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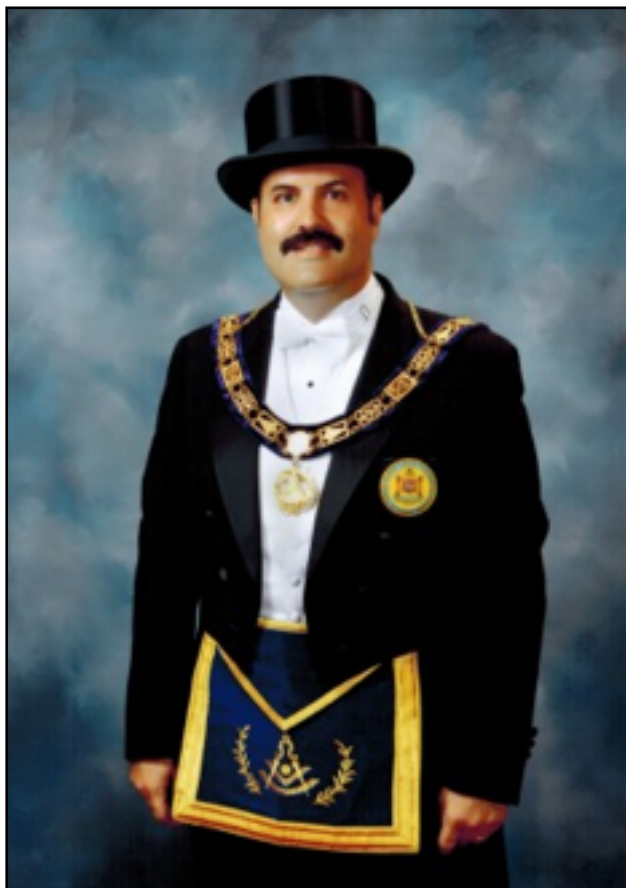


Message from the Grand Master

By MW Frank M. Condello II

Aloha Brethren! Well, it has been a busy quarter since our last newsletter. We have completed our visitations of lodges and Installation of Officers for all lodges. This kept us quite busy at the Grand Lodge level, but it is always a nice way to reconnect with our brethren throughout the jurisdiction. I have to say that I am impressed that the lodges are doing well and attracting motivated young men to the fraternity. Keep up the great work!

I will be leaving soon with the rest of the elected Grand line to attend the Conference of Grand Masters in North America, in Baltimore. This is an opportunity to meet with Grand Masters and their elected Grand line from Canada, United States, and Mexico. There are also many representatives from Europe that attend. Except for the Grand Master, the rest of the elected officers pay their own way to this conference. This shows their dedication to this jurisdiction and it is very much appreciated. We learn a lot about how other jurisdictions handle problems and other issues that arise. It is also a way to learn more about administration, Masonic Education, and issues that concern us all. I will also have the opportunity to showcase what Hawaii is doing well at the Western Conference of Grand Masters which is held the day before at the same location. Our jurisdiction is one of only a few that consistently has growth each year rather than a steady decline. It may be slow growth, but it is growth nonetheless. I think we can be very proud of this. I will also be highlighting a wonderful book written by our very own Grand Orator, Owen Shieh, called "Journey on the Level." If you haven't read it yet you should. It is a must read for any new



candidate in your lodge. It is very well written and an easy read. The book is available via Honolulu Lodge's website at honolulufreemasons.org.

Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii.

Some of you may be wondering what happened to the Constitutional Observance program that I was planning for my year as Grand Master. We unfortunately ran across logistical problems with finding an appropriate location for the event. A number of times I thought I had found a great location only to find out that they did not want the event to occur at their site. This was quite disconcerting. I finally found a patriotic location that was happy

to endorse our event, which is the USS Bowfin Museum in Pearl Harbor. In order to have more planning time and make this a great event that is not rushed, we will have our event on Saturday September 13th, 2014. I have the assurance of the future Grand Master, Rick Huston, that we can have the event during his year. I will head up the Constitution Observance Committee and make sure that this event is well attended and that the community and media is aware of it. We will need brethren who are willing to wear colonial costumes and memorize their parts for the event.

The Grand Lodge of Hawaii Black and White Ball is coming up on Friday March 7th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. This is traditional a very fun time and an opportunity for brethren of different lodges and their ladies to meet one another and dress up in their tuxes and evening gowns and dance the night away with great food and music. Please plan to attend and buy your tickets now! You can purchase them on the Grand Lodge website at hawaiifreemason.org through a paypal link. This should make it very easy for everyone to get their tickets.

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We will also be having another Grand Master's Fast Class on Saturday March 22nd at the Makiki Temple located at 1227 Makiki Street in Honolulu. This will be an all day event and will cover the Second and Third Degrees of Masonry. All attendees must already have received their First Degree initiation prior to attending but do not have to have given the First Degree proficiency. All interested brethren should contact their lodge secretary for more information. The cost is \$75 per applicant.

Many of you may have heard that we will be awarding the Mason of the Year award again this year. Brethren are encouraged to submit their nominations to the Grand Lodge for the Executive Board to review. This award will be presented to the deserving Brother at the Annual Communication in April. I will also be presenting an award for Master of the Year, which will go to a Worshipful Master of a lodge in this jurisdiction.

My time as Grand Master is short and this year has moved along quite quickly. For the most part, it has been a good one and it has been my sincere pleasure to serve this fraternity. There have been a few bumpy issues that have come up and there is still some dissention and back stabbing that I am not happy about, but we will overcome with persistence and dedication to our obligations. We all need to work together to ensure that we don't allow our beloved fraternity to become just another social club. We have such a rich and honorable past and I sincerely hope that the brethren are dedicated enough to care about its future.

Message from the Deputy Grand Master By RW Richard B. Huston

Aloha and Fraternal Greetings to all the Brothers and their families here in Hawaii.

Currently the Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Grand Secretary are representing your Grand Lodge at the North American Conference of Grand Masters in Baltimore. Both myself and the Junior Grand Warden were scheduled to attend, however, a serious family issue as well as a personal health issue for both of us, found us sidelined for the trip. I have survived both issues and am scurrying now to get caught up and back in the game. I ask you to keep RW Andy and his family in your prayers. I have communicated with him during the past couple of days and know he too is recovering and will soon be able to re-engage.

I would first of all like to congratulate Most Worshipful Frank Condello on a great 2013-2014 Grand Lodge Year as we head towards the annual communication just two months off. It has been both a pleasure and a learning experience for me serving for him as a member of the Grand Lodge Executive Committee this past year. It is comforting to know he has an additional one year commitment to the Grand Lodge as the upcoming Jr. Past Grand Master!

I want to say a few things about Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie. Many of you know that this time honored Lodge, the oldest in Hawaii, has also struggled recently. It has been operating now for 17 or 18 months as a lodge under dispensation. We need not address the reasons it was necessary for the Grand Master to step in and take control, let us just say it was the obvious and correct course of action. For



RW Richard B. Huston, Deputy Grand Master

the past 12 or 13 months, I have had the privilege and the honor of serving in the East for Le Progres, as the sitting Master, duly appointed by the Grand Master. Although an honor and privilege, it hasn't been without its ups and downs. But through it all there is Masonic lesson, at least for me, and I hope for you. You see, there have been a hand-full of dedicated, believing Brothers, called Masons, that continue to show up on Friday nights, and stand ready to do whatever needs doing to tile a lodge, be it a stated meeting or a degree, they're always there, and have shown they can be counted on. And LPL has strengthened because of it, they have conducted both 1st and 2nd degrees, as well as our stated

meetings. They have nurtured and counseled the new EA on to FC, then we have turned around and used these new FC during the EA degrees. These Brethren, although not elected, appointed or installed have pro-temp in every position from Tyler to Master. Recently we have seen an increase in the return of some of the older members of Le Progres, to include some Past Masters. We have also seen Masonry in action by the attendance of several of our Brethren from other lodges, coming in to show support and encouragement. Several weeks ago, the Master and Officers of Hawaiian Lodge came to our Friday night meeting, and conducted a courtesy 3rd degree for Brother Nicolas Roche, who was off to the Honolulu Police Academy the following Monday, and we wanted him to go as a Master Mason. Le Progres lives on. Yes, it may take much more Time Patience and Perseverance, but I'm convinced it will survive and once again return to its time honored position with our other Blue Lodges in this grand jurisdiction.

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In closing, I do want to mention the up-coming Grand Lodge of Hawaii's Annual Communication, being held April 18th and 19th at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Honolulu. If you are not aware, this will be the 25th Annual Communications and Installation of Officer's for the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. This is a momentous event, celebrating 25 years of Hawaii's own Grand Lodge. The business



The Passing of Bro. Nicholas Roche (1/9/14)

sessions will be held on Friday, and Saturday morning, with installation of officers Saturday at 3:00 PM. It will end with the Installation Banquet, to be held Saturday night at the Hawaiian Hilton Village. Registration can be done by going to the Grand Lodge website at <http://hawaiifreemason.org> and clicking on Annual Communication.

From the Grand West

By RW Michael P. Baker, Senior Grand Warden

There have been over 22,000 books written and published about Freemasonry and probably many more articles, newsletters and blogs. A good many of those books and articles concern the real origins of Freemasonry. We do have a date certain as to the public beginning of the Craft, which was in London in 1717. We also have the rite and ritual which takes us back to King Solomon and the construction of the Temple. The building of the Temple is thought to have been about the tenth century BC. So, we know for certain, without any question or doubt, there is a 300 year history and could be as much as 3,000 years old according to the rite. However

the basic origins of the Craft may actually go back further than anyone ever imagined.

Ten thousand years ago was the start of the agrarian age, as mankind stopped being hunter-gatherers and started planting crops and domesticating animals. This era gave rise to civilizations and governments of various types all with laws and rules that regulated behavior. These governments provided for the common defense and regulated trade. But what of the time before that?

For the tens of thousands of years prior to the agrarian age there had to be standards of behavior for the tribes of hunter-gatherers. There can be no disagreement that without some set of moral and ethical boundaries the long term survival of the tribe would not be possible.

The very name “hunter-gatherers” tells you there were two distinct groups; those who foraged for food (grains, fruits and vegetables) and those who went out and killed animals for meat. There’s no question that hunting wild animals was far more dangerous, especially considering that the primary weapon was nothing more than a wooden stick sharpened into a spear. Hunting was also the only way the tribe could survive year round and additionally the skills required for hunting also served as defense or offense against other tribes.

The hunters were the most important people in the tribe. They would be men, who would hunt as a group and they would have very strong fraternal ties. To join the group you would have to want to be a hunter; probably have to ask to join. You would be required to learn the skills of a hunter, most probably in a progressive manner. You would have to earn the respect

and confidence of your fellow hunters and pledge your life to not only their defense, but also pledge to care for them if they were injured



RW Michael P. Baker, Senior Grand Warden

and care for their family, widows and orphans, should they be killed in a hunt. Among these hunters would develop a trust of one another unlike any other part or section of the tribe. These very strong fraternal ties uniquely mirror those of modern Masons. So we may find in these hunters, who kept mankind alive and well for over a hundred thousand years, the origins of a very noble and useful fraternity that may have formed the basic origin of what later became Masonry. However Masonry is not the only fraternity and Masonic Lodges are not the only lodges.

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With the advent of the agrarian age mankind started domesticating animals and planting crops. The brave hunters were replaced by docile farmers (former gatherers) who learned how to ferment grain into alcohol. When the farmers got together and drank the alcohol they believed they were as brave, as noble and as worthy as the hunters and that they should have a fraternity as well. With great envy of the hunters they decided to name their fraternities after the big game the hunters had always brought home; Lions, Moose and Elk. And that my brothers is the probable origin of the animal Lodges!

From the Grand South

By RW Andrew L. Geiser, Junior Grand Warden

A Beautiful System Of Morality, Veiled In Allegory, Illustrated By Signs And Symbols. This is a direct form of Masonic rhetoric, and it's full understanding is embedded in the allegory of the Order.

A Beautiful System Of Morality: reminds us of God's system, or pattern, which He established for us to follow each day of our lives. That system is God's Moral Law. His Law is segmented into ten primary instructions that we know as The Ten Commandments.

Veiled in Allegory: reminds us that the Hidden Mysteries of Freemasonry can only be found and understood when we search our rituals, dictionaries and Holy Bibles for greater depth

and understanding in those things deemed secretive in Masonry.

Illustrated By Signs And Symbols: verifies the fact that Masonry is hidden and that it is secretive. Like the symbols that we display openly, our signs, words, grips, characters, etc., each carry a definite surface meaning. Yet,



RW Andrew L. Geiser, Junior Grand Warden

it is below that surface that we find the Spiritual, Material, Physical and intellectual allegories.

If, in the Lodge, we remove all signs, words, grips and hieroglyphics (symbols and characters), what remains is the craft and God's gift to mankind, which is the Holy Bible. Still, we have not moved Masonry; only the

illustrations and modes of projection have been moved. The allegories of Masonry are still present, in the Holy Bible. This is to say that Masonry is no more, and no less, than, the study and practice of religion; and the guiding of our actions within the realm of God's Law.

Ritual Goals for the Year

by MW Dennis S.A. Ing PGM, Grand Lecturer

Here are some reminders about our Ritual performance for the coming year:

Importance. Officers should always consider themselves role models for each other, for our members and as representatives of their lodge. Good ritual performance is important for several reasons: (1) it serves as a link to our historical past, as we realize that our ancient Brethren were speaking and moving in pretty much the same way as we do today; (2) good ritual instills pride among the officer corps and respect for them among our members, and thus serves as one reason to attend, serve and bring others to lodge; (3) with pride in performance comes good morale among our officers and members, (4) it inspires our members and others to become officers and otherwise to support the lodge; and (5) well-exemplified ritual more clearly teaches the moral and Masonic lessons of our fraternity.

Hierarchy. The final word as to the performance of ritual in your lodge is your Officers' Coach. His boss is the Grand Lodge Inspector assigned to your lodge, who appoints the Officers' Coach, usually in consultation with the Master. The Inspectors are appointed by the Grand Master in consultation with the Grand Lecturer. The Grand Lecturer is the "custodian" of the Ritual, and is responsible for seeing that the ritual is properly observed and performed. The Grand

Lecturer directs and supervises the Inspectors in their ritual duties, and with the Inspectors serves on the Ritual Committee, which he chairs. Inspectors are supposed to direct and instruct the Officers' Coach, and hold schools of instruction for the lodge. I advise our Inspectors to use a "hands-on" approach as teachers, and not to hesitate in giving a correction or an instruction to an officer, as long as he does so discreetly and without causing conflict or disharmony. (Differences of opinion between him and the Officers' Coach should be outside of the hearing of the other officers.) The Inspectors also represent the Grand Master when they attend their assigned lodges in an official capacity, and while there should be given the same respect and courtesy afforded the Grand Master.

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Qualifying for office. Every officer should set the Oriental Chair as his ultimate goal. Thus, as soon as he joins the "progressive line" – Organist, Stewards, Marshal, Deacons, Wardens – he should determine what it will take for him to advance. The Organist, Junior and Senior Stewards and Marshal should learn and recite all three charges. This is the first ritual "test" – getting used to recitation in open lodge, and learning Masonic vocabulary and syntax – without having to translate the cipher. Even though the charges are not required to qualify for office, they are essential to your ritual training. Too many Masters and Wardens today are unable to recite even one charge,

and that is a great handicap in their ability to perform ritual.

Although the Officers' Coach is the final authority on ritual performance, it is the Master who determines who performs the ritual and when. He usually directs the "casting" chores to the Senior Warden, who should announce the cast list well ahead of the performance. The Master himself should sit in the east only for stated meetings and perhaps the first performance of each Degree of the year. He should allow the Wardens to confer degrees and other officers to sit in the chairs required for their advancement.

We often suggest that each officer should learn the ritual not only for his office but also for the

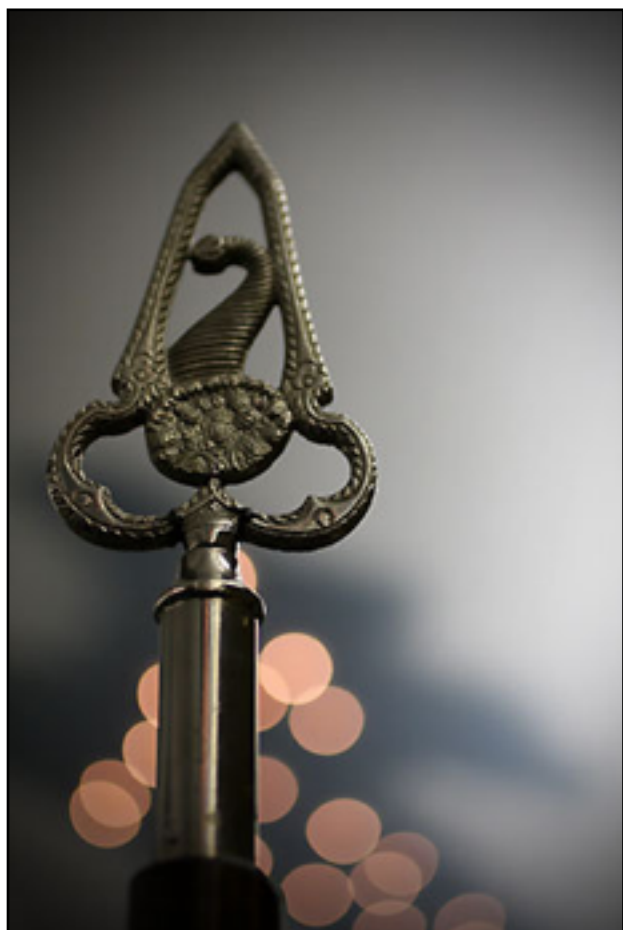


Photo: Steward's Rod (circa 2010) By: WB Mark P. Leo

next two chairs. This will give him a head start in learning these roles, and will enable him to step in if there is a vacancy, or if an officer decides to leave the line. For many and varied reasons, departure from the line usually occurs among the "junior" officers, so be prepared!

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Elections occur late in the year, but the Sr. Warden should push the officers (including himself) forward and should not put off qualifying until the fall. Everyone should be fully qualified for their next office by mid-summer, August at the latest. Please remember the following important requirements that are sometimes overlooked until too late: (a) the "work" of the Senior Deacon includes the Sr. Deacon/3rd Fellowcraft in the second section of the MM Degree, so the SD has to learn the Middle Chamber Lecture and his part in the 3rd Degree; (b) the Wardens and Master have to demonstrate their 3rd Degree Proficiency in open lodge as part of their qualifications; and (c) the Wardens also have to learn certain HMC sections that are part of a quiz given to each of you, which is open-book but necessary for qualification.

Miscellaneous reminders. Here are some fine ritual points that have appeared in prior articles, but which are often ignored: (1) the "good" JD ritualist knows not to say "without **the** permission of the Worshipful Master..." (i.e., there is no "the"); (2) the "good" SW ritualist says "**the** Sr. and Jr. Wardens" (who deserve a "the" before their titles) and not to say "the Sr. and Jr. Deacons" (who don't).

The “good” Worshipful Master ritualist (3) always says “**communicate**” when asking the SW to announce the opening; and (4) asks “Is **it** of his own free...” when addressing the SD, and “Is **this** of your own free...” when addressing the Candidate.

The SD, WM and Wardens ask “Has he made the necessary proficiency in the preceding degree?” – both proficiency and degree being singular (as opposed to “in addition to my former obligations” (which is singular in the 2nd and plural in the 3rd).

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The proficient SD remembers to say “**in the East**” when asking the Candidate to wait a time with patience. He also does not whisper, but speaks aloud (but only at a conversational level), when asked to “give it in a **low but distinct tone of voice**”. Whispering is done when the word is passed “not above your breath”.

When demonstrating the **square**, it is held upright so that it appears as the number “7” to the Candidate (or audience) – so the demonstrator is holding one arm at the bottom, while the other arm of the square extends to the demonstrator’s right. The **plumb** is held at the top, so the bottom drops straight down, in the manner in which a plumb is used. The **level** is also held at the top, so that the level (or straight line) is at the bottom. The **24-inch gauge** is held between the thumb and fingers on the top of the ruler so that the other hand can run along its “24 equal parts”. The

compass is held with the points up when instructing the SD to apply it, but with the points downward when demonstrating it as a working tool.

Finally, please refer to my article and calling down and up between degrees (Spring 2012), or go to the Officers’ Manual. Remember, when you are in a higher degree, the lodge is always in the higher degree, and is declared to be only at refreshment in order for labor to be resumed in the lower degree. Once the WM so declares, the lodge is in the lower degree, and the SD gives the sign in the lower degree.

(The arranging of the altar only symbolizes or signals what degree you’re in.) When calling up, you declare the lodge to be called from refreshment in the higher degree, to labor in the higher degree. It’s pretty clear in the Officers’ Manual. I am here simply giving the rationale.

Bro. Curtis Pi‘ehu ‘Iaukea

Compiled by WB Mark P. Leo

Brother Curtis Pi‘ehu ‘Iaukea (1855–1940) served as the chief diplomat of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i during the reigns of King Kalākaua and Queen Lili‘uokalani. ‘Iaukea was born December 13, 1855 in Waimea. His father was J. W. ‘Iaukea and mother was Lahapa Nalanipo. At an early age he was sent to live with adoptive parents Kaihupaa (his mother’s brother) and Keliapala to live in the building of the former Royal School. The building had been turned into a home for royal retainers known as kahu. His uncle Kaihupaa, who had been an assistant to King Kamehameha III, fell into a well trying to save ‘Iaukea when he was only about six. He was intended to be a companion for Prince Albert Kamehameha but the prince died in 1862.



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In November 1878 he was made Colonel of the King Kalākaua's person staff. From 1880 to 1881 he was Secretary in the Foreign Office.

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As the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, 'Iaukea was the most travelled member of the Hawaiian administration after Kalākaua. He served as the administration's envoy to the coronation of Tsar Alexander III of Russia and accompanied Queen Kapiolani to Washington, DC to meet

with President of the United States Grover Cleveland. He accompanied her again to the United Kingdom to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. Having developed a close friendship with the British Crown, he returned to the United Kingdom to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, representing the newly created Republic of Hawai'i. When the United States annexed the republic and established the Territory of Hawai'i, 'Iaukea became involved in local politics. He served as Sheriff of Honolulu 1907–1909. He also served as trustee of the Queen's Medical Center 1905–1909.

He served in the Territorial Senate 1913–1915, Secretary of State from 1917 to 1921, and Acting Governor of the Territory from December 30, 1919 to March 30, 1920. He died in March 5, 1940.

Brother Curtis P. Iaukea was made a Master Mason in Pacific Lodge No. 822, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland prior to its becoming Honolulu Lodge No. 409 under California, and ultimately Honolulu Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Hawaii.

Leadership Quotes

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"Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still." - Harry Truman

"To lead people, walk beside them ... As for the best leaders, the people do not notice their existence. The next best, the people honor and praise. The next, the people fear; and the next, the people hate ... When the best leader's work is done the people say, 'We did it ourselves!'" - Lao Tzu

"As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do." - Andrew Carnegie

Martin Luther King Jr. Parade

Photography by Bro. RB Rono



MW Frank M. Condello II and The Demolay



The Grand Masters marching side by side



WB Garry Graham PM and Noble Chris Acosta



Local participants spreading the aloha



The Brethren marching down Kalakaua Avenue



The Brethren continuing their march through Waikiki

Kalākaua Birthday Celebration

Photos contributed by RW Andrew L. Geiser



MW Condello addressing the crowd



RW Huston, MW Condello and guests



RW Andrew Geiser addressing the crowd



Hula dancers ready to perform



The festivities continue

From around the Jurisdiction



The 2014 Officers of Hawaiian Lodge



A gift from the Victoria Freemasons to WB Mark Leo



Kilauea Lodge Installation of Officers



Brethren organizing Super Typhoon Haiyan donations



Bro. Bonin installed Marshal of Honolulu Lodge



Volunteers for the Super Typhoon Haiyan relief drive

Upcoming Event: The Grand Lodge Black & White Ball



Date & Time

This year's Grand Lodge of Hawaii Black & White Ball will be held on **Friday March 7th, 2014 from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm** in the beautiful Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom.

Location

This year's Grand Lodge of Hawaii Black & White Ball will be held in the beautiful **Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom**, which is widely considered one of Hawaii's most beautiful ballrooms.

Dining & Experience

Guests will be treated to a gorgeous upscale experience including lively music, great fellowship and a delicious **Petit Filet Mignon & Fish Filet** dinner. Cost is \$95.00 per person.

Tickets available online at HawaiiFreemason.org
or through your Lodge secretary.

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