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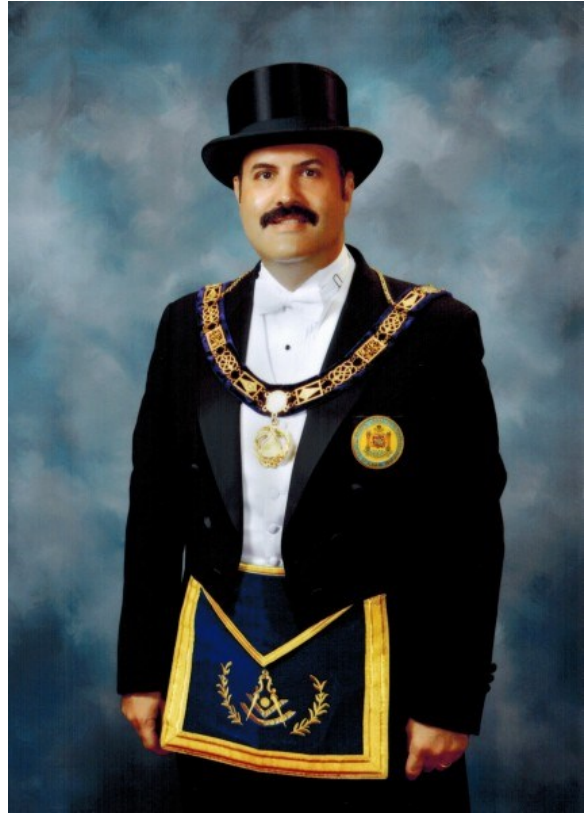
*Front Cover: David Kalākaua, King of Hawaii. The "Merrie Monarch" was raised in Lodge Le Progres de l'Océanie in 1859 and was Master of the Lodge in 1876. Born in 1836, he reigned from 1874 until his death in 1891. Married to Queen Kapiolani, he laid the cornerstone of Iolani palace in a Masonic ceremony on December 31, 1879, her 45<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

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## FROM THE GRAND MASTER M.W. FRANK M. CONDELLO II

Aloha brethren! It is hard to believe that three months have already passed since I became your Grand Master. I have been quite busy with Grand Lodge business since that time. The day after becoming Grand Master of Hawaii, I traveled to the Philippines to attend the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in Iloilo. I first want the brethren to know that I paid for this trip out of my own pocket, but felt it was important to attend, to represent Hawaii and make and lasting connections with their grand line. I was very impressed on how involved our Filipino brethren are and how dedicated they are to everything Masonic.

In June, I had the pleasure to attend the Annual Communication for Oregon and Washington State. Both RW Rick Huston and I had a wonderful time representing Hawaii and getting to know our brethren better in those states. After talking with many brethren in both states, I want to mention to you all in Hawaii, that you should be very proud of the dedication you have to the ritual. In those states, in order to be qualified to be Worshipful Master, you only have to be able to run a stated business meeting and be able to open and close the



lodge. You do not need to be able to confer any of the degree work or perform any of the lectures! I have noticed this from other states as well. We make it challenging for our officers to qualify for their chairs, but when you do accomplish your goal, you are fully qualified to administer and lead your lodge as Master. We also have a Past Master of Honolulu Lodge, Worshipful Dale Palileo, who now lives in Portland, Oregon, representing us well. He is now Worshipful Master of Friendship Lodge #160 in Portland and has committed himself to memorizing all of the ritual like we require here in Hawaii. This has greatly impressed the brethren of his lodge

and the Grand Lodge of Oregon has noticed this as well. Great job representing Hawaii, Worshipful Dale! So, even as we do allow for short form qualifications and an occasional Grand Master's Fast Class, our standards are still higher than just about every other jurisdiction in this country. Be proud, brethren!

As you can see from the pictures, the Fourth of July parade in Kailua was a huge success! I commend Ko'olau Lodge for sponsoring this every year. Our turnout this year was the largest ever. We also had the pleasure of having the Grand Master of Prince Hall in Hawaii, MW Howard Covington, and many other Prince Hall brethren in attendance. I dare say that we may have had as many as 75 or more participating this year. I know we have made a special bond with Prince Hall and they will likely participate with us each year as a result. Great job!

I am writing this article prior to the Fast Class, but as of this writing, we have 65 scheduled to go through. I know that this will be a special day for all of them and I am proud that the ritual work will be performed by Grand Lodge officers, including yours truly. I know that everyone doesn't agree with Fast Classes and that is fine. I just want to say this: Being able to memorize doesn't automatically make you a better man or a Mason for that matter than the next brother. It is truly what is in your

heart as a brother that makes you a good and honorable man and Mason. Remember that when you are thinking about judging someone who goes through Fast Class. And remember this, with good Masonic education by the lodges following the class, and encouragement to attend lodge on a regular basis, they will learn the ritual just as well as anyone else. And if they plan to become an officer, they will need to learn all of the floor work and lectures anyway. Please support these brethren and welcome them to the fraternity.

We are getting in the groove of Grand Lodge visitations and I look forward to visiting Kilauea and Kona Lodges on the Big Island in late July. We will be camping out with the brethren of Kilauea at Kalopa Park and having a wonderful beach BBQ with the brethren of Kona and their families.

As I mentioned in my speech at the Installation of Grand Lodge Officers in April, I plan to have a Constitutional Observance event in late September. I have been busy planning this and it will be a wonderful day for all. We will have a pirate ship as our back drop and brethren in colonial costumes giving speeches from brethren that were not only patriots, but Freemasons as well. I will be highlighting the Masonic histories of these brethren into the speeches so the general public and media will become aware of their affiliation with our ancient and honorable

fraternity. I will be asking soon for you to notify me if you would like to participate. My hope is that will become an annual Grand Lodge event that will promote Freemasonry in the community as well as educate the public. Please plan to participate and have a wonderful time.

My news up to this point has been all positive. But will all things, it is sometimes necessary to discuss very serious and somber issues. We have had problems in the past with brethren expressing their opinions on social media, such as e-mail and Facebook. Sometimes, hurtful things are said and other brethren take personal offense to what is said. We have warned the brethren before, but it must be said again to please be careful what you write on social media. E-mails can be forwarded and Facebook is out there for everyone to see. Pause and ponder whether what you are about to post is appropriate and does it reach the high standard of honor that we should hold ourselves to as Masons. Some of you are aware of recent incidents where statements were made that could have been construed as being racial in nature. Feelings were hurt and trust was broken. Apologies were made that I believe were heartfelt, but not accepted by all. It will take time for these brethren to make good with each other and that brotherly bond may never be the same as a result. This is why it is so important to think first before you act. It is also very

dishonorable that there are brethren out there that are trying to bait or set up other brethren using racially charged statements or documents that are not genuine. There will be hell to pay if I discover who is capable or willing to stoop to such a low level. As I have always said, **SERVE WITH HONOR!** If you cannot do this, then Freemasonry is not for you.

In closing, I hope you like the new look of the Hawaii Freemason newsletter. I want us to be proud of our jurisdiction and I want the world to see that we are a professional and honorable organization doing good in the Hawaiian Islands. In the same light, we have updated the Grand Lodge of Hawaii website. Please visit the wonderful looking site at [HawaiiFreemason.org](http://HawaiiFreemason.org). We have been getting many hits from all over the world and I believe it has set the bar higher. Thanks to Brother Mark Leo, who has given me great assistance with the overhaul of the newsletter and the website. Mahalo, my good brother!

I am honored to be your Grand Master and am proud of our accomplishments up to this point. We are a small jurisdiction but we hold our own. I am willing to bet that we will be one of only a few states that will have positive membership growth this year. We are doing something right and I encourage all of you to keep the faith and fight the good fight. We will all be stronger as a result.

## FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER R.W. RICHARD B. HUSTON

Aloha and Fraternal Greetings! Seems like only a year since I was elected as the Junior Grand Warden, and I have now been the Deputy Grand Master for two months already.

These first two months have been very rewarding for me as I travelled with the Grand Master to both the Grand Lodge of Oregon and Washington for their Annual Communications. If I could summarize these visits in one statement, it would be, "There are no boundaries to the experiences, lessons, fellowship and friendship in Masonry."

I found it very interesting to sit during the business sessions of both Grand Jurisdictions, and not the similarities and the differences, and how they compare to the way we conduct our Annual Communication. Although the "root purpose" is the same in all three, reports of committees, Grand Master's report, resolutions, voting, etc. there were differences in how the sessions were conducted, that I believe enhanced the overall sessions. I came home with several thoughts on how we, during our Annual Communications, can streamline, enhance and improve on how we make time of our two



day event. NOT that there has been anything wrong with our past AnCom's, I just think we can improve upon how we have been conducting them in the past. More to follow.

There is one thing I would like to express my opinion on, a statement that I heard during one of the business sessions. It was made by a young brother, an officer of one of the Blue Lodges. Which Brother, Lodge, or even Grand Jurisdiction is not important. The comment was made during discussion on a proposed Resolution; he was speaking "against" the resolution. Even the subject of the resolution is not important or pertinent to the word I heard several times in his objection. Now, let me say up front that I do not believe for one minute

that this Brother was deliberately being un-masonic, rebellious, disrespectful or arrogant. I believe that is as simple as, "this is how I view my masonic commitment" in order to make his point. The word is "Volunteer."

In making his statement against the resolution he alluded to the fact that he, and everyone in the room, were "volunteers" and as such, do not need to have stringent requirements or expectations placed on them, such as this resolution would do, as they are "volunteers" and would not be here if they didn't want to be Masons to begin with. I believe in attempting to make his point, which seemed to have some validity, he actually missed the point – both in his perspective on the resolution, and the resolution itself. But I'm getting carried away with this – it's not about the resolution, or this particular Brother, it's the word – requirements, responsibilities, and dedication. Let's take a moment and give a couple scenarios, from one extreme to the other, of a volunteer:

1 – A person who steps forward and says, "I will help with this, and I will not charge you; I will do what I can, when I can, but don't expect more."

2 – Then there are volunteers, some famous in the history of our country such as the Tennessee Volunteers – a group of men who volunteered to fight for this country with the North Carolina Militia

during the American Revolution. Many of these "volunteers" gave their life for this cause.

Now, as Master Masons, or in a lodge of Master Masons, do we really expect that each one of us actually fall into one of these two categories – or somewhere in between? Perhaps a happy medium?

I say none of these. I do not believe that the term "volunteer" and "Master Mason" are synonymous. In fact, I do not believe that the term "volunteer" should ever be used when describing, talking about, or anticipating the conduct of any Mason or Lodge – period.

It is true that each and every one of us "chose" to become Master Masons. We chose to become better men, to aid and support one another. We took obligations to that end. We chose to live the principles of Freemasonry, to exercise the tenants of Masonry, and to that end, to do and be the very best that we can be. We should not allow ourselves to fall into a scenario of "expected to be" or "required to be" but instead place on ourselves the desire and fortitude to be "the very best I can be, and do the very best that I can do, for myself, my Brethren, and Masonry." That's why I became a Freemason, that's why I became an officer of my Lodge.

I am not a volunteer, I am a Master Mason.

## FROM THE SENIOR GRAND WARDEN R. W. MICHAEL P. BAKER

### "THE UNDISCOVERED JOURNEY"

Almost all journeys start with a goal, a place you want to get to. I believe a journey differs in many ways from a simple trip. When I refer to a trip it is generally somewhere I've been before, most often along a well-known route and as a rule of short duration. A journey always conjures in my mind a longer venture, over a route or routes unknown to me, to a destination I have never been to.

How many times have we set out on one of life's journeys and arrived in a place totally unexpected? Think about Columbus. He embarked on a journey to find a route to the Far East and arrived at an undisclosed continent. Later, Lewis and Clark set out to cross that land mass and were amazed at its diversity and vastness. In one way or another, all journeys involve some type of discovery, either along the way, at the destination, or both.

For all those journeys that are successful, for those that don't turn back and actually arrive somewhere, there is a commonality: they were prepared! Columbus took not only one ship, but three. Marco Polo, Lewis and



Clark and others who ventured into the unknown took supplies, food to eat, water to drink, items to trade, tools to build, weapons to hunt and to keep from being hunted. Mankind as a whole has always sought to discover; to embark on a journey and find that which no one else has found, to go where no one else has gone, and to learn that which was formerly unknown. We are all travelers on one journey or another.

Masonry is the Undiscovered Journey. Each man enters this Masonic Journey knowing very little of it, the course it will take or the unknown destination. Unlike other long ventures, he brings little with him – his good character and the belief in a Supreme Being. He

receives the supplies he will need a bit at a time. For each Mason, both the journey and the final destination or goal may differ vastly. One Mason may enjoy the work and highly value its precepts, while another Mason cherishes the comradery he finds in the brethren. The journey for both Masons is different, but equally worthy and beneficial. A man may join Masonry with the simple goal of becoming a Shriner, but at the end of his journey we may now find him as a Past Master. There are many

of those who have joined the craft with the idea that it would benefit them with customers or business contacts, only to discover the joy of unselfish giving and volunteering. With Masonry, it is the journey itself that changes you!

We are all on that wonderful Undiscovered Journey and Masonry provides all we will ever need to a successful venture to arrive at a worthy destination.



**FROM THE  
JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN  
R. W. ANDREW L. GEISER**

I recently came across some Masonic poems, most appealed to me in some way or another. I especially like the following - mostly because the author is unknown, just another Brother who so eloquently shared his thoughts with us.

### **“Am I a Builder?”**

I watched them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town.  
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,  
They swung a beam and the sides fell.  
I asked the foreman, “Are these men skilled  
And the kind you would hire, if you had to build?”  
And he gave me a laugh and said, “No indeed,  
Just common labor is all I need.  
I can easily wreck in a day or two  
What other builders have taken a year to do.”  
And I thought to myself as I went my way,  
“Which of these roles have I tried to play?  
Am I a builder that works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square.  
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,  
Patiently doing the best I can?  
Or am I a wrecker who walks the town,  
Content with the labor of tearing down.”

## FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

**M.W. MARTY P. ALEXANDER, PGM**

Just a reminder that according to HMC §2548 DUTIES OF SECRETARY, the Lodge Secretary semi-annual financial reports are due to their lodge at their August stated meeting and must be sent to the Grand Lodge no more than 15 days later. Standardized forms can be found in ROLLS.

We are calling Lodge Secretaries right now to try to coordinate our Secretary Workshops. There will be 1 on Kauai for 1 lodge, 1 on Oahu for 7 lodges, 1 on Maui for 1 lodge and 1 on the Big Island for 2 lodges. The workshops will be focused on Lodge Secretaries but Lodge Masters, Senior Wardens and Lodge Inspectors are encouraged to attend as well.

There has been a lot of new ROLLS activity with all of the new candidates from the Grand Master's One-Day Class. Secretaries should

call if you need any help entering information or setting up their dues structures.

While I am sure everyone has filed their IRS 990's, not everyone has verified it in ROLLS. There are 4 lodges who haven't done their verification. Please remember this is a requirement of the HMC.

Please remember to email me at [grandlodgehi@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:grandlodgehi@hawaiiantel.net) with your secretarial requests so that they can get addressed and processed quicker than mailing them into the office.

Not all lodges have sent their request for the Grand Master's visit or their Officer's Installation dates. Please do so as soon as you can.

Please check out our redesigned Grand Lodge website at [HawaiiFreemason.org](http://HawaiiFreemason.org). It not only looks great but is full of up-to-date information for everyone. Brother Mark Leo has not only taken our website up to the next level but has jumped it up 10 levels. Kudos go out to him for his splendid work.



Lodge	Master	Members
Hawaiian Lodge	WM Michael J. Lopez	452
Honolulu Lodge	WM Diamond M. Robinson	221
Kauai Lodge	WM Christopher A. Stowe	40
Kilauea Lodge	WM Donald M. Millard, Jr	85
Ko'olau Lodge	WM Seth A. Connell	85
Kona Lodge	WM J. Daniel Miller	81
Leeward Lodge	WM Percival A. Sudiagal	180
Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie	RW Richard B. Huston	231
Lodge Maui	WM Jerry Eiting	113
Pearl Harbor	WM Mike Maklary	178
Schofield Lodge	WM Darryl E. Lajola	161

## **BLING, BLING, BLING!**

### **M. W. DENNIS ING, PGM**

### **GRAND LECTURER**

How about starting a mini-debate on a lighter subject?

The Masonic Service Association of North America reported that among the top ten questions they receive each year is: "What is the correct way to wear a Masonic ring?" Should the square and compass face outward or inward? How do most Masons wear theirs?

Except for aprons and officer jewels, there are no restrictions on wearing Masonic "bling." You can wear as many lodge pins as you can find space for, hang your Past Master's jewel on a chain under your collar, and drape your Hiram and McKee Awards around your neck at the same time. Or you can attach all your pins and jewels on a sash and wear it from shoulder to hip.

When I was in the 7th grade my father and I were browsing the display case at my school. He noticed that the school featured four medals: one for the best athlete, another for the most religious, another for the highest grade point average, and one for best "all around student." "If you get that last one, the Headmaster's Award," my father mused, "that would make me the most proud."

By the time I was a senior, I knew that I definitely wasn't the most athletic or religious. I didn't have the highest GPA, and *ipso facto* I wasn't the best all-around. But I had participated in a lot of activities and had received pins and medals for dramatics, debate, French, speech, National Honor Society and four different social clubs. This was it, I thought. My last chance to wear all this bling. So with all these adornments on my white dinner jacket I looked like an ambassador.

I thought everyone else was going to wear their medals, too. They didn't. When I went up to receive the Headmaster's Award, I looked like the guy who had to shout out to everyone how much I had accomplished in high school. My father was proud, but I was truly embarrassed. And all the junk on my coat seemed to lessen the significance of the prize I had just won.

Ever since that evening, I have minimized what medals I wear. First, it must either be neutral or pertain to the event I'm attending. Second, I try to wear the most significant of those medals. I might wear an additional something around my neck, and that's it. When I see a lapel full of pins and medals, I think back to my high school graduation and smile. But that's just me.

No rules. No protocol. Wear whatever makes you happy.

## "HONOR THROUGH INTROSPECTION"

HON. OWEN SHIEH

### GRAND ORATOR

As we continue this Grand Masonic year here in the beautiful Hawaiian Isles, we are reminded by our Grand Master about our duty to "Serve with Honor." But what is this honor that we seek to uphold? What is this honor that we should abide by? We learn from the tradition passed through our ritual that "Freemasonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors." So why then would we seek honor?

My Brother, since the first moment we stepped foot in lodge, Freemasonry has shown us that the intrinsic value and worth of a man lies not in his wealth or fame, but in his thoughts and deeds. To be honorable is to think and act with integrity at all times and in all our interactions with our fellow human beings, both inside and outside of lodge. Yet, this sense of honor cannot come through commandments. It cannot come through a due observance of rules and precepts. It cannot be found in ritual. It cannot be found in names or titles. Even the will and pleasure of a Worshipful Master is unable to bestow honor upon us. So where can we discover honor?

*Honor, worthily obtained...is in its  
nature a personal thing, and*

*incommunicable to any but those  
who had some share in obtaining it.*

~ **Bro. Benjamin Franklin**

Indeed, honor is found through introspection – a deeply personal, honest, and fearless exploration and critique of our own minds. Confronting our own habits, conceptions, and misgivings can be extremely difficult. After all, our five senses and our minds are tuned to critique the external world and the people around us, rather than ourselves. It is easy to identify the problems of others or to defend ourselves in the face of criticism. Yet, introspection requires us to transcend these limitations. We must be *fearless* in our resolve to improve ourselves. Out of habit, we may feel that admitting a fault is a sign of weakness, but in reality, confronting ourselves is the true test of strength. And it is this strength that sows the seeds of great honor.

Since time immemorial, our ancient and honorable, global Masonic fraternity has championed the cause of personal liberty, intellectual dialogue, and philosophical growth by fostering a sense of brotherhood through our mutual promise of self-improvement through introspection. Within the walls of our Masonic lodges, the seeds of honor have been nurtured for generations, wherein the fruits of human potential were borne in the compositions of Mozart, Beethoven,

and Sibelius; in the words of Voltaire, Twain, and Kipling; in the leadership of Washington, Churchill, and Roosevelt; in the athleticism of Naismith, Cobb, and Wagner; and even on the battlefield under the commands of MacArthur, Doolittle, and LeJeune. These men, and many more, found in Freemasonry not an expedient means for their excellence, but a spark of inspiration that ignited their enthusiasm for what life had to offer. And surely, they were only able to do so with regular and fearless introspection. Like a ship at sea battling the waves of a raging storm, where a successful voyage depends upon constant and steady adjustments to stay on course, so these Brothers used their Masonic compass to cultivate their sense of honor that eventually propelled them to greatness. With honor, their success naturally followed. They entered society with ideas – and left with a legacy.

Without introspection, honor will forever elude our grasp. Without introspection, honor is but a figment of our imaginative ego. Without introspection, Freemasonry becomes nothing more than another civic organization with membership requirements. So let us think deeply about how we can truly cultivate a sense of honor, not through an attachment to names, titles, and Masonic procedure, but through *honest* and *fearless* introspection.

*Am I being the best Mason I can possibly be?*

*What more can I do to serve the lodge and my fellow Brothers?*

*Is there a Brother to whom I can lend a hand or an ear in his time of need?*

*Did I inadvertently say or do something today that may have unintended consequences?*

*What more can I do to circumscribe my passions?*

*If I am an officer, are my actions upholding the honor of the title bestowed upon me?*

Let us reaffirm our obligation to each other by promising to circumscribe our passions, not through an adherence to rules and regulations, but through fearless introspection and an honest concern for our fellow travelers, young and old. When honor is discovered and “worthily obtained” in this way, it becomes cemented into our being in such a way that no person, no event, and no circumstance can take it away from us. Once we have mastered introspection, acting with honor becomes a habit, and everything else – our duties, obligations, and actions at lodge, at home, and at work – naturally fall into place.

So, my Brother, with this in mind, let us serve our Craft with honor, and may we continue to build our unfinished temples and to walk this rewarding journey from darkness to light, with everlasting wisdom, strength, and beauty.

## **"THE 'AMERICAN DOCTRINE' IN THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII" HON. STEPHEN D. CARROLL GRAND HISTORIAN**

For several years at the turn of the last century, the four Lodges in the Territory of Hawaii held their charters from three separate Grand Lodges – Lodge Le Progres de l'Océanie #124 through the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Supreme Council of France; Hawaiian Lodge #21 and Kilauea Lodge #330 from the Grand Lodge of California and Pacific Lodge #822 (to become Honolulu Lodge) via the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

In 1898, the Territory of Hawaii came under United States control, and a few years later, the "American Doctrine" – wherein every Grand Lodge in the United States declared that only one Grand Lodge can be recognized as legitimate in each of the States, and that where a Grand Lodge has been established, no other Grand Lodge can assume jurisdiction – became an issue that threatened the harmony of our fraternity.

The crux of the problem, it seemed, was while that the "American Doctrine" asserts that no foreign Grand Lodge has the right to issue charter or dispensation within the geographic confines of the territory

of an American Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Scotland had done exactly that, when Judge Henry Cooper (Past Master, Hawaiian Lodge #21, 1894; Past Master, Pacific Lodge #822, 1895; and Acting District Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland) sailed to Maui onboard the steamer "Claudine" and constituted Lodge Maui #984 in 1904.

Later that year, an Entered Apprentice named James J. Smiddy was initiated into Hawaiian Lodge #21, and requested to receive the 2nd and 3rd Degrees of Masonry from Lodge Maui #984. Bro. Smiddy's request to WB Abraham Lewis, Jr. (Hawaiian #21, 1904) was deferred to WB John Rothwell (1905) as unfinished business, who requested that the Grand Master in California address the following questions:

"(1) Do you rule that Maui lodge is regular and legitimate? [in regards to the "American Doctrine" issue explained above]

(2) Is there any reason why Hawaiian lodge or any other lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California may not hold Masonic intercourse with Maui lodge, or otherwise? Feeling that in the interests of harmony among the Fraternity throughout this Territory, it would be a greater mistake to offer affront in Maui lodge and thereby to Pacific lodge, which is unquestioned as to its standing by refusing to recognize Maui lodge than to treat the latter

cordially and as a regular and legitimate as ourselves, so far as ordinary courtesies are concerned..."

WB Rothwell noted in his correspondence that the Grand Lodge of California had addressed a similar issue when the Grand Lodge of Hamburg had attempted to establish lodges within the jurisdiction of the sovereign Grand Lodge of New York at their 2nd Annual Communication in 1851, and had passed the following resolution:

*"Resolved. That this grand lodge can give no countenance or support to the pretention of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg or any other foreign grand lodge, to a right to grant charters for lodges in any of the territor[ies] of the United States of America."*

Most Worshipful George W. Hunter answered succinctly, "I have no desire to interrupt the pleasant

personal relations now existing among the Brethren of Hawaii as disclosed by your letter, nor to prevent them from making fraternal visits back and forth between the lodges under this Jurisdiction and those under any other. I confine myself at present to prohibiting the interchange of courtesies as to conferring degrees between the two lodges under our jurisdiction on the one hand and the Maui lodge under the other, and leave it to our grand lodge at its next annual communication to say whether I have done right in this respect and also to say what the relations shall be between the members of this jurisdiction and the members of Maui lodge, and topazes upon the regularity and legitimacy of Maui lodge if it sees fit to do so."

More than a decade later, this issue finally became moot, as Lodge Maui #984 (under the Grand Lodge of Scotland) became the last lodge in the Territory of Hawaii to surrender their foreign charter and align under the Grand Lodge of California as Lodge Maui #472.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on 14 June 1848, recorded in their Quarterly minutes, "A petition for a Dispensation for a Lodge at Honolulu, Sandwich Island, was received..." At the following Communication (13 Sept **1848**), the Committee on Petition recommended that "a Dispensation be issued under which they may work till a Charter shall be regularly granted." It appears that this dispensation was abandoned in order to pursue the Hawaiian Lodge's **1852** charter from the Grand Lodge of California. Read the minutes: [tinyurl.com/GLMASS-1848-175](http://tinyurl.com/GLMASS-1848-175) and [tinyurl.com/GLMASS-1848-190](http://tinyurl.com/GLMASS-1848-190)

## HAWAIIAN LODGE RECEIVES MARK TWAIN 2012 AWARD



Hawaiian Lodge has another reason to be proud. It was proclaimed as one of the winners of the 2012 Mark Twain Award. Twenty-two of over 10,000 lodges in the United States received the national award. The award was first proclaimed by the Masonic Information Center (MIC) at the Annual Conference of Grand Masters in North America in Kansas City on February 17, and announced locally at the 24th Hawaii Annual Communication on April 20.

The Mark Twain Masonic Awareness Award recognizes lodges across the United States that have demonstrated exemplary work in constructing a positive Masonic identity within the lodge and for the local community. Initiated in 2006 by the Masonic Information Center, an arm of the Masonic Service Association of North America, the Mark Twain Award was initially planned for three years. With growing Lodge participation across the nation, the competition was extended for an additional four years, ending last year.

This is the first time a lodge in the Hawaii Jurisdiction has won this national award, according to MIC's report.

"The anemic knowledge and understanding, if not misconception, of some sectors in the community about Freemasonry has challenged us to show – rather than argue – what Freemasonry truly is," says WB Raymund Liongson, master of Hawaiian Lodge in 2012. "Topped with the Masonic aspiration of becoming 'better men', we reflected on the Craft and came out with programs and activities that have served as venues for us to live the Masonic principles and ideals. This led us to explore out of the box and undertake new initiatives."

In 2012, Hawaiian Lodge strived to deepen the understanding and foster the realization of the basic tenets and cardinal virtues of Freemasonry, promoted Masonic public awareness, celebrated historic milestones of the Lodge, and contributed to the fulfillment of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii's Five Paddles of Progress. It did not only conscientiously carry out the customary degree

work, stated meetings, and perennial activities of a lodge, but also creatively explored out of the box new ideas and initiatives, decisively introducing new programs and projects, inspiring inter-lodge collaboration, and reaching out to the community.

Among the new initiatives and significant programs undertaken by Hawaiian Lodge in 2012 were volunteering in the Great Aloha Run, Read Aloud Program, School Keiki Pack, clean-up drives at Aiea and Puuhale schools, Masonic education, International Night, Masonic columbarium repainting, food drive, and Masonic Child ID, in partnership with the Grand Lodge. The Lodge also maintained its perennial programs such as Sweethearts Ball and Widows Night, summer picnic, Past Masters' Night, Layman's Night, scholarship program, and degree work.

"Where Freemasonry was not known or misconstrued, it has become a friend and a partner. In a modest way, we have shared aloha to the world and I am very grateful to all the brethren and officers who have made this happen," says WB Liongson.



## HONOLULU LODGE RECEIVES CITY & COUNTY HONORS

The Council of the City and County of Honolulu recently presented Honolulu Lodge F&AM with a certificate of recognition, honoring the lodge on the occasion of the 118<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding.



## BROTHERLY LOVE FROM BERMUDA

The brethren of Honolulu Lodge were recently presented with a beautiful Bermuda Cedar plaque and gavel from Bros. Jerome Reid and Seth Dowling on behalf of the brethren of Hannibal Lodge #224 (St. Georges, Bermuda).



## READY WHEN THE TIME COMES: HONOLULU LODGE BECOMES AN OFFICIAL RED CROSS PARTNER

Honolulu Lodge has partnered with the American Red Cross (Hawaii State Chapter) to provide volunteers in the event that local disaster relief is needed. Twenty-five brothers received training on disaster shelter setup and management. American Red Cross instructor Elizabeth Norcross (above right, with WB Gilles Tisseraud, PM and WM Diamond Robinson) provided instruction and led multiple what-if scenarios in break-out sessions.

