What other group can offer or even imagine such trust? In times of such strife, is there any other group that could and would rise to the occasion?

Maybe, just maybe, Masons offer a type of insurance to the world. We just may be that small group of men, which during the times of the greatest strife, hold society together, just as the tiny rivets hold together that massive airliner.

So, for all those who believe a little or a lot in all the doom and gloom out there, I say:

Rest easy tonight; there are good men among you, wherever you are!

Aloha from the Grand Secretary

By Marty Alexander, PGM



Aloha Everyone!

Yes, it's that time again. Dues Notices are on their way! Not just from your blue lodge but as many of us belong to not only multiple lodges but a multiple Masonic organizations you will be receiving notices from them as well. As the years go by, sometimes we get a little carried away with how many organizations we join and ya' know something, that's ok. Whether we give our personal support to an organization or our financial support or better yet both as all organizations appreciation our support no matter what form it comes in.

But here's the thing, when we give our commitment whether it is to 1 group or 21 groups, it is up to us to honor each of one of those commitments. If we can't, then we need to communicate to them to let them know of our situation. It's not just for the obvious you might think of a particular group not getting that income but rather, it's about these organizations still have to pay out for you to have you on their roster. It is called a per-capita and your organization is required to pay it on your behalf whether you pay your dues or not.

So without even getting into all the additional time and/or expense of sending out additional notices, let me just say, please either keep your commitments or talk to someone to see what you can work out. Either way, just communicate with them. Don't let them go in the red on your behalf just because they are courteous enough to keep your membership active. Now, onto other things:

Our ROLLS workshops are completed for this year and they were all very well attended. Thank you to everyone who participated. Each workshop tried to cover the same topics but each one ended up going in whatever direction each group needed specific help in. The difference with the workshops this year is that instead of holding all the workshops on Oahu and having all the lodge secretaries travel there, we took the workshops on the road and went to all the neighbor islands.

What this did was allow us to open the workshops up to more than just our lodge secretaries as space, internet connectivity and travel costs are always a concern. We had not only lodge secretaries in attendance but also Grand Lodge officers, Masters, Sr. & Jr. Wardens, inspectors and others who just wanted to learn more about ROLLS. It was great not only just to help our daily ROLLS users learn more about the program but also to education more of our general membership about the benefits of using an on-line membership program. Please watch for future scheduled workshops.

Next: Just a few bits of info for everyone.

Don't forget that our deadline for submitting proposed resolutions to the Grand secretary for consideration is 160 days prior to the upcoming Annual Communication. So that you don't have to do like I do and go to the calendar and count backwards (several times I might add as it is easy to lose your place in the count) that date this year is November 10, 2012. If you are unsure how to write a proposal in proper format for acceptance, please let us know and we can help you.

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Another thing we would like to encourage everyone to do is to help your lodge secretary help you. There is a lot of information that is sent out each year either by regular mail or much of the time by email. Keeping you up-to-date is hard to do if they don't have current contact information on you. Please make sure that you keep them current on how they can get you lodge information and notices of upcoming events. It's easy for you to contact your lodge even if you don't know the number. Just go to the Grand Lodge website at "hawaiiifreemason.org" and when you click on either "Events" or "Contact Info" there will be a list of lodges there. Each lodge listed is an active link to their website in which you can find all the information needed.....ALOHA!

Grand Lecturer

By Dennis A. Ing, PGM

WE SHOULD NOT BE COMPETING FOR MASONIC OFFICE



Lodge elections are not supposed to be competitive. We first make sure that our candidates are qualified, and if so, they move up a "progressive line" to the East. Thus, every elected officer usually receives a unanimous ballot.

This is perhaps the most important characteristic of how we Masons select our leaders. It enables our officers to plan their terms well in advance. It allows for an extensive amount of continuity in the management of the lodge. And most significantly, it promotes harmony and teamwork among officers and members.

It's not a perfect system, by any means. We have some Masters and Wardens who are better than others. There are some deficiencies in leadership and growth. But all things considered, it works well.

It cannot work, however, unless everyone in the system does his job. The Inspector (or Grand Lecturer) must determine whether an officer is qualified. The Master and Officers Coach must teach, assist, cajole, admonish and compel the officer to learn. And ultimately the officer himself must assume the greatest responsibility -- doing the work.

Those who aren't officers may not realize what it takes to become Master. In order to be appointed, the Sr. Deacon must know all the work of his office, plus the Middle Chamber lecture. To qualify as Jr. Warden, a Sr. Deacon must know how to confer the EA Degree and to deliver the First Degree Lecture; as Sr. Warden, how to confer the FC Degree and deliver the "G" Lecture; and as Master, how to confer the MM Degree (first and second sections), deliver the 3rd Degree Lecture and the Funeral Service. Moreover, all of them must have demonstrated proficiency in the 3rd Degree Proficiency Exam, and the Master and Wardens must know the HMC provisions relevant to governance of a lodge.

All these requirements are cumulative, so that the higher officer must be capable of demonstrating his expertise in the lower degrees. So when a Master reaches the East, he should be able to perform every position in the lodge, deliver every lecture, every charge and the funeral service. He must know enough about the HMC to run the lodge. And during the current term, all the lectures and proficiencies, and all lodge openings and closings must be given in "long" (or "full") form. Armed with this knowledge, the Master must be able "to spread and communicate light and instruction" to the brethren of his lodge. Indeed, his success as a Master will be measured by his ability to do so.

Every officer should have as his primary goal, in due time, to become the Master, and therefore to learn all the requirements to qualify for office. But memorizing the ritual or the Masonic Code is not enough. He must understand the lessons taught by the ritual and understand how the Code should be applied. As he progresses up the line, he hopefully also learns life lessons in humility, patience, perseverance, service to others, trustworthiness, teamwork, the ability to follow and lead, temperance and all the other myriad qualities necessary to become a leader.

There is amazing logic and meaning in the design of our lodge hierarchy. As they ascend the progressive line and assume more and more responsibility, our officers are supposed to become true leaders. They are imbued not only with knowledge, but also with wisdom and perspective – a modern day King Solomon.

This is why we criticize most attempts to encourage an officer to jump over others, or to skip several stations. He thereby forsakes the time it takes to absorb and comprehend these lessons. Sometimes jumping or skipping is unavoidable, such as when a higher office is unexpectedly vacated and the next in line is a junior officer. Although there are exceptions, this circumstance is truly unfortunate for both the lodge and the officer.

We arrive therefore at our initial assertion – that ascending to a Masonic office should not be a competition. In the long run, neither the lodge nor the officer will benefit from his becoming the “earliest”, or the “youngest”, or the “fastest”. It is more important for him to be the “best” he can be. This is true, even if he is better than the officer ahead of him. He should wait his turn, and in the process the lodge and he will be the better for it.

The progressive line will not always result in the best man of the moment. But we should be satisfied that our system will consistently produce leaders who are good, competent and wise. We should be patient enough to await the ascendancy of the next good, competent and wise leader, and the next, and so on. In the long run, the lodge will benefit much more from the harmony, loyalty, and the large bank of leaders and wiser men who have filled the positions of responsibility as officers. This is the “greater good”.

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Kilauea Lodge

By Worshipful Master Graham Paul Knopp

Brethren, at our September Stated Meeting we observed Constitution month, as the United States Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787. Brother Oscar Barbo gave an outstanding program on the United States Constitution, as well as the USS Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides", the world's oldest currently commissioned naval vessel. I would like to thank Brother Barbo for this entertaining and intriguing program. Because this presentation was so valuable I would like to invite others to present similar programs at upcoming stated meetings this year. Hopefully we will be able to have such a program at our next Stated Meeting of October 2, 2012 at 7:15 pm, with dinner at 6:15 pm.

Right now, Kilauea Lodge has been preparing for several Third Degrees. A firm date for these Degrees has not been set, but a late-October date is likely for at least one of them. I apologize if you, in particular, have not been contacted about participation in these degrees, but be assured that your participation is needed. We have several candidates who have shown dedication in not only learning their proficiencies, but also showing up to help out in the kitchen for Stated Meetings, for example. It behooves us to demonstrate a similar dedication to their Raisings.

Aloha

Kona Lodge

By Worshipful Master J. Daniel Miller



Kona Lodge has had an active year so far. We raised three new Master Masons, with more in the pipeline. This despite the fact that our Lodge is relatively small with a number of our members being part time residents of the Big Island, and several others being plural members of Kilauea Lodge in Hilo, nearly 100 miles distant.

We have an active and dedicated corps of officers, who do a great job in conferring degrees, and supporting the various Lodge activities. Our community and social activities have not suffered either. Earlier in the year, Kona Lodge was proud to present college scholarships to two deserving high school graduates from the two public high schools here in West Hawaii island; Miss Rachael Bianchi, and Mr. Troy Yamagata.

One of the highlights of our year was our annual Lodge Picnic, held at the Old Kona Airport Beach Park. This event is always well attended by our members and their friends and families. This year we hosted Most Worshipful Tony Ligaya and other members of our Grand Lodge officer's line.



Most Worshipful Ligaya graciously agreed to present the Hiram Award to Brother Russ Robinson, for his diligent efforts to support our scholarship award program and the recycling efforts that fund the annual awards. In addition to the Hiram Award, he also presented the McKee Award to Brother Bob Foerster, who has served Kona Lodge for a number of years

as Treasurer, and has kept our Kona Lodge books and financial records in top form.



Kona Lodge also has a Masonic Child ID program, and this year we participated in the Upcountry Fair in Kealahou, where we were able to serve upwards of 85 kids in about four hours time.

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The final highlight of our year was the election of our Junior Past Master, Right Worshipful Michael Baker as Grand Junior Warden at the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. We look forward to supporting him on his journey in the Grand Lodge line, and have every confidence that he will do a great job in helping to lead the Craft in the coming years.



GL Visitation at Kona Lodge & Annual Picnic

Schofield Lodge

By Worshipful Darryl Lajola

It's hard to believe that we have officially entered into the last quarter of the current Masonic year. To say that this year feels like it's flying by would be an understatement. It seems as though it were just yesterday that the officers were installed, fresh enthusiasm was in the air, and a whole 52 weeks ahead of us to work with. Yet here we are, at the "home stretch" trying to figure out how to end the year on a high note.

Before I get into what we have planned for the last quarter, it would only be fitting to recap on what Schofield has done during the previous three. Seeing as how Schofield Lodge has a history of being predominately composed of retired or active members of the Armed Forces, the first degree we had to kick off the year was a Military Degree Night, put together by our Junior Warden, Bro Sean Awa. Then, in July, we gathered with the rest of the Jurisdiction to celebrate our nation's Independence, by marching in the 66th Annual Kailua Independence Day Parade. That same month, we held a Past Masters' Dinner, commemorating and showing our appreciation to all the great men who have led the lodge in the past. Also around that time, Bro Brian Hunt composed a presentation, which he delivered for the Brothers and nonmembers concerning our U.S. Constitution. We even hosted a comedy night at Schofield Masonic Temple for local comedy acts back in September, which was organized by Bro Tony Sasser. And in addition to the numerous 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Conferrals that had taken place in between those aforementioned events, we also had a couple of Karaoke nights and family picnics that helped strengthen the harmony and friendship between the brothers.

Harmony: It's been somewhat of a silent theme that Schofield has tried to maintain throughout the course of the year. Yes, we hear the word constantly during our rituals, and we can preach about it till the cows come home, but it is never guaranteed. Sometimes it comes naturally, and sometimes it has to be worked on, but regardless of how it's achieved, it is essential for a lodge to succeed. That is why it's a no brainer that we plan on ending the year with the same mindset we've always had: that harmony should be our main priority. Regardless of how many degrees we confer, how many activities we plan, or even how many or how few we have in attendance, the most important thing that we can hope to be proud of is that our members were happy and excited whenever they walked through our temple doors. New applicants pop up all the time, brothers will come and go, but their experiences at lodge will remain with them forever. Hopefully they can look back on their memories and say to themselves, "I had a good time at lodge."

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Past Masters' Dinner 2012:

Left to right: WBro Teofilo de Aquino, PM (2006); WBro Cliff Jenkins, PM (2003-2005); WBro Keith Isaacson, PM (1995-2002; 2011); WBro James Sullivan Jr, PM (1988; 1991-1994; 2008); WBro Walter Kaneakua Sr, PM (1977), WM Darryl Lajola (2012)



Hawaiian Lodge

By Worshipful Master Raymund Liongson

Adopt-A-School Program

Freemasons and Demolay partner at Aiea Elementary Clean Up Drive



Volunteers: David Gomes (event chair), WB Bernard Baldueza, Richard Baun, Daniel Bertubin, WB Jun Colmenares, Shawn Connis, Elizar Dy, WB Alex Escasa, Michael Feasby, Andrew Holeman, MW Dennis Ing, WM Raymund Liongson, Alfred Martin, Glenn Mones, Mark San Diego Sr., David Beals (Pearl Harbor), Douglas Crum (Lodge Le Progres), Dino Jay Fernandez; Demolay Boys Ernesto Arizala, Skylar Beales, Dustin Connis, Dylan Mones, and Mark San Diego II.

Twenty-three Masons and Demolay members joined hands and gave Aiea Elementary School a fresh and welcoming look on July 28, the weekend before the fall classes began. Putting in a total of 92-man hours, the volunteers mowed the grounds, pulled or whacked the weeds, trimmed the hedges, raked the leaves, cleaned the curbsides, and mulched the garden yard.

“School Kits for Keiki”

Project yields boxes of supplies for school kids



Above Left: Two Aiea Elementary School students, joined by the school principal and representatives of Hawaiian Lodge, pose before the donated school supplies (shown above.)

Supported by kind and big-hearted brethren, the “School Kits for Keiki” Project, a new initiative launched on July 11, yielded boxes of school supplies for students at Aiea Elementary School. Over the three week-drive, the Lodge collected spelling tablets, binders, color markers, paper supplies, bottled and stick

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glues, pencils and pens, hand sanitizers, paper towels, Kleenex, Chlorex wipes, back packs and other materials that students need in school. The supplies were turned over to the school on August 3. "These school supplies are going to be very helpful for many students who cannot afford to buy them," said Mrs. Kathleen O'Malley, school principal, who was so appreciative of the brethren's generosity.

10 scholarships: 79 compete for awards

Maintaining its commitment to the education of the youth, Hawaiian Lodge is awarding ten scholarships to deserving students going to college. Seventy-two applicants were received this year from across the State. The scholarship recipients for the academic year 2012-2013 are as follows:

April Abutin
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Nursing (continuing award)

Gabriela Andrade
(Kealahou High School)
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Architecture

Lauren Asato
(Kapolei High School)
Pacific Oregon University
Business

Jocy-Anna Chevalier
(Waianae High School)
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Biology

Khadija Karodia
(Waialua High School)
University of California at Berkeley
Biology

Yui Chi Lo
(Aiea High School)
Boston University
Computer Science

Jenna Munoz
(Waianae High School)
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Nursing

Neil Nunan
(Kihei Charter)
Embry-Riddle Aerospace University
Engineering

Chelsea Simon
(Molokai High School)
Grand Canyon University
Nursing

Kyra Vila
(Maui High School)
Virginia Tech
Engineering

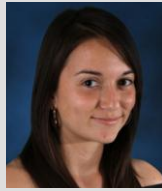
The scholars were selected on the basis of their academic performance and financial need. The scholarship provides a \$1,000.00 grant to a high school or undergraduate student who has been accepted, or attends full time enrollment, in an accredited college or university leading to a Bachelor's Degree.

The competitive scholarship was open to all students, whether or not they have Masonic connection. Children and relatives of Masons were encouraged to apply. Three of the ten awardees are related to Freemasons.

The Scholarship Committee was composed of WB Robert Schultz (chair), WB Serafin Colmenares, Jr., WB Richard Huston, and WB Wilson Camagan.



Yui Chi Lo



Jenna Munoz



Neil Nunan



Chelsea Simon



Kyra Vila



April Abutin



Lauren Asato



Jocy-Anna Chevalier



Khadija Karodia



Gabriela Andrade

MAUI LODGE

By Worshipful Master Jerry Eiting

As Worshipful Master of Lodge Maui I am excited to share some of our Masonic Fall adventures here on the Valley Isle!

First off, our Maui Shrine Club is hard at work tuning up the little race cars for the upcoming 90th Annual Maui County Fair Parade. I don't know who has more fun, the parade watchers or the Shriners zipping back and forth in daring feats of automotive mastery. It is a real kick to see these mature and normally reserved distinguished gentlemen get behind the wheel and cut loose and play like the children they love and support. As a Shriner, I am honored to lead our little Divan marching forth carrying the American flag, although I must admit I secretly long to be considered "mature enough" to get behind the wheel myself someday. Of course wisdom and strength must be accompanied by beauty and we have that covered with a compliment of lovely maidens comprised of members of the Shrine Ladies and The order of The Eastern Star including the Worthy Matron herself Lynne Pulosi.

The Eastern Star is back from being dark the past couple months and is still going strong with regular meetings well attended. Our Worthy Matron invites all OES members to visit when on Maui!

As Senior Warden of the Scottish Rite I am honored to announce that under the leadership of our Venerable Master Loren Holmberg, we not only successfully completed our spring reunion thru the 14th degree but that the Fall reunion went off without a hitch and we had 2 additional brothers achieve the 18th degree. We are currently honing our craft to get them through the 32 in the Winter. Additionally, we successfully voted to change our meeting time from the long held tradition of a Friday at 11:30am to a Thursday evening at 6:30 to accommodate the needs of the "young blood" coming in.

Our Blue Lodge is busy as well, happily and harmoniously laboring in the quarry of 3rd degree work. We have passed 2 brothers and now have 5 candidates eager to be raised. We are fortunate to have W. Robert Martin, who has been Master of 4 previous lodges, affiliate with us and assist as our candidates coach. Another bright light to affiliate is Brother Neil Clevenger, who as a paramedic has enrolled us all in the idea of acquiring an AED device for the lodge. This is an Automated Electronic Defibrillator that is proven to be effective and easy to use. Due to the advanced age of some of our members and the fact that an attentive ear learns naught without an instructive tongue, we consider this device essential in keeping our living archives intact. Finally, as new light comes in so must we send some light out into the world: we are proud to see our young brother Patrick Soco answer his call to military duty and know he is well fortified with Masonic understanding to face any rough and rugged road ahead. Anchors away, brother Soco!

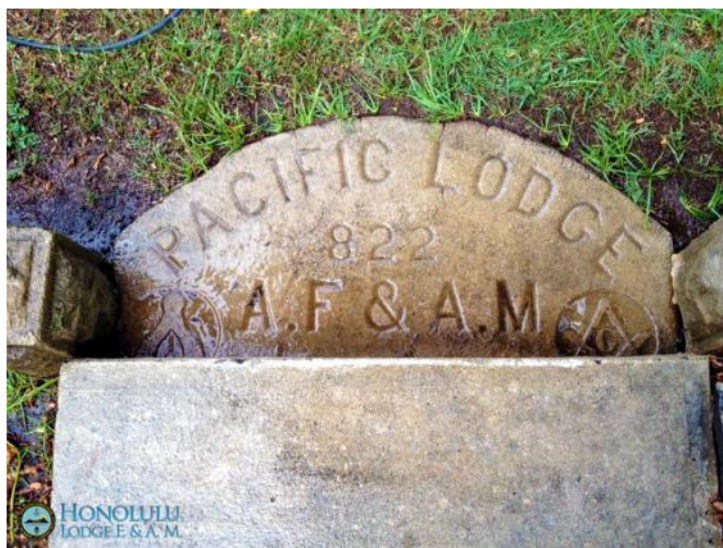
Lodge Maui stated meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month with dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30. If you happen to be on Maui then, I invite you to attend. For additional current information on Lodge Maui, regularly updated by our webmaster MWS Marty Alexander, please visit our website at www.lodgemaui.com. Or you can contact him directly at 808-870-4303.

Honolulu Lodge

By Brother Mark Leo

Oahu Cemetery Cleanup

The Brethren of Honolulu Lodge recently planned a cleanup of the Lodge's cemetery plot located in Oahu Cemetery. Below are a few pictures for your enjoyment



Originally Chartered Pacific Lodge No. 822



The Brethren working hard cleaning



Bro. Clairmont & Bro. Bonin



Bro. Jensen pressure washing



Bro. Lusk scrubbing away

Latest Degree Work

Since moving back into our newly renovated temple we've been mighty busy with degree work. With an influx of great men knocking at our doorstep to highly motivated brethren working hard to progress through their degrees. Below are just a few of our latest degrees showcasing the raising of Brother Jeremy Thorn and the Passing of Brother Joseph Bonin.



Worshipful Tisseraud & Bro. Jeremy Thorn



Bro. Thorn provided a delicious steak meal



Most Worshipful Howard L. Covington of The Most Worshipful Price Hall Grand Lodge of Hawaii visited for Brother Joseph Bonin's passing (L to R, MW Covington, Bro. Bonin, and Worshipful Gilles Tisseraud). Worshipful Paul M. Anthony of Lodge Westmoorland, Mt. Pearl Newfoundland, Canada also stopped by for Bro. Thorn's raising.

Degree Practice

Despite what some would have you believe, practice does not make perfect. It creates mastery. The more we do something, the better we do it. The Brethren of Honolulu Lodge have been doing just that. We've been practicing as much as possible to ensure that we can be the best we can possibly be. Not only so that we may put on the best degrees possible for our brethren, but that by holding each other to a higher standard may we continuously sharpen one another. – Bro. Mark Leo

"We are what we repeatedly do, excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." – Aristotle

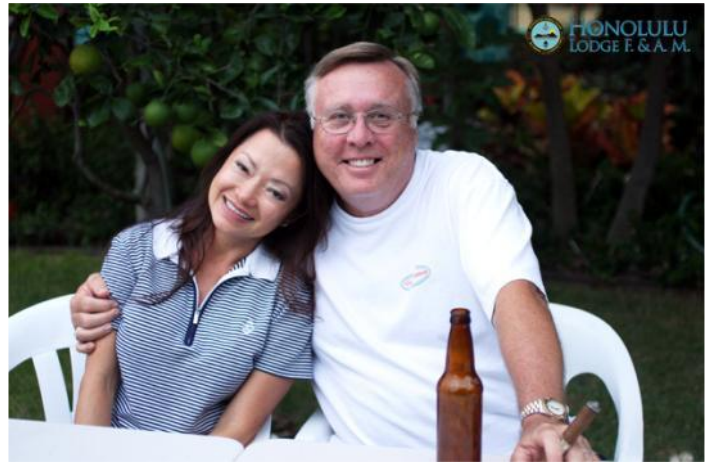


10th Annual Honolulu Lodge BBQ

The 10th Annual Honolulu Lodge BBQ was a success! For 10 years now RW Frank Condello has graciously hosted the famous Honolulu Lodge annual BBQ. As always, it was a great opportunity for brethren and their families to come together and enjoy a beautiful afternoon/evening filled with great food, fellowship, karaoke, and golf (a new addition).



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Masters & Wardens Association holds HMC Seminar



Eighteen officers from the different Lodges on Oahu participated in a seminar on the Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC) on Saturday, September 29 at the Honolulu Masonic Temple. Organized by the Hawaii Masters and Wardens Association, the

MW Dennis Ing, PGM, GL conducts a seminar on the HMC, particularly focusing on provisions of the Code that pertains to the management of the Blue Lodge. In attendance are Masters, Wardens and Senior Deacons from the different Lodges on Oahu.

weekend seminar was by conducted by MW Dennis Ing, PGM and Grand Lecturer. Attended by Masters, Wardens, Senior Deacons and other officers who are interested to learn about the fundamental laws of the fraternity in this jurisdiction, the seminar covered provisions of the HMC that directly concern management of the Blue Lodge. The seminar started with a discussion on laws governing Masons such as the Ancient Landmarks, American Doctrine of Exclusive Jurisdiction, Constitution, ordinances, by-laws, rituals, customs and protocols. Among the HMC provisions discussed in the seminar were the qualifications, elections and installation of officers; lodge organizations and powers; lodge funds and property, fund raising limitations, membership and dues of members.

This seminar is the first activity undertaken by the Hawaii Masters and Wardens Association, a body composed of all the Pillars of the eleven Masonic lodges in the state. Its mission is “to promote education on and knowledge of the Hawaii Masonic Code, Masonic principles, and effective lodge communication, leadership and management, and to foster cooperation among Lodges and the Brethren in the Hawaii jurisdiction through inter-lodge programs and activities.”

The group was revitalized early this year and elected the following officers: WB Raymund Liongson (Hawaiian Lodge), chair; WB Seth Connell (Ko`olau Lodge), vice chair; WB Gilles Tisseraud (Honolulu Lodge), secretary; and WB Andy Geiser (Pearl Harbor Lodge), chaplain.

The M&WA meets quarterly. Its next meeting is on November 13, third Saturday, 9:00am at the Honolulu Masonic Temple.



Masters and Wardens briefly pause and pose for a photo in one of the meetings of the Hawaii Masters and Wardens Association. To allow the participation of brethren from the neighbor islands, a communication bridge (note computer at end of the table) is set up by WB Seth Connell, Master of Ko`olau Lodge.

KMTA

Lyle Phillips, PGM
Secretary/Treasurer

As is usual I would again like to report that the KMTA is still running smoothly, yes still barely paying our bills, but with no significant Temple problems. Also as usual, we would still like to see more folks help with our regular monthly building cleaning and maintenance. Help with whatever you feel you are able to do. Our next regularly scheduled maintenance day will be on Saturday October 6th, so please come if you are able, as many hands make light work. Lodge cleaning and maintenance really doesn't happen by magic, so I hope to see you there. If Saturday doesn't work for you, and another day would, there is a list of jobs on the bulletin board for your convenience.

Our next regularly scheduled Eatin' Meeting on will be on Tuesday October 30th at 6:00 pm with Scottish Rite sponsoring the main dish. No word yet as to what that main dish might be so please contact Bro. Dan Kelly or Bro. Bob Shimamoto if your wondering what your pot luck contribution should be.

Our last regularly scheduled KMTA Board Meeting on August 1st had to be cancelled due to so many delegates being out of town or otherwise indisposed. So unless President Mike Janovsky determines an earlier Board meeting is necessary. The KMTA Board will have its' next Meeting on Wednesday November 7th at 7:00 pm.

Aloha



HILO YORK BODIES

Fraternally
Lyle G Phillips, PGM
Secretary / Treasurer

Companions,

Hilo York Rite Bodies will have its next Stated Meeting on Thursday October 10th at 7pm.

Please try to attend if you possibly can as attendance this summer has not been enough to allow us to open a tiled meeting. We really need your physical presence and help, not just your dues.

I am sorry to report that at our September Stated Meeting we were just a few Companions short of being able to open a tiled meeting, but we did have an informal discussion on the status and future of Hilo York Rite bodies. High Priest Don Millard has some great ideas on how to make Hilo York Rite active and fun. He has now passed out most of the red golf shirts which are embroidered with the York Rite Logo and all member are encouraged to wear them whenever possible to encourage new York Rite membership. Those of you members that don't have a shirt yet all you need to do is attend the next meeting.

Companion Oscar Barbo traveled to Honolulu for the Chapter Festival on Saturday September 15th and is now a full fledged Royal Arch Mason. Congratulations Oscar and welcome aboard.

Other up-coming things to mark your calendar for, if you can possibly attend are... The Council Festival on Saturday October 13th - Royal an select Master Degrees conferred.

The Commandery Festival on Saturday November 10th – All Commandery Degrees Conferred.



HAWAII ISLAND SHRINE CLUB

Aloha Nobles and Ladies,

The Shrine Clinic on August 29-30-31, was a success and WM B. Glaspey would like to thank Margaret Barbo and Nick Lopez for their help. It would be nice if more Sisters and Nobles could find time to help out as there were over 80 patients on the list for each day. The next clinic date has yet to be announced.

The next meeting of the Shrine Club is at 7PM on Thursday October 18th. We still need more good men so if you're interested in what we do; (support the Shrine Children's Hospital and Transportation Fund) we please ask that you try to make this next meeting.



ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR HAWAII CHAPTER NO.1 Barbie Glaspey, WM

Aloha Sisters and Brothers:

Well we were a little scant last night but to all those who attended I really appreciate your commitment. I know everyone has so many things on the go right now that it is sometimes difficult to do everything.

We are looking forward to the Official Visit of the Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Hawaii, Sister Rexie, at our October meeting. We will have a Pot Luck prior to the meeting and that will start at 5:30 PM. The Kelley Ohana will bring a ham and the rest of us are to bring Pot Luck. Desserts will be served after the meeting during fellowship. We will have a practice for the Official Visit on Saturday, Oct 13th at 1 PM so please attend as we have a number of things to go over at that time.

We were honored with a visit from a friend of our Worthy Matron and Sisters Patty and Marilyn, Sister Florence Straight, Grand Committee Member for Special Projects for the Grand Chapter of Oregon and Worthy Matron of Elkton Chapter # 143 in Elkton, Oregon. She was presented with a Friendship Lei and a Chapter pin.

It was so nice to see Sisters Libby, Sandra who are both feeling much better and Patty who we have missed and attended with a broken toe. Brother Kehau is looking fabulous and stated that he is doing so much better. Sister Virginia Maeda and Sister Elizabeth Okinaka are in need of our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Sister Sandra Kelley reported on the KMTA meeting held the end of June and stated that there was an account that had enough funds to pay for the Tenting for Termites and that the KMTA board was advised to get that done immediately. To date it has not been done.

Please remember to bring you boxes for Operation Christmas Child and if you have any questions do not hesitate to call me.

The next meeting is October 15, 2012 and the attire is Aloha. Please mark these special dates and items on your calendars so they are not missed.

A Hui Hou



HILO SCOTTISH RITE

Robert M. Shimamoto, 32, KCCH
Venerable Master

Aloha Brethren,

Although unable to attend, I have been informed that the feast of Tishri was a great success.

This month Hilo Scottish Rite moves from darkness to light. Our next Stated Meeting will be on Thursday October 25th at 7:00 pm.

Also on Tuesday October 30th Scottish Rite is in charge of the next KMTA Eating Meeting. Final preparations for that dinner will be discussed at the Stated Meeting.

Some California AnComm Pictures



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