

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII SPRING 2012

FROM THE GRAND EAST

MW Monty Glover



Aloha Brethren,

Well here we are nearing the end of another Grand Lodge year and looking toward the next Grand Master that will step up and work hard to continue to move Hawaii Masonry forward. I can certainly tell you that nothing can truly prepare you for the experience one receives when given such great responsibilities. I have been truly blessed to be a part of a team of Masons that have dedicated a great deal of their time for the betterment of our beloved Craft. I would like to thank MW Dennis Ing, MW Marty Alexander, MW Charlie Wagener, RW Tony Ligaya, RW Frank Condello, RW Rich Huston, and Honorable Brother Bert Alarcon for their friendship, counsel and support over the past year as well as the three leading up to the Grand East. Without you it would have been a truly difficult task.

So what have I been up to these last few Months? Well February was a busy month for me and the Grand Pillars. I started my month off by attending Masonic Week activities in Washington DC. I have been attending these events every-other-year over the last 6 years and I find them to be a great way to learn about various aspects of the Craft and to meet and have fraternal relations with Brothers from around the world. This year I was

accompanied by 9 other Brothers from Hawaii so it made it especially fun. I highly encourage all Masons, if you have the opportunity, to check out Masonic week that is always around the first week in February. You can learn more about Masonic Week and the organizations that meet and confer degrees there at www.yorkrite.org.

The following week found me in Atlanta GA, where I met up with the rest of the Grand Pillars and the Grand Secretary to attend the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and also the Western Conference of Grand Masters. This was an especially interesting session in that along with the wonderful learning opportunities it affords many current issues were brought before the Grand Masters for review. Chief among these had to do with the problems with the Grand Lodge National of France, GLNF. They have been in the middle of a major disharmonious period for the last several months if not years. Without going into the details the Grand Lodge was actually taken over by the French Courts with a Female Judge as the custodian of the Grand Lodge until new elections can be held.

One might think what does France have to do with Hawaii Masonry? Well, aside from our historical connection through our Oldest Lodge we have several members that are also members under the Grand Lodge of France. Several Jurisdictions from Europe have already withdrawn either fraternal relations or recognition. The committee on recognition recommended that Grand Lodges suspend Fraternal Relations with the GLNF until such time as they resolve their internal issues. I expect this too be the recommendation by Hawaii's committee on recognition as well. This does not affect any Mason who is already a member of our Jurisdiction

but it does prevent any visitation or new affiliations between GLNF and the Grand Lodge of Hawaii until we lift the suspension.

I have also been very busy with the Honolulu Masonic Temple renovations. The work is moving along but we have encountered a few delays, most of which haven't been within our direct control. While the building will likely not be completely done, we will be having the Cornerstone rededication and blessing of the Building on April 20th at 9am. We will be having some tours of the building as well as light refreshments. This is a historic event for Hawaii Masonry so if you are able to attend it will be memorable. Hawaii will have a truly wonderful Masonic temple that we will all be proud to show off to the world. We currently expect to be moving back into the building sometime in May, subject to change without notice.

So, the Annual Communication is fast approaching. Have you sent in your registration forms yet? Remember it doesn't cost a dime to attend the communication and as long as you have a valid dues card, (you do have a valid dues card right?) you can attend. It's a great way to see how the Grand Lodge is run and it's usually a great opportunity to see all our great Past Grand Masters together. So please come by and attend.

Looking back on my year as Grand Master I am filled with sadness, joy, regret, frustration and hope. So many emotions run through my mind when considering what has transpired over the last year. My year started out with having to deal with inter-Jurisdictional issues and was closely followed by having to deal with internal Lodge issues that have continued through my year preventing me from working on

most of the Projects I wanted to do this year. Sadly most of the problems I have encountered are a result of Masons not acting like Masons and not following or disregarding their obligations and charges. As one of my good friends and Brothers is fond of saying "We are men" and it saddens me when there are those that choose not to act in such a way. I encourage all Masons to take another look at all their obligations and charges and not only commit them to memory but commit them to your hearts. When you

see or hear a Brother not acting in a manner that would bring honor to our craft let them know that that sort of behavior is not acceptable and not give any place for bad behavior to live and thrive.

Lastly I would like to again thank all the Brothers of Hawaii for electing me to this high honor and for your support and confidence you have bestowed upon me these last four years. While I will certainly not fade away, I still have a year of servitude on the Executive Committee

after all, I will enjoy a much needed break from the cares and pressures that come with leadership. I am looking forward with great anticipation to next year under our new Grand Master whom I am certain will continue to spread Masonic Light from the Grand East to light our path forward into the future.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Monty J. Glover
Grand Master

FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

By: RW Antonio M. Ligaya, Deputy Grand Master



Aloha Brethren! Thank you for your continued support to our Grand Jurisdiction, and

I hope everyone agrees that a much deserved congratulations and best wishes to Most Worshipful Monty Glover for his fine stewardship as our Grand Master is in order!

We are, once again, about to complete yet another Grand Lodge Year and prepare to usher another one in, as we gear up for the Annual Communication (AnCom) and Election of Grand Lodge Officers during the third Friday and Saturday of April!

It is pleasing to note that the Fraternity has continued to thrive and remained very dynamic and progressive despite the challenges we faced and met head-on. Our Lodges continue to regularly receive and read membership petitions and confer degrees, as well as remain engaged in their inter-actions among each other and their local communities.

During this period, I joined the Grand Master and the other Grand Pillars at the annual Conference of Grand Masters of North America that was truly impressive and remarkable. I learned there were at least 700, including 61 of 64 invited Grand Masters, in attendance. I attended most of the break-out sessions and tried to absorb as much information as I could. Needless to say, acquaintances were either made or renewed, and what truly impressed me was, indeed, it seemed there were no strangers in that place – only Brothers we've never met until that time!

A total of nine resolutions were submitted for discussion at our upcoming AnCom, but one was withdrawn by its proponent and another was ruled out-of-order by the Jurisprudence Committee – leaving seven for consideration for adaption.

As in at least a couple of recent AnComs the Grand Master's decision (# 17) which allows candidates for Junior Grand Warden to distribute and

News Article: Convalescent Relief Tea – May 6, 2012



DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

Invite You To Their
Convalescent Relief Tea

Please join us for a lovely afternoon, a friendly cup of tea and delightful refreshments. The Daughters of the Nile of Egyptian Temple No. 33 will be hosting their Annual Convalescent Relief Tea on Sunday, May 6, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Education Center of the Administration Building at the Shriners Hospital for Children at 1310 Punahou Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. The purpose of this philanthropic event is to benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children. A program is planned with entertainment and hospital tours will be available. The Ladies are encouraged to wear their special hats for this event. Tickets will be available at the door for a \$10.00 donation. For more information, please call Barbara Sheeder, Convalescent Relief Tea Chair at phone: 262-7734.

make campaign statements, §2074 of the Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC) notwithstanding, and authorizes, if not encourages outright, prospective candidates to submit a one-page typewritten statement to the Grand Lodge for review, approval and distribution of the Grand Lodge Executive Committee to each Lodge should already have been presented to our membership.

While on the subject, I certainly urge and encourage all Master Masons to register for the AnCom and related events. Information on how to register has already been distributed to the Lodges, but could also be made through the Grand Lodge's website (www.hawaiiifreemason.org). Please be prepared to show your current Lodge Dues Card when you check in for the AnCom. Preceding the opening of the Grand Lodge for the AnCom is the rededication of Makiki Temple's cornerstone by the Grand Master at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20th, and everyone is invited to this ceremony.

Lest I forget, I offer you the following thoughts for reflection and action as you believe are appropriate. They are from a Master from one of the Lodges in Japan, in the early 1980s, which I believe are still applicable at the present: "Masonic education is the only foundation that supports our fraternal edifice; without it we become less knowledgeable of those valuable tenets, virtues, and lessons that bind us together. Undoubtedly, in all of our Lodges, there is at least one or two Masters or teachers who guide us through our constant growing pains of education. These same teachers and dedicated Masons have also been noted, by at least some of you, as those Brothers who've never missed Lodge. Why is there only a few Brethren who sustain such a hard working habit of devotion and dedication? Are we now observing a drastic change in our Lodges? Are those teachers becoming scarce? Perhaps additional questions you might ponder include the following:

- Is your Lodge holding Schools of Instruction?
- Is degree work good, or definitely in need of practice?
- Do the Brethren understand the ritual work?
- Who is doing something about any, or all, of the above, or does everyone just rely on the Master, the Coach, the Inspector, or the Grand Lecturer to do so?

Many of our new Masons, and perhaps even those who've been members for some time, don't seem to know much about their Lodge and the very basic rules and principles of Freemasonry. If you doubt this, ask some of your newly-raised Brethren, what the Hawaii Masonic Code looks like, or:

- Why does the Master wear a hat in Lodge?
- What are the duties of the officers?
- What can a Mason tell a non-Mason about his Lodge?
- Why do we use due guards and signs? What are they, and what do they signify?

You might be surprised to know that many Brethren cannot answer these questions, and many more!

Does the "younger generation" of non-Masons show no interest in Masonry, due to them being "really lazy", "inconsiderate", or are they really busy with other things such as sophisticated computers, video games, rock music, cars, girls, etc., that Masonry just does not fit in their busy schedules?

Can we really believe these? Are those the real reasons, or could it be us Masons that are causing or contributing to these "problems"? How could we?

In order for them to know about our Lodges, they must see us outside them. They should see us out in the community doing good deeds; they should see us at dinners or other social events held by our Lodges, and may be they could talk to at least one or a couple of us about our Fraternity. Do they even know we exist? Maybe it is time to self-evaluate our Institution!

While we are talking about self-evaluation, we should also re-consider the fact that the new Mason, or at times even the non-Mason (i.e., applicant), has already heard comments from the Brethren regarding the lack of participation, bad degree work, no education process, and certain means of making things easier for new members.

In making changes and following different avenues of modern Masonry, we must realize that slowly, but surely, we are becoming separated and farther away from being bonded with each other under those truly fraternal friendships. Are virtues, principles, tenets, rules, regulations and Masonic law becoming too hard to live with? Can we just depend on time to heal our weaknesses?

I strongly believe that starting now, we must commence to become more closely affiliated. We must again try to live by all of the teachings of our three great Grand Masters, we must realize that two or three of our members cannot do everything for the Lodge. All of us must work together to reform the problems that have been with us for some time. We cannot depend on our Grand Master to accomplish everything in this Jurisdiction alone. He and each Master of our Lodges need the help of all of us. This is not a new plan of action. This is how our wonderful fraternal society began. If it would have been otherwise, things would definitely be different now."

Finally, as we move on to a new Grand Lodge Year, I again enjoin you to always remember in your prayers our men and women proudly wearing the military uniform of our great country who remain "on watch" on foreign soils in the name of the freedom we all cherish, 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 Grand West

by RW Frank M. Condello II Senior Grand Warden



Aloha brethren! The end of this Masonic year is quickly approaching. This last year has been very busy for us at the Grand Lodge level. Although we are not a large jurisdiction, there is always something going on that we have to deal with. That is the challenge of working at the Grand Lodge level. Decisions need to be made that ensure the integrity of the fraternity and of the Hawaii Masonic Code. These decisions are not easy to make and we put a lot of thought into them. To better understand the world of Freemasonry, the entire elected Grand line attended the Conference of Grand Masters in North America in Atlanta, Georgia in February. It not only allows us to network with our counterparts from all over the world but also allows us to better understand what is going on in other jurisdictions. There is a lot of controversy going on in Europe right now due to the problems that the Grand Lodge of France is having. These issues have to be dealt with and not just looked over. We may be out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, but we also have our role to play as a grand lodge. We are also trying to get our own house in order and dealing with difficult issues that will hopefully be resolved during this next masonic year.

As you all know, our Annual Communication will be upon us soon. The dates are Friday April 20th and Saturday April 21st. On April 20th, the Grand Lodge has the honor of rededicating the Makiki Temple at 9 a.m. This major renovation project has taken about 1 year and will be close to completion on this date. The Grand Lodge is not asked very often to rededicate a building or to lay a cornerstone, so it will be nice for all to witness the ritual of this ceremony. Please join us if you can. I also encourage you to attend the Annual Communication, even if you are not a voting member. All are welcome to attend. If you have not attended before, it is an eye opening experience to see how the Grand Lodge of Hawaii functions, passes legislation, and elects its officers. You will have less questions about what the Grand Lodge is about if you attend. To all of the elected lodge officers, please try to

attend if you can. I know that it is an added expense for our neighbor island brethren, but it also helps you to feel that you are not being left out. We don't have a chance to see you that often, and it would be great to see all of our neighbor island officers there!

As I write this article, there is only one Worshipful Brother that has put his name in the hat to run for Junior Grand Warden. This is a bit of a surprise, since this position usually has at least 3 or 4 candidates. Any Past Master is eligible to run, but you should also ask yourself if you can put the time and effort into this position to assist the Grand Lodge and brethren of the State of Hawaii. Once you get elected, it is a 4 year commitment. Your decision to run should not be made lightly, but at the same time, if you have a love for our fraternity and think that you can make a difference and inspire the brethren, please consider running.

Lastly, I want to thank Most Worshipful Monty Glover for his dedication to our beloved fraternity. He has worked hard this year as Grand Master. He has had to deal with several very controversial issues and I believe he has made fair and level headed decisions. You may not always agree with the decisions that are made, but please know they were made in as honorable a fashion as possible. It is not easy being the Grand Master. All eyes are on you and everyone wants to pick apart everything you say and do. I have said many times before that we need to be more honorable as men and as Masons. Shame on you if you act dishonorably or with spite in your heart. You are not worthy to call yourself a Mason if you do. Please hold yourself to a higher standard. We will be ushering in a new Grand Master soon, and I ask you to give him your full support during this next year. I continue to be humbled by your support and have done the best I can to support this fraternity that I love so dearly. If it is your wish, I will continue to serve the Grand Lodge in the coming years. May the Great Architect be with you all during this next year.



From the Grand South

by RW Rick Huston, Junior Grand Warden



IS MASONRY RECOGNIZED WORLD WIDE? EVEN IN THE MOST REMOTE REGIONS OF THE EARTH?

For a couple of hours each night, or every other night for the past 3 weeks, I have been putting together this edition of the Grand Lodge Newsletter. This evening, with only minutes to go before my own deadline to send the "final" draft version to MW Monty, RW Tony, RW Frank and RW Dennis, for their review, I looked in horror upon "From the Grand South".

It was the article I had written for the Fall edition of the newsletter, which I was using as a place holder as I laid out the rest of the articles and photos. Yeah, I know what you're thinking, and the thought crossed my mind, "would anyone really notice?"

Well, fighting the thought, as well as the sleep, my mind came to rest on the above questions – the answer is yes, and I have a story I would like to share with you. Some of you have heard it, either from myself, or from the young Master Mason known by Hawaiian Lodge as Brother George Eyster. The names have not been changed, as there is no innocence to protect.

George, as a young Army Major, worked for me in the WWII Planning Section of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command. He is a helicopter pilot by training, and had originally been assigned as a Recovery Team Leader by the

Army. Following many missions to places like Southeast Asia, Europe and I'm not quite sure where else, he was re-assigned to me for his last 14 months at JPAC.

As George and I got to know one another, he learned I was a Mason, and his interest was peaked, having heard from others about our fraternity. One day he asked me, "what is one of the advantages I would gain, as a military officer traveling around the world, in becoming a Mason?"

I simply replied "Everywhere you go, anywhere you are assigned, you will find a Brother, willing to lend a hand, or be a friend."

I remember watching him for a moment, to see if that would get a reaction. It really didn't. More of just a look of, right, OK, we'll see.

A week after George was initiated an Entered Apprentice, the Command sent both he and I, to of all places, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, considered by some to be the arm pit of the world. Our trip was to conduct pre-mission coordination for the arrival of two JPAC Recovery Teams. One of our objectives was to arrange a helicopter support contract to move our members into and out of base camps, re-supply, and stand-by Medevacs.

On the day of the prearranged meeting with the Chief Pilot of the local helicopter company, George, somewhat arrogantly, announced HE would do the talking, you know, helicopter Pilot to Pilot kind of stuff. One hour into the meeting, George was not making a lot of headway against this Australian born, bush trained Chief Pilot. As we stood in the hanger, me listening and them talking, nay, arguing, over flight hours, I had noticed the guy's ring finger, brandishing a ring with our coveted square and compass.

Waiting for a break in their conversation, I spoke up simply with "Excuse me, I see you're a traveling man." The friendship was instantaneous, and as the conversation turned to Lodges, dates and places we'd been, we turned, walking towards his office, his hand on my shoulder, saying "let's get a cold one mate, while I write up this contract agreement, I think your offer is more than sufficient." George, following along behind, a puzzled look on his face, was silent.

George did talk to me later, remembering the answer I had given him prior to his initiation. He was amazed, and proud, proud to be a Mason.

Aloha from the Grand Secretary

By MW Marty Alexander

My apologies to RW Huston for dragging my feet on getting my newsletter article to him so late. But to tell the truth, it has not been from lack of effort but rather that of constantly changing topics. While I have started several times on an article, it always seemed to end up in a wad on the floor. That is until I decided to just write what my heart was telling me to all along.

And that topic is Dues Arrearages. I once read an article a few years ago that had a title that stuck with me. It was called "Dues that Don't". For the life of me, I don't remember what all was in the article to recapitulate to you but the title still seems poignant for the purpose of this article.

It is distressing to see the number of Brothers who are not current in their dues this far into the year. In my own lodge, nearly 25% of our members have not paid their lodge dues yet this year. While the percentage might be higher or lower in other lodges, that's not really the most alarming thing to me but rather the number of Brothers who are not in good standing and still are attending lodge as though nothing is amiss!

To paraphrase our Hawaii Masonic Code, it defines a member in "good standing" as

if his dues are current and he has not been suspended or expelled from any Lodge of which he is a member.

As well, our dues according to our bi-laws state that ...

The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be \$ _____ per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.

The key being in "advance".

Now, I understand that we are not considered for suspension of non-payment of dues until 3 years in arrears, but really? ... how can some of us go to lodge, sit in a meeting and look at our brothers across the room knowing that we aren't paid up or at least have made an effort to talk to the Master about it?

You know something, I am going to stop right here with this article. I am not going to expound upon it any more. For if I do, the rant will get worse. I am just going to say one thing more, ...if this article is about you, be a Mason in Good Standing, don't be a burden on your lodge, pay your dues!

So Mote it be. (in reference to my article in the last newsletter)



Calling Down and Back Starts and Ends with the Original "Lodge"

By Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Grand Lecturer

While attending Schofield Lodge several years ago, I had the pleasure of witnessing their Junior Warden confer a Second Degree. He was a young man who had served as an officer in a California lodge, and had affiliated with Schofield. He was confident, knowledgeable and an excellent ritualist. His Second Degree conferral, while not flawless, was outstanding.

There were four Past Masters present, and we were duly impressed. Yet, we all noticed he had made what we thought was a blatant mistake. He had opened on the Second Degree and correctly called down to the First Degree for the purpose of examination. Then after the candidate was deemed proficient, he called the lodge back to the Second Degree, declaring "this lodge of *Fellowcraft* Masons to be called from refreshment to labor on the Second Degree of Masonry."

Wait a minute. Weren't we at labor on the First Degree in order to hear an Entered Apprentice proficiency? Shouldn't he have said that he was calling "this lodge of *Entered Apprentice* Masons to be at refreshment to labor on the Second Degree of Masonry"? This is what all the Hawaii lodges were teaching, and how we all had learned it. Moreover, it made sense. It was intuitive. To be at labor in the First Degree and to say this was a lodge of *Fellowcraft* Masons was counter-intuitive.

So after closing all four of us descended upon this poor young man, eager to impart to him our collective "wisdom". If we were at labor in the First Degree, why did he say we were a Lodge of *Fellowcraft* Masons? "That's what I learned in California", the young Junior Warden replied. "I think that's what it says in the Officers Monitor."

He was correct, of course. The rules are plain, even though it takes awhile to make sense out of them:

- (1) The Lodge can only be called down to a lower Degree. So if you open on the First Degree, you can't call up to the Second or Third Degree.
- (2) Once you open on a particular Degree, you must close on that Degree.
- (3) Once you open on a Degree, the Lodge remains in that Degree, even though it may be at refreshment and labor resumed in a lower Degree. Thus, a Lodge of Master Masons remains a Lodge of MMs until it closes; when it is called to refreshment and labor resumes in a lower Degree, it is still a Lodge of Master Masons. Therefore, in calling the lodge back up, you have to refer to the Degree on which you opened; i.e., "this lodge of Master Masons"

Perhaps this concept is easier to grasp if you distinguish between "lodge" and "labor". "Lodge" refers to the Degree on which you opened, and the Lodge will always be open on that Degree (until it closes). "Labor" refers to the Degree the lodge is working on at any particular time. A Lodge of Master Masons may be at labor on the First, Second or Third Degree, but during the entire time, and regardless of what Degree you are labor on, it is still a Lodge of Master Masons.

To drive the point home, HMC §2034 requires all lodge business (except the conferral of 1st and 2nd Degrees) to be conducted in a Lodge of Master Masons. Yet a lodge is permitted to call their stated meetings down to the First Degree in order to allow EA's and FC's to attend the meeting, although they have no vote.

(§2034c). This is legal, of course, because although the brethren are at labor on the 1st or 2nd Degree, the business is still being conducted in a lodge of Master Masons.

As the Monitor says: "I now declare this Lodge of Master Masons to be at refreshment, and labor resumed on the 2nd Degree of Masonry for the purpose of examination. Brother SD, arrange the Altar." After fixing the jewels, SD steps to the north side of the altar. Note that it is not necessary to announce or make any further declaration of what Degree the lodge is working on. The WM simply says: "Brother JD, inform the Tiler that the Lodge is now at labor...", etc.

When calling back, the Master says: "I now declare this Lodge of Master Masons to be called from refreshment to labor on the 3rd Degree of Masonry. Brother SD, arrange the altar." Please observe the difference between "labor resumed" on the lower degree, and "to labor" on the higher Degree.

Finally, in recounting these rules, we should remember that although the Monitor is not coded, it is still ritual. Almost all the ceremonies shown in plain text in our Ciphers are also contained in the Monitor. But our Ciphers do not cover everything in our ritual. The ritual includes retiring and reception of the flag, receiving the Grand Master and the Master's congratulating a newly raised brother. It also includes calling down and calling back the lodge.

"What's a Proficiency?"

by Andrew L. Geiser, WM, Pearl Harbor Lodge

In order for one to advance in our institution he must first prove himself to be "proficient" in the "work" of the degree, which he wants to advance from. He does so by being examined and proving himself to be proficient. Just what does it mean to be proficient? To better understand what is going on here let's first examine the textbook definition of the word "proficient". Proficient: Having or marked by an advanced degree of competence, as in an art, vocation, profession, or branch of learning; an expert; an adept. One of the words that caught my eye here is "adept", more on that later.

Before an initiated Brother can be passed, ultimately raised, and permitted to travel, he must prove himself to be proficient in the work of the previous degree. How do we do this? We ask that he commit to memory a portion of that which he was taught, starting with a portion of the work in the Entered Apprentice degree, then progressing and so forth. It's obvious that some of what we learn on our way to be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason is highly relevant to our being worthy of being called such. All of that having been established, what really is going on here? Are we simply auditioning Candidates for roles that require not only a good memory, but the ability to recite the work in as interesting a manner as is possible as well? Are we earnestly seeking to drum into the Candidate the lessons being taught by the degrees? Or is there a lot more going with the process of the proficiency that meets the eye?

One possible conclusion we can come to is that it is a little bit of all of the above...and then some. Certainly the lessons that are taught and drilled into the minds of the Candidates are of value. But what of the lessons being taught to us by the Candidates during the process of adequately passing the proficiency? Wondering just how it is that the Officers of a Lodge are learning from their Candidates? Well, let me ask you this: just how does it make you feel about the future of your Lodge when you see a generation of new Masons who absolutely nail their proficiencies? Have you ever witnessed a proficiency and said to yourself: "if this new guy who has obviously dedicated himself to our Craft to the degree that he has, as exemplified by the performance of his proficiency, can exhibit a desire for excellence, should I not do the same"? Does not an excellent proficiency serve as testimony to an excellent Candidate's coach? If a Lodge has an excellent Candidate's coach is it not fair to assume that the other Officer's of the Lodge probably have a similar commitment to the Craft?

So the next time you see a proficiency performed to the highest of standards, just realize that there is so much more going on than meets the eye... and feel very good about your Lodge!



Worshipful Raymund Liongson, Hawaiian Lodge, reads "Secret Societies" panel while touring the King David Kalakaua display at Iolani Palace.



The Order of the Eastern Star Hawai'i Chapter No. 1

EXCELLENCE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Article by Sister Martha Bell

June 29, 2011 was a very momentous day! A gift agreement was formerly made between our Chapter – Hawai'i Chapter No. 1 – and the University of Hawai'i Foundation, a long sought after project finally becomes a reality. A dream project of Past Matron Jeanelia Keopuhiwa, this accomplishment was none other than a very emphatic "YES"!

The purpose of this gift is to provide scholarships to students at the University of Hawai'i-Hilo regardless of area of study, funds to be used for any costs related to their study.. Recipients must be full time undergraduate or graduate students at UH-Hilo and must have competed at least one semester of college. Other criteria are that students must have a grade point average of

Kaneohe Bay Square & Compass Club

The Kaneohe Bay Square & Compass Club meets every Tuesday at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Lunch: 1130 - 1200 hours (Brown Bag it, bring your own)

Meeting: 1200 - 1300 hours

Membership is open to all Master Masons regardless of which State, City or Country your membership is in. Please come and enjoy the fellowship of your brethren.

We do have fun, but it is not all fun and games. The monies the Club raises is donated to Youth Groups, USO, the Shriner's Food Bank, Grand Lodge Building Fund and other worthy causes. Every Christmas, the Club donates money to buy Christmas Gifts (\$25.00 per child) for the Children in the Scottish Rite Learning Center. The Treasury is in good shape due to a large donation from a late member.

The Kaneohe Bay Square & Compass Club is the only remaining Square & Compass Club on Oahu, The Fort Shafter and Hickham Clubs are no longer in existence.

There also offices open, if you would like to have one please ask. We have elections of new officers every March and September. The term of any office is only 6 months. They are the President, V/P Treasurer, & Secretary, appointed offices are Marshall and Chaplain.

MIKE MAKLARY

President

3.5 or better and who also self-identify and describe affiliation with a Masonic group in order to qualify.

At the time Hawai'i Chapter No. 1 trustees Martha Bell, Elizabeth Frendo, Bob Arthurs, advisor Barbara Arthurs and treasurer Marva Lynn Chew met with the UH Foundation, an anonymous donor had generously gifted the Foundation with a million dollars, to match gifts such as ours. The Hawai'i Chapter No. 1 gift of \$27,000 equally matched became \$54,000, \$50,000 of which would be invested, and \$4,000 to be used for current scholarship funding. Future proceeds from the endowment will provide scholarship funding at that point in time.

This endowment is in honor of Mabel Hitchcock Schoen, a life-long member of Hawai'i Chapter No. 1 and her daughter Mary H. Schoen.

All interested in applying for this scholarship and to view other private scholarships currently available to UH-Hilo students, should go to the UH Foundation website.

www.uhf.hawaii.edu/scholarships

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Names of members in photo; L-R bottom row Sister Jeanella Keopuhiwa P.M., Sister Martha Bell, Trustee, Sister Elizabeth Frendo P.M., Trustee, Back row Brother Kehaulani Keopuhiwa P.P., and several scholarship recipients



The Masonic Experience

by Loren L. Holmberg

Venerable Master, Valley of Kahului

At 5:20am, Hawaiian time my world changed. I was awakened by the ringing of my cell phone which was on the bed stand, close to my head. I answered the phone to the sound of my older sister's voice. She lives in Tucson, Arizona and has provide care and family to my father for the past two years. My mother and father lived on Maui for 37 years. On Sunday, the first of April, my father would be ninety-six years of age. He would never see

that celebration; he died at 5:20am that morning. My father was a Mason for sixty six years. He was never Master of the lodge, he served on every board for every Masonic body on Maui. He was Tiler for years, mowed the lawn, cleaned the bathrooms, opened and closed the lodge, hung the flags and spent his every available moment at the lodge. He lived, ate and breathed Masonry.

It will appear as though I have jumped the tracks and abruptly changed topics here. Please continue reading and see that is not the case.

I was installed as Venerable Master of the Valley of Kahului, but that is not what this is about. I relate that only to provide the perspective that gives this meaning. We are fortunate on Maui to have a Past Grand Master who is still involved in the everyday operations of the various bodies. With the guidance and collaboration of the our PGM we prepared for the upcoming year in Scottish Rite. Our Valley has recently lost several major members. One died and the other moved to another island. None the less, the Valley must move forward. Our primary goal for Scottish Rite on Maui is to bring our ritual and work up to current standards. To accomplish this goal we looked to our PGM who is currently our Scottish Rite Secretary and Ritual Master. We had been made aware that the State of Hawaii has a new Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

During our Stated February meeting the Valley agreed to invite the new DSGIG to visit us at his convenience. To our surprise, he accepted and informed us that he would attend our March meeting. This was to be a huge event for our Valley and for myself as Venerable Master.

My first recollection of anything Masonic was from under a bench, on the second floor of the old Masonic Lodge on Vashon Island in Puget Sound, across the bay from Seattle, Washington. My parents and grand parents were heavily involved in Blue lodge, Scottish Rite and Eastern Star. As a small boy it was all quite meaningless to me. I did come away with the knowledge that my parents and grandparents would get all dressed up and meet with a lot of others who were all dressed up. As a family we were constantly attending some kind of Masonic function and over the years I learned that my entire family held these Masonic functions in very high esteem.

As often happens in families, we grew and we separated, going our various ways. My parents moved to Hawaii, in early sixties and lived first on Oahu, then Quam and eventually Maui. When the bottom fell out of the beef market in the mid eighties my wife and I sold our Oregon ranch and moved to Maui. We spent several months with my parents while we searched for a new home. It was very apparent, from the onset, that my Dad and Mom were still heavily involved with Masonry. My Dad attended Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shrine and they went to Eastern Star. Their entire social life was Masonry or Masonic related. My mother died three years ago at eighty eight years of age. My father would have been ninety six in five more days, five more days would have been April 1, 2012, April fool's day and my father's birthday.

I phoned the Secretary of Lodge Maui this morning to inform him my father had passed away. He asked permission to inform the brethren and within mere minutes I started to receive phone calls, not just from my close brothers, but from brothers I had never met. In almost every case, each told some anecdotal Masonic "story" involving my Dad and themselves. Each relating what a part of their lives my father had been.

At this juncture I return to the visit of the new Hawaiian DSGIG. We were fortunate enough to have been able to meet with him the night before the Stated Meeting. It was at this informal meeting that the illustrious Ken Berry referenced what he called the "MASONIC EXPERIENCE". His elaboration indicated he felt it our responsibility and objective to provide positive Masonic Experiences to set standards and attract worthy candidates and keep existing members.

I sit contemplating the passing of my father, the visit of the SGIG, the amazingly heartwarming response of my brothers. It is always difficult for those left behind to lose someone close. I can state, with complete assurance, that the Masonic values by which my father lived, the compassion of my brothers and the over-all knowledge of what Masonry has brought to my family and myself, is what the SGIG was referring to as the "MASONIC EXPERIENCE".

Application for Hawaiian Lodge Scholarship On; Deadline set for May 15

Hawaiian Lodge, F & A M announces that it is now accepting applications for the open, competitive 2012-2013 Undergraduate Scholarship. This scholarship provides a \$1,000.00 grant to a high school or undergraduate student

within the State of Hawaii, who has been accepted for or attends full time enrollment in an accredited college or university, leading to a Bachelor's Degree. Ten (10) scholarships will be granted to qualified and deserving students.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered eligible for the grant, the applicant (1) must be classified as a full time student at the Senior level at a high school within the State of Hawaii, or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university; (2) must provide a transcript of most recent grades; (3) must consent to be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee, if requested; and (4) must submit completed application package, postmarked not later than May 15, 2012.

Criteria for Selection of Recipient

The selection of a candidate will be based on the following criteria:

- (1) Academic Promise. (Must possess a GPA of 3.0 or higher.)
- (2) Extra Curricular Activities (Employment, or actively involved in community affairs as well as academic activities.)
- (3) Financial Need (Provide a redacted copy of parents' or legal guardians' current tax return to justify the need for financial assistance.)
- (4) Must provide two letters of recommendation from school counselors and/or high school faculty and teachers.
- (5) Must send a copy of an acceptance letter or notice from an accredited college or university.
- (6) A copy of the parent or guardian's IRS Form 1040 for tax year 2011 is required to qualify under financial need.

This competitive scholarship is open to all students, whether or not they have Masonic connection. Children and relatives of Masons, are of course, encouraged to apply.

For an application form, visit Hawaiian Lodge website at <http://hawaiianlodgefreemasons.org>.

Mail complete application package no later than May 15 to:

Robert Schultz, Chairman
Hawaiian Lodge Scholarship Committee
94-1002 Lauwi Place
Waipahu, HI 96797



HAWAIIAN LODGE OFFICERS HOLD HMC SEMINAR by Raymund Liongson, Master, Hawaiian Lodge

Officers of Hawaiian Lodge gathered for a one-day seminar on the Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC). Held on March 24, the HMC instruction focused on Sections of the Code directly affecting lodge management and operation. MW Dennis Ing, PGM, GL conducted the very informative session.



RW Rick Huston, PM, JGW also spoke on "Masonic Leadership" and stressed the three tenets of Freemasonry as its basic foundation. The Grand Master, MW Monty Glover, also attended the seminar and updated the officers on the latest activities of the Grand Lodge.

In the post-event evaluation, the officers expressed that the seminar was "very useful" and recommended that a follow up instruction on the

GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION SET **by MW Marty Alexander, PGM, Grand Secretary**

Just a reminder that our Grand Lodge's Annual Communications is coming up on April 20th and 21st. Whether your part of the voting contingent or not, there is much to glean from attending. The proposed resolutions have all been sent out to the lodges for their review in advance so that everyone can make well informed decisions when casting their votes. A summary of the proposed legislation is as follows:

2012-1 *To amend the Hawaii Masonic Code by changing the composition of the Long-Range Planning Committee of the Grand Lodge.*

2012-2 *To permit establishment of Reserve Account(s) for the maintenance and repair of Masonic Temples.*

2012-3 *Out of Order*

2012-4 *To give the Grand Secretary authority to Issue Certificate of Good Standing.*

2012-5 *To change frequency in which a Hiram or McKee Award can be given.*

2012-6 *Withdrawn by Proponent*

2012-7 *To change distribution method of Grand Lodge Proceedings and the Hawaii Masonic Code.*

2012-8 *To allow multiple candidates during degree work.*

2012-9 *To change procedure of notification of applications for degrees and affiliations.*

There is a schedule of events available on the Grand Lodge website at HawaiiFreeMason.org. It is included in the registration packet available on the home page. If you haven't registered yet, please hurry as the deadline for giving the banquet facilities a final head count is soon.

Please note a special event that weekend. On Friday morning April 20, there will be a rededication of the Makiki Temple. What a source of pride for all of Masonry in our state. I have only seen but pictures of the renovation but it looks amazing!

We hope to see you there.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I received articles from WB Jeff Low, Master, and Brother Melvin Kau, organist, of Lodge Le Progres, concerning the events and display of King David Kalakaua's Masonic jewels and memorabilia, which were the subject of an article of the March 4th edition of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. I was unable to transfer the article into this newsletter as it was a scanned copy in a .pdf file. However, I have received several photos provided by MW Dennis Ing taken during the tour of the Palace provided for Hawaii Masons.



DEDICATION



KALAKAUA RECEPTION



PROCESSION TO THE PALACE



HAWAII MASONS TOUR IOLANI PALACE AND VIEW MASONIC MEMORABILIA BELONGING TO KING DAVID KALAKAUA





GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII ATTENDS THE CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF NORTH AMERICA IN ATLANTA GEORGIA



Most Worshipful Monty Glover, accompanied by RW Tony Ligaya, Deputy Grand Master, RW Frank Condello, SGW, RW Rick Huston, JGW, and MW Marty Alexander attended the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Atlanta, GA 17-21 February.

Photos above left to right: MW Monty and RW Frank with MW Mike Sanders, Grand Master of Washington State, MW Monty and RW Frank with the Grand Master of Japan, MW Monty, MW Marty and Sister Fe Ligaya chow down on the first night's Banquet, "Georgia on my Mind". Below: RW Tony and Sister Fe at a Sea Food Restaurant where MW Monty treated us to some fine dining.



The Grand Lodge of Hawaii announces the sale of the "Lewis Jewel". The Lewis Jewel is a Masonic Jewel designed with 2 or 3 bars, reflecting your name on the bottom bar, above your Paternal Father if he is/was a Mason in Good Standing. If your Paternal Grand Father was also a Mason in Good standing, his name can go above your Fathers. It's your Jewel to show your pride in your Masonic bloodline. The 2 bar Jewel is \$75.00, the 3 bar is \$100.00 and comes engraved with the names. Contact MW Marty Alexander, Grand Secretary for further information. The application will also be made available on the Grand Lodge Web Site.