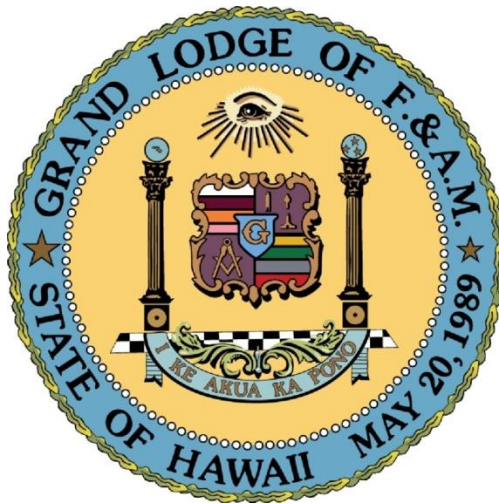


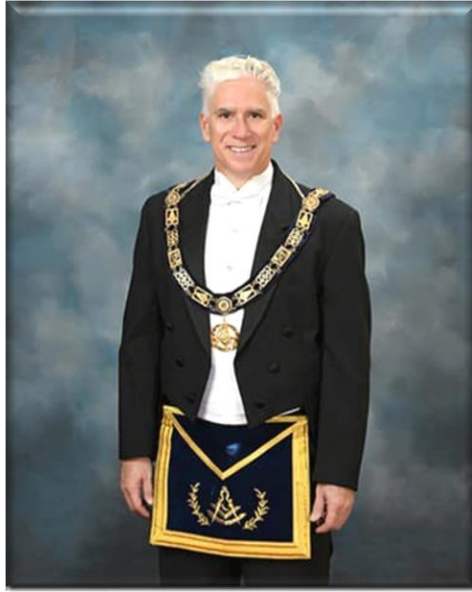
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Grand Master 2020 - 2021**



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VIRTUAL MEETING



STILL BEING UNDER COVID-19 GATHERING RESTRICTIONS, The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii held its Annual Communication virtually for the second time in as many years on Saturday, April 17, 2021 using the Zoom Video Conferencing platform.

FORMAL GRAND LODGE OPENING

At 9:00 am, Grand Master Most Worshipful Garry Graham called the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii to order by proclamation.

B U S I N E S S S E S S I O N

The Grand Master began by thanking everyone for joining us for our Thirty Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and reminded everyone to please keep their microphones smutted until recognized to speak.

Then, in order to establish if a quorum was present, Grand Secretary then gave the results of the credentials committee which was as follows:

Elected Grand Lodge Officers Registered

Most Worshipful Garry Graham Grand Master
Right Worshipful Edde T. KanaiDeputy Grand Master
Right Worshipful Dustin T. Verity Senior Grand Warden
Right Worshipful Gloriani A. LontocJunior Grand Warden
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander, PGMGrand Secretary
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM.Grand Lecturer

Past Grand Masters Registered

Most Worshipful Oscar M. Jayme.....2007
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing 2008
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander.....2009
Most Worshipful Monty Glover2011
Most Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya.....2012
Most Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr.....2015
Most Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser.....2016
Most Worshipful Albert B. Alvarez.....2017
Most Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan.....2018
Most Worshipful Alexander A. Escasa2019

Lodge Representatives Registered

HAWAIIAN LODGE

Worshipful Master	Marlon Calventas
Sr. Warden	Rudy Alvarado
Jr. Warden	Jonjie Punzalan (proxy carried by M. Calventas)
Past Master's Rep.	Robert Schultz

HONOLULU LODGE

Worshipful Master	Robert Kapanui
Sr. Warden	Jan Kershner
Jr. Warden	Aaron Daguio
Past Master's Rep	Mark Leo

KAUAI LODGE

Worshipful Master	Donald Traller
Sr. Warden	Herman Wilson
Jr. Warden	Francis Cleland (Did not register)
Past Master's Rep	Karvel Rose

KILAUEA LODGE

Worshipful Master	Jeffrey Cabanting-Rafael
Sr. Warden,	Michael Janovsky
Jr. Warden	Richard Stueber
Past Master's Rep	John Nordblom

KO'OLAU LODGE

Worshipful Master	Marc Rubenstein
Sr. Warden	Guy Hess
Jr. Warden	Scott-Michael Waracka
Past Master's Rep	Scott-Michael Waracka

KONA LODGE

Worshipful Master	Robert Self
Sr. Warden	James Lysiuk
Jr. Warden	Ramon Villasenor
Past Master's Rep.	Dan Miller

LEEWARD LODGE

Worshipful Master	Christian Cimafranca
Sr. Warden	Albert Alvarez
Jr. Warden	Ric Gloria
Past Masters' Rep.	Ric Gloria

LODGE LE PROGRES

Worshipful Master	Randy Rivera
Sr. Warden	Samson Thompson
Jr. Warden	Dino Montalbo
Past Master's Rep	Jared Namumnart

LODGE MAUI

Worshipful Master	Gerald Mateo
Sr. Warden,	Timothy Torres
Jr. Warden	Larry Julian (Did not register)
Past Master's Rep	Stew Enger

PEARL HARBOR

Worshipful Master	Jonathan Cross
Sr. Warden	Andrew Geiser PGM
Jr. Warden	Dimitar Georgiev (Did not register)
Past Master's Rep	Roy Ota

SCHOFIELD LODGE

Worshipful Master	Dado La Jola
Sr. Warden	James Sullivan
Jr. Warden	Patrick Boyd
Past Master's Rep	Keith Isaacson

The credentials committee reports the following registered vote count was as follows:

6	Elective Grand Lodge Officers
11	Past Grand Masters
41	Lodge Representatives

58	Total Votes Registered

of which there was a representative from all 11 lodges present. Therefore, satisfying a quorum of at least 50% of our chartered lodges was present as required by Hawaii Masonic Code Section 156 for the transaction of business.

2020 Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

Very Reverend Randolph V.N. Albano.....	Grand Chaplain
Honorable Stephen G. Karel.....	Grand Orator
Worshipful Aaron P. Daguio.....	Grand Marshal
Honorable Nicolai M. Khiterer	Grand Standard Bearer
Worshipful Herman K. Wilson	Grand Sword Bearer
Worshipful Keith N. Isaacson	Grand Bible Bearer
Worshipful Scott-Michael K. Waracka	Senior Grand Deacon
Worshipful Jonathan P. Cross	Junior Grand Deacon
Worshipful David H. Gomes	Senior Grand Steward
Worshipful Bernard C. Baldueza	Junior Grand Steward
Honorable Stephen D. Carroll	Grand Historian
Honorable Lee D. Gordon	Grand Organist
Worshipful Dado C. Lajola	Grand Pursuivant
Worshipful Lee K. Kaneakua	Grand Tiler

Grand Lodge Inspectors

Seth A. Connell	Michael D. Janovsky	Mark P. Leo
J. Daniel Miller	Donald W. Traller	Kevin R. Perdue
Chris N. Kaminaka	Jhun Dela Cruz	Dino J. Fernandez
Gilles R. Tisseraud		

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Grand Master then called upon Very Reverend Randolph V.N. Albano, our Grand Chaplain and Chairman of the Memorial Service Committee, to present the Service of Remembrance for our departed brethren, which was as follows:

Most Worshipful Grandmaster, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, Guests and Brethren all:

Good morning! At the outset, it is right and just to give praises and thanksgiving to the Great Architect and Master of the universe for giving us the opportunity to meet virtually on this 33rd Annual Communication. Pandemic has drastically affected our everyday life that we have been isolated from many things and numerous activities that we regularly enjoy with family members and friends. Likewise in our Fraternity, we are experiencing the same situation. Isolation from fellowships with our brethren through stated meetings in our Lodges and coordinate bodies, and isolation from other masonic activities. Pandemic has truly created abnormal patterns in our life.

In spite of all these negativities and abnormalities however, we are given significant opportunities to slow down from our labors giving us chance to manifest and share that brotherly love, relief and truth in the brightness of the light that we possess, not only to our Masonic brothers but to all those who are desperately in need during this pandemic. This is also a favorable time for us Masons to ponder our Masonic Rituals and Masonic History leading us to re-visit our personal goals and aspirations for the development and furtherance of this prestigious organization. Along with this ritualistic-historical-educational contemplation we can draw positive aspects from the negativities and abnormalities of life brought by this pandemic.

As members of this prestigious University of Men, I am confident that many of us have been involved with organizations that support pandemic-victims especially in food distribution and other goods. As your Grand Chaplain and leader of a faith community, I have been involved in helping organizations, just like many of you, that support the community in their needs. More so that I have been working in the spiritual side praying for all people in their sorts and conditions. There have been brothers who needed special prayers because of bodily sickness; brothers who have undergone procedures and surgeries who are now recuperating; others in bereavement and still others who have been laid off and so on. I have prayed for all brethren and their families, remembering all brother Masons especially our Grand Lodge Officers and all officers in this Jurisdiction that non maybe in perils, dangers or distress during this pandemic. I am sure and I know that all of you have also been praying for one another, and that

this pandemic will soon be conquered. Worthy to say, many of us have become more prayerful and closer to the Great Architect of the Universe!

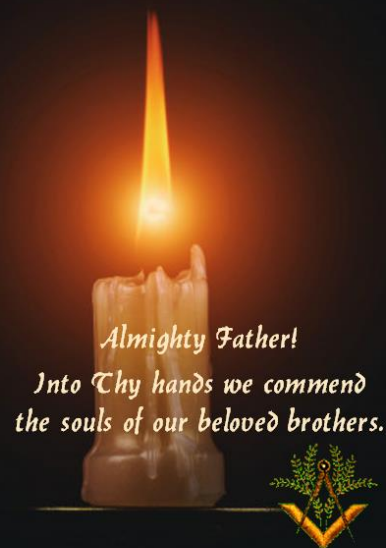
As we remember our departed brethren in prayers, let us also remember their aspirations and goals for Masonry. Remember their "love and devotion" to their fellowmen, helping every man to be transformed into a better citizen, not only for the Grand Jurisdiction of Hawaii but throughout the world leaving our comfort zones and going out into the community to share the light and love of the Great Architect and Master of all creation. Let us always be united to all those "who have gone this way before us", in a 'vision and goal focused beyond the boundaries of Masonry thereby contributing to the development and furtherance of our communities' less we forget that "the truest service are the deeds done to all mankind"; never, and not to be attracted nor fascinated with fame, honor and prestige.

And now dearly beloved brethren let us continue to observe silence as we now pray for all our departed brothers. You will see their names in your screen. And as you read their names, please say in silence, (and make sure that you are muted also), "May you rest in peace my brother" or, "Father into your hand we commend his spirit".

Let us pray. Oh, Divine Master and heavenly Father, God of grace and God of glory with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord and whose souls are now in perfect harmony with you, Oh Father. We thank you and we praise you for the good examples of all our brethren who now find joy and happiness in that celestial city where there is no grief, sorrow nor pain but everlasting joy and felicity; we now remember before you the souls of:

In Memoriam

Nelson Ahina - le Progres De l'Oceanie
John Baum - Maui
Raymond Beck - Hawaiian
Harold Brooks - Pearl Harbor
Douglas Field - Maui
Anson Fry - Hawaiian
Ambrose Haggerty - Pearl Harbor
Harry Lui - le Progres De l'Oceanie
Abraham Nahale'a - le Progres De l'Oceanie
David Nightingale - le Progres De l'Oceanie
Pedro Pelagio - Hawaiian
Michael Sienkiewicz - Honolulu
Albert Stirling - le Progres De l'Oceanie
Osama Tanabe - le Progres De l'Oceanie
Richard Uejo - Kilauea
Alfred Wong - Hawaiian



Rest eternal grant unto them O Father and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. And may their souls, and the souls of all the departed brethren through your mercy Oh God the Father, the Almighty, rest in peace! Amen.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Grand Master then called upon Right Worshipful Garry Graham, who stepped in for our Grand Treasurer to report on the Grand Master's 2019 Annual Budget and to present the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget for acceptance.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
INCOME		
Affiliations	\$ 150.00	\$ 220.00
Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)	100.00	47.00
Dispensations (\$25 per dispensation)	100.00	100.00
George Washington Memorial Foundation (Est 30 X \$5 per ne	150.00	140.00
George Washington Memorial Foundation (Est 1639 X \$1 me	1,639.00	1,566.00
Grand Lodge (50 X \$20 per new initiate)	1,000.00	560.00
Hawaii Masonic Charities(Est 50 X \$15 per new initiate)	750.00	420.00
Per Capita Tax (Est 1693 X \$25 per member)	40,975.00	39,150.00
Western Conference of GM's Reimbursement	1,800.00	0.00
Donation/Other Income	1,500.00	0.00
One Day Class (\$100 x 25)	2,500.00	1,700.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 50,664.00	\$ 43,903.00

EXPENSES		
Annual Communications:		
Supplies/Refreshments	1,500.00	0.00
Travel/Hotel Refund	2,000.00	1,000.00
Conferences:		
Conference of Grand Master's Registration	300.00	0.00
Conference of Grand Master's Dues	250.00	250.00
Western Conference Grand Masters	1,500.00	0.00
Western Conference of Grand Masters - Hosting	3,000.00	0.00
Conference of Grand Secretary's Dues	100.00	300.00
George Washington Memorial Foundation	1,639.00	1,706.00
Hawaii Masonic Charities	750.00	0.00
Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics:		
Pins	1,150.00	1,201.78
Grand Lodge Neckties/Shirts	738.00	0.00
Plaques/Mementos	521.00	623.46
Masonic Education	350.00	0.00
Masonic Services Association Dues	300.00	600.00
Name Badges	300.00	67.80
Office Supplies:		
Administrative Supplies (Postage, etc.)	868.00	955.07
Copier/Computer Supplies	694.00	0.00
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	564.00	833.00
Photography and Printing	750.00	78.53
Rental (HMTA)	6,000.00	6,000.00
Secretary's Honorarium (\$1,000 per month)	12,000.00	12,000.00
Secretary's Workshop/Leadership Workshop	180.00	0.00
Grand Secretary Western Conference of Grandmaster	2,000.00	0.00
Tax Preparation Fee	750.00	0.00
Telephone	250.00	353.82
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 or 23.4% of Revenue)	5,000.00	0.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,800.00	1,800.00
Website	1,250.00	1,256.55
Youth Groups	434.00	0.00
Executive Committee Meeting Refreshments	400.00	30.12
MORI Hosting	2,200.00	1,852.00
One Day Class Expenses	500.00	643.28
Miscellaneous GL Apron Cases	400.00	5,364.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 50,438.00	\$ 36,915.41
NET INCOME	\$ 226.00	\$ 6,987.59

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AS OF MAR 31, 2021		
CASH IN BANK (First Hawaiian Bank)		\$ 58,579.33
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK (Building Fund)		56,391.15
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK (Wealth Management)		557,098.94
TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS		\$ 672,069.42
FINANCIAL STATEMENT		
INCOME:		
2020-2021 Grandmaster's Operating Budget Net (Loss) Income		6,987.59
Bank Interest		4.27
Lodge Supplies (Ciphers, Dues Cards, Background Checks)		2,382.50
Pins (Pineapple)		-
Master Ritualist Fees		-
Insurance		5,543.64
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 14,918.00
EXPENSES:		
Insurance		\$ 5,531.00
GoDaddy		392.22
Zoom		290.75
Tracersinfo Usage fees		397.50
New P.O. Box Rental 1 year		246.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 6,857.47
BEGINNING BALANCE: MAY 1, 2020		\$ 49,752.28
INCOME		14,918.00
EXPENSES		(6,857.47)
ENDING BALANCE: April 30, 2021		\$ 57,812.81

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Grand Treasurer's report be accepted and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Grand Master then called upon our Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander and Past Grand Master of Hawaii for his Annual Report

Most Worshipful Sir and Esteemed Brothers all,

MEMBERSHIP COUNT: *As always, first, let's talk numbers for this last year,...*

For the period covering January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, we started off the year with 11 chartered lodges and I am happy to report that at this time all lodges are current in their per-capita payments and all are authorized to have representation at this year's Annual Communication.

We only had a 37 Gains during that period for new members, affiliations and restorations. Unfortunately, between the suspensions, demits and deaths, we had 134 losses. This gave us a net change of minus -97 brothers from the 2019's total of 1671 and we ended the year with 1,574 members.

While we can look to Covid-19 as the catalyst for downturn, we might need to pull together to see if it might have also simply exposed a pre-existing weakness in our membership recruitment / retention system that CAN'T be blamed on the Pandemic. More on that to come later in this report.

A full membership report including individual lodge membership counts will be published along with the proceedings of this Annual Communication when they come out.

MEMBERSHIP BACKGROUND CHECKS: *There were numerous criminal incidents discovered through the background check system that was not reported on the membership petitions but many were attributed to multiple people sharing or using the same social security number. While some of it can be attributed to family members sharing amongst themselves for one reason or another, some other reasons for example were also found to be like self-owned companies either had court action against them or just simple clerical errors from other states entries, there were many valid criminal activity cases uncovered.*

So, our Background reporting system through Tracers Info continues to be an asset.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM : *With the new application release, MORI has been renamed Groupable: M2. They have increased their functionality and added many new features not only within Groupable but within the corresponding Our Lodge Page (OLP) as well that includes a member portal and messaging system*

that is more than adequate enough to take the place of the Lodge App that many of us were using for years but went defunct in in mid-2019.

SECRETARIES' MANUAL: *A lot of work went into creating a secretary's manual several years ago but a resource isn't any good if no one uses it. I have to admit, it was personally a little disappointing to see that all that work was put into it go to waste to see it just sit on the electronic shelf collecting hypothetical dust.*

But with understanding that this is a new day and age, it dawned on me that many people by nature either no longer want nor do they have the time to immerse themselves into lengthy technical and instructional manuals. That includes me as well.

For the most part, we no longer to learn how a thing works but rather all we want to know is what to do and when to do it.

With the expanded capabilities of Internet venues like YouTube, many companies are creating their own instruction videos and placing them on-line. These usually do a far better job at teaching the how-to's as it comes from the experts rather than a well-meaning attempt by me.

So, after some thought, we launched a new undertaking that was not quite so comprehensive but rather something that was simplistic and easier to read in hopes that it would not be just useful but actually used as well.

With that purpose in mind, the Secretaries Manual has been supplemented with a Secretaries Task List that will hopefully accomplish just that thereby hoping to create a document that will at least be taken off the electronic shelf and looked at from time to time. Well, it is done and in circulation, only time will tell if we were successful.

NEW INTITATIVE: *A new Membership Committee is being created that will have a focus on membership recruitment. This committee will be following up on leads generated from various resources such as web site inquires or other sources like BeaShrinerNow.com or BeAFreemason.org which send us contact information for prospective new members.*

A system of templates is being developed to make follow up with prospects simple.

My brothers, membership in Freemasonry in general has been taking a downward turn for many years now and we need to reinvent the box and not just simply think outside of it. We need to find new ways of doing old things. Albert Einstein has been accredited with saying "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result". The only bad ideas are the ones that are never shared.

PANTAGRAPH - List of Lodges: *Pantagraph who had published List of Lodges that we all used to verify a visiting brother's Blue Lodge membership has gone out of business.*

We are now working with Copiri who is also known as Amity and have an App by the same name. It can be found on either the Google Play Store or the Apple Store. This application now houses the list of recognized lodges on it.

What makes it better than the hard copy version is that we are able to update Grand Lodge information and recognition information in live-time instead of waiting for months to get a new copy that by the time we get it, it is almost out of date already.

And wait, it gets even better! If either a lodge or an individual would like to purchase a traditional hard copy for use, one can be ordered from Copiri that will be distinctive to our own specific recognition information so you won't have to wade through all the other jurisdictional information that is not relevant to our jurisdiction. The list price will be \$25 each and the bulk price is \$12 each.

This is a collaborative effort between Copiri/Amity, the Conference of Grand Secretaries and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and is now a in full swing. Just FYI, how it all comes together, the Conference of Grand Secretaries owns the information and the source code for the App, the George Washington Nation Memorial will be housing the information/data and Copiri/Amity will be the facilitator.

We encourage all lodges to download the App and give it a try.

Most Worshipful Sir, this concludes the Grand Secretary's report for this year. Thank you for your time.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Grand Secretary's report be accepted and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

FOREIGN RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

The Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Michael P. Baker, Sr. a Past Grand Master of Hawaii and chairman of our Foreign Recognitions Committee for their annual report. Each recognition request was discussed and voted on individually. The results are as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE HAWAII COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RECOGNITION

The Grande Oriente do Rio de Janeiro (GORJ)

The Grande Oriente do Rio de Janeiro (GORJ), Masonic association, affiliated to the Confederação Maçônica do Brasil (COMAB), with its head office in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, founded on May 24th, 1974, by having under its jurisdiction, in the territory of the Rio de Janeiro state, forty-seven (47) active and regular Masonic lodges, hereby, request recognition from the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM, through a Mutual Recognition Treaty by sending the following documents:

1. Fundamentals of its "Regularity of Origin" and Founding Act (Attachment 1);
2. Relationship with the Brazilian Masonic Obedience's (Attachment 2);
3. Lodges with number of active members (Attachment 3);
4. Grande Oriente do Rio de Janeiro - Officers (Attachment 4);
5. Constitution and General Regulations (Attachment 5);
6. Friendship and Mutual Recognition (Attachment 6);
7. CMI - Confederação Masónica Interamericana and Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America (Attachment 7);
8. GORJ commitment to attend the eight points of regularity (Attachment 8);
9. Declaration that it does not maintain recognition treaties with any irregular Masonic organization (Attachment 9);
10. Declaration of its Principles (Attachment 10)

At the 2020 Conference of Grand Masters (Louisville, Kentucky), the commission of recognition stated that the Grande Oriente do Rio de Janeiro fulfills the requirements for recognition.

They are recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York and The Grand Lodge of Texas.

The Grande Oriente do Rio de Janeiro (GORJ) operates throughout the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in perfect harmony with the other two regular Masonic obediences operating in the Rio de Janeiro state, which are the Grande Loja Maçônica do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (GLMERJ) and the Grande Oriente do Brasil (GOB). On May 10, 2019, the “Mutual Recognition Treaty” was signed between the Grande Loja Maçônica do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (GLMERJ) and the Grande Oriente do Rio de Janeiro (GORJ). On August 26, 2019, the “Treaty of Mutual Recognition and Friendship” was signed between the Grande Oriente do Brasil (GOB) and the Grande Oriente do Rio de Janeiro (GORJ). These treaties established a fraternal coexistence, which tightens the bonds of friendship, collaboration and mutual help between the Masons and the Lodges of the three obediences

Therefore, having met all the criteria for formal recognition by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, the committee on Foreign Recognition recommends a YES vote for recognition.

It was regularly moved and seconded to offer recognition to Grande Oriente do Rio de Janeiro proceedings. Motion was carried.

RECOGNITION TO CENTENERY GRAND LODGE OF NUEVO LEON

By instructions of the M.W. Grand Master Carlos Humberto Cervera Aguirre, it is a pleasure for me to contact you, but not before wishing you and your families to be in good health given the current circumstances.

As Grand Chancellor of the Centenary Grand Lodge of F&AM of Nuevo León, it is with enthusiastic hope that I submit this request to you and your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. We are requesting the mutual recognition of our Grand Lodges and wish to establish a treaty which will begin amicable fraternal relations between our concurrent jurisdictions. The Centenary Grand Lodge of F&AM of Nuevo León was founded in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, on June 24, 1905, currently having 77 constituted Lodges operating within our jurisdiction. We are a founding member of the Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges of the Mexican United States and the Inter American Masonic Confederation, we are also member of Amity and recognized by the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America and we have recognitions by other legitimate Grand Lodges around the world.

Our affiliates Lodges practice regular Masonry under the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, we require a belief in God and the Volume of Sacred Law is displayed upon our Altar during Masonic work. We adhere to the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry and observe the division of Symbolic Masonry into Three Masonry degrees and hold exclusive governance of Ancient Craft Masonry within our Craft Lodges.

This agreement will invariably promote unity between our organizations while simultaneously maintaining our individuality. We are looking forward to a favorable response to our request and I believe this initiative will be the beginning of a new era of Masonic respect and unity in between us. A relationship of Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love which should always characterize our fraternal relations.

Best fraternal greetings,
Daniel M. Pazos Vidal
Grand Chancellor

The Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon having met all the criteria set forth by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and has been recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York we the Grand Lodge of Hawaii Committee on Foreign Recognition do recommend a YES vote for recognition.

It was regularly moved and seconded to offer recognition to Centenary Grand Lodge of F&AM of Nuevo León with the provision that after further research they are also found to be recognized by the Inter-American Masonic Confederation (CMI). Motion was carried.

Hawaii Grand Loge Committee on Foreign Recognition
Chairman: Michael P. Baker Sr., PGM
Member: J. Daniel Miller, PM
Member: A. Lee Meyerson, PM

SIDE NOTE: After researching the conditions of the motion, it was found that the Centenary Grand Lodge of F&AM of Nuevo León was not recognized by the CMI but rather they were recognized by the Confederation of Regular State Grand Lodges of Mexico (CGLRM) which recognizes approximately 80% of State Grand Lodges in Mexico as well as recognized by several other Grand Lodges in our very own Western Conference of Grand Lodges.

After speaking with Most Worshipful Monty Glover who was the brother who had called for the CMI provision, he agreed that this was within the spirit of his provision and supports recognizing the Centenary Grand Lodge of F&AM of Nuevo León. Having received all of the following information, our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Garry Graham agreed as well and declared the motion fully passed and that recognition be extended to the Centenary Grand Lodge of F&AM of Nuevo León.

MASONIC CHARITIES OF HAWAII ANNUAL REPORT

The Grand Master then called upon Worshipful David Gomes, chairman of our Masonic Charities of Hawaii committee to present the present their Annual Report

Aloha Most Worshipful Sirs,

As Chairman I have the distinct pleasure of presenting this year's annual report to you.

This Year in our coffers at the end of 2020 stands at \$33,253.03.

This year the Masonic Charities Of Hawaii joined Hawaiian lodge during a covid service event. Helping the lodge accept donations to help feed families for a low-income school that Hawaiian Lodge has supported in the past and continues to support even now.

We were delighted to support the Lodge and accept the donations help with exchanging receipts for the amount of donations that were given.

This concludes my report for the Masonic Charities of Hawaii

Mahalo,
Worshipful David Gomes

It was regularly moved and seconded that report be accepted and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

2021 ANNUAL BUDGET

The Grand Master Most Worshipful Garry Graham then presented the 2021 Proposed Budget for approval.

1	2021 PROPOSED GRANDMASTER'S BUDGET					
2	Item	2019 Budget	Budget 2020	Proposed 2021	\$^ 2019	Vs 2019
3						
4		BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	Dollar ^	
5		2019	2020	2021		
6	REVENUES:					
7	Affiliations	\$ 300	\$ 150	\$ 150	-	
8	Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)	200	100	100	-	
9	Dispensations (\$25 per dispensation)	300	100	100	-	
10	George Washington Memorial Foundation (Est. 30 x \$5 per new initiate)	350	150	150	-	
11	George Washington Memorial Foundation (1639 x \$1 per member) *	1,700	1,639	1,639	-	
12	Grand Lodge (\$20 per new initiate x 50)	1,400	1,000	1,000	-	
13	Hawaii Masonic Charities (\$15 per new initiate x 50)	1,050	750	750	-	
14	Per Capita Tax (1639 x \$25 per member)	42,500	40,975	40,975	-	
15	Western Conference of GMs Reimbursements	-	1,800	-		
16	Donations / Other Income	3,000	1,500	-	(1,500)	
17	One Day Class (25 x \$100)	5,500	2,500	2,500	-	
18						
19	TOTAL REVENUES	56,300	50,664	47,364	(8,936)	-16%
20	Capital Draw	10,000		10,000		0%

21	EXPENSES:					
22	Annual Communications					
23	Supplies/Refreshments	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	0%
24	Travel/Hotel	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	0%
25	Commissioin on Jursidictional Recognition	50	50	50	-	0%
26	Conferences:					
27	Conference of Grand Master's Registration	300	300	300	-	0%
28	Conference of Grand Master's Dues	250	250	250	-	0%
29	Western Conference of Grand Masters	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	0%
30	Western Conference of Grand Masters - Hosting	-	3,000	-	-	
31	Conference of Grand Secretary's Dues	100	100	100	-	0%
32	Conference of Grand Secretaries	2,200	2,000	2,000	(200)	-10%
33	Grand Secretary California ANCOM Travel	1,500	-	1,500	-	0%
34	George Washington Memorial Foundation	2,050	1,639	1,639	(411)	-25%
35	Hawaii Masonic Charities	1,050	750	750	(300)	-40%
36	Grand Master Pins/Emblematic:				-	
37	Pins (2000 x .575 + shipping)	950	1150	-	(950)	
38	Grand Lodge Neckties/Shirts	850	738	850	-	0%
39	Plaques/Mementos	600	521	550	(50)	-9%
40	Masonic Educations	500	350	350	(150)	-43%
41	Masonic Services Association Dues	300	300	300	-	0%
42	Name Badges	500	300	50	(450)	-900%
43	Office Supplies					
44	Administrative Supplies (Postage, etc.)	1,000	868	900	(100)	-11%
45	Copier / Computer Supplies	800	694	700	(100)	-14%
46	Paraphernalia (\$5,500 case 5-year/renewal)	175	-	1,100	925	84%
47	Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	650	650	-	(650)	-100%
48	Photography and printing	750	750	750	-	0%
49	Rental (HMTA)	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	0%
50	Secretary's Honorarium (\$1,000 per month)	12,000	12,000	12,000	-	0%
51	Secretary's Workshop/Leadership Workshop	1,000	180	180	(820)	-456%
52	Tax Preparation Fees	750	750	750	-	0%
53	Telephone	250	250	250	-	0%
54	Travel (Greater of \$12,000 or 23.4% of Revenue)	13,000	5,000	12,000	(1,000)	-8%
55	Treasurer's Expenses	1,800	1,800	1,800	-	0%

56	Website	1,250	1,250	1,257	7	1%
57	Youth Groups	500	500	500	-	0%
58	Executive Committee Meeting Refreshments	500	400	400	(100)	-25%
59	Groupable Admin Hosting	2,200	2,200	2,200	-	0%
60	One Day Class Expenses	1,000	500	750	(250)	-33%
61	Miscellaneous Expenses	500	400	400	(100)	-25%
62					-	
63	TOTAL EXPENSE	60,325	50,640	55,626	(4,699)	-8%
64					-	
65	NET INCOME (LOSS)	5,975	24	1,738		
66						
67	Footnote:					
68			Fixed Expenses	39,246		
69			% Fixed vs Total	82.86%		

It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the proposed 2021 Annual Budget and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

2021 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing, Past Grand Master and member of our jurisprudence committee to present the proposed resolutions for this year. Listed are the results of the voting followed by the legislation in its full form along with the Jurisprudence Committee reports for each.

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Annual Communication 2021 Proposed Legislation						
2020 Grand Master's Decisions						
Decision #	Description	Required # of Votes	For	Against	Passed	Rejected
2020 - 01	New Covid-19 policy	Majority	88.4	11.6	✓	
2020 - 02	Policy for accepting new applications with prior Masonic history from non-recognized jurisdictions	Majority			Declared Moot	
2020 - 03	Balloting on applications during Covid pandemic	Majority	90.9	9.1	✓	
2020 - 04	HMC Investment guidelines adjustment	2 thirds	87.8	12.2	✓	
2020 - 05	In person video for use in 1st & 2nd degree work	Majority	84.6	15.4	✓	
2020 - 06	Option to Defer Lodge Elections	Majority			Declared Moot	
2020 - 07	Procedure for accepting and balloting on Grand Masters 1-Day Class applications	Majority			Declared Moot	
2020 - 08	Resumption of in-person lodge meetings	Majority	90.90	9.10	✓	
Carryover Resolutions						
Resolution #	Description	Required # of Votes	For	Against	Passed	Rejected
2019 - 01	Authorization of singular plain text cipher	2/3 (66.6%)	71.0	29.0	✓	

2019 - 02	Permits officers coach to use cipher in tiled meetings	2/3 (66.6%)	75.0	25.0	✓
2019 - 05	Frequency of ability to award Hiram and McKee Awards	2/3 (66.6%)	84.1	15.9	✓
2019 - 08	Modifying requirements to join concordant/appendant bodies	2/3 (66.6%)	67.0	33.0	✓
2020 - 02	Per-Capita adjustment for inflation	2/3 (66.6%)	72.7	27.3	✓

2021 Proposed Resolutions

Resolution #	Description	Required # of Votes	For	Against	Passed	Rejected
2021 - 01	HMC Investment guidelines adjustment to accommodate for today's investing policies and terminologies	2/3 (66.6%)	90.9	9.1	✓	
2021 - 02	Application by a Mason from a non-recognized jurisdiction	2/3 (66.6%)	Motion withdrawn			
2021 - 03	To remove requirements for Applications for Degrees to be filled out in applicants own handwriting	2/3 (66.6%)	81.8	18.2	✓	
2021 - 04	Defining a lodge's compliance with State and Federal filings	2/3 (66.6%)	88.6	11.4	✓	
2021 - 05	Clarify how Grand Lodge Officers are to be addressed	2/3 (66.6%)	90.9	9.1	✓	

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01
CARRYOVER 30-20 (60%)**

**To authorize a singular “plain text” copy ritual
with accompanying floor work reference.**

WHEREAS, often either the verbiage or the floor work of our ritual is often practiced differently in our lodges; and

WHEREAS, there has always been a discrepancy or difference in interpretations between many of our ritual leaders and historians as to what is the correct wording or procedure in many areas of the Hawaii Ritual; and

WHEREAS, even though our jurisdiction has developed its own Cipher book, there are still many areas are interpreted differently and remain disputed; so

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in an effort to establish consistency, the Grand Lodge of Hawaii be authorized to keep (excluding secret words, passwords, signs and grips) a singular copy of the Hawaii Masonic Cipher in plain text with accompanying floor work to refer to in the event of difference of opinions and interpretations to wit that a new section be added to the Hawaii Masonic Code as follows (new matter is underscored, deleted material is stricken):

§2689b. This jurisdiction has authorized one (1) plain text copy of the Hawaii Masonic Ritual including floor work for reference (excluding all secret words, passwords, signs and grips) and shall be kept in the Grand Lodge office in a secure location. Changes to our Masonic Ritual are to be codified at an Annual Communication before it can take effect.

DATED: May 30, 2018
Respectfully submitted,
Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Proposed Resolution No. 2019-01
Carryover 30-20 (60%)

To authorize a singular "plain text" copy ritual
with accompanying floor work reference.

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2019-01 has been referred, reports as follows:

This resolution seeks to establish more consistency with respect to floor work and deal with differences with respect to interpretations of the cipher book and wording therein contained. To accomplish this, one (1) plain text copy of the Hawaii Masonic Ritual including floor work would be kept in a secure location with the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. All secret words, passwords, signs and grips would be omitted.

The proponent argues that even though our jurisdiction has an approved Cipher book, there are still many areas that are interpreted differently and remain disputed. This plain text ritual would resolve these issues.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage. As a Carryover Resolution, it can be considered again this year, and requires a 2/3 vote for passage.

Dated: 2/2/2021

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Condello II, PGM, Chair
Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Member
Andrew L. Geiser, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02
CARRYOVER 29-22 (57%)**

Permits Officers Coach to Use A Cipher in A Tiled Meeting

The proponent of this Resolution seeks to permit the Officers Coach to use the approved cipher ritual in tiled meetings.

WHEREAS, proper instruction and delivery of our ritual work in our lodges is essential, and

WHEREAS, we should be striving for ritual quality and consistency, and

WHEREAS, many other jurisdictions who use authorized ciphers, including the Grand Lodge of California, have already seen the advantages of expanding the use of ciphers in this way,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that section §2689 be amended as follows:

§2689. CIPHER RITUALS. Master Masons subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii are authorized to possess and use an approved cipher ritual.

The Grand Lodge of Hawaii shall cause to be prepared, published and sold to Master Masons only, a cipher ritual of the degrees and lectures, as recognized by the Grand Lodge.

Nothing in this Section prohibits the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, or a Master Mason who is an authorized Candidate Coach, from reproducing that portion of the Cipher Ritual which pertains to the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft proficiency examinations to supplement the Candidates' First Degree and Second Degree Manuals for subsequent utilization by the candidate during his proficiency phase. In no event, however, shall any cipher ritual, or portion thereof, be used during a tiled meeting with the exception of one (1) cipher ritual for the exclusive use of the Officers' Coach during lodge practice only, or in his absence a qualified Past Master selected by the Master.

Dated: May 30, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Proposed Resolution No. 2019-02
Carryover 29-22 (57%)

Permits Officers Coach to Use a Cipher in a Tiled Meeting

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2019-02 has been referred, reports as follows:

This resolution seeks to allow a lodge's Officers Coach or in his absence, a qualified Past Master selected by the Master, to have a Cipher book in open lodge during all ritual work, including degree work.

The proponent argues that we should be striving for ritual quality and consistency, and that many other jurisdictions allow for cipher books to be present during a tiled meeting.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage. As a Carryover Resolution, it can be considered again this year, and requires a 2/3 vote for passage.

Dated: 2/2/2021

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Condello II, PGM, Chair
Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Member
Andrew L. Geiser, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII, F&AM
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 05
CARRYOVER 30-20 (60%)**

Change frequency in which a Hiram or McKee Award can be given

The Hiram and McKee Awards were originally given in this jurisdiction once a year. It was considered by some that this was too often so legislation was passed in 2008 to give these awards once every 3 years. Then after a few years, some suggested 3 years was too long of a period, so legislation was passed again in 2012 to change the length between awards to once every 2 years.

The proponent of this legislation feels that even at every 2 years, there is not enough emphasis given these awards and that even at 2 years between, these awards are often not remembered.

While possibly what some may consider having a too many members show up at meetings with one of these awards, the proponent suggests that returning these awards to be given in 1-year intervals, as was the original policy, will help to restore a sense of distinction to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Masonic Code be amended as follows (*new matter is underscored, deleted material is crossed out*):

1. Section 2438 be amended as follows

(Remainder of section to remain intact except as indicated below)

§2438. HIRAM AND McKEE AWARDS.

(a) **Hiram Award.** The Hiram Award may (but need not) be given by a Lodge ~~only once every two years~~ to a member of that Lodge who:

(b) **McKee Award.** and a Lodge may nominate only one person ~~every two~~ once a year for the award.

Dated: May 30, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Proposed Resolution No. 2019-05
Carryover 30-20 (60%)

Change Frequency in Which a Hiram or McKee Award Can be Given

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2019-05 has been referred, reports as follows:

This resolution seeks to change the frequency of awarding the Hiram and McKee Awards to every year, although a lodge is not obligated to make such awards yearly.

The proponent argues that these awards used to be yearly and since changing to every three years in 2008 and then every two years in 2012, these awards are often not remembered. The proponent believes that by changing back to yearly, it will restore a sense of distinction to the awards.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage. As a Carryover Resolution, it can be considered again this year, and requires a 2/3 vote for passage.

Dated 2/2/2021

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Condello II, PGM, Chair
Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Member
Andrew L. Geiser, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08
CARRYOVER 29-23 (56%)**

Modifying Requirements to Join Concordant/Appendant Bodies

Our jurisdiction has always had the requirement of Master Mason to give “satisfactory evidence, by strict examination in open Lodge, that he is proficient and qualified in the Candidate's Lecture of the Degree of Master Mason” before he can join a concordant or appendant body.

It is so very difficult to monitor membership applications for other bodies as our blue lodges don't have that kind of oversight nor should we, but still it happens. No matter our good intentions, this requirement over the years has been not only a source of heated debate but also hard feelings when it comes to proper application to other Masonic bodies whether application to those bodies have been either intentional or innocently ignored and the Master Mason joins another Masonic Body.

How do we get rid of this chronic issue, let's say we amend the requirements to something that is more reasonable to keep track of. Something that we at the Blue Lodge level can more successfully monitor. Something that may make the need for a Grand Master's Decision to straighten things out every few years unnecessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that section §2635 be amended as follows:

§2635. MEMBERSHIP IN PREREQUISITE ORGANIZATIONS. A Mason who has received the Degrees of Masonry in a Lodge of this Jurisdiction shall not apply for nor receive any degree or be initiated into any organization, other than another Lodge, the prerequisite of membership wherein is that a person be a Mason, until he has ~~given satisfactory evidence, by strict examination in open Lodge, that he is proficient and qualified in the Candidate's Lecture of the Degree of Master Mason.~~ either been a Master Mason for a minimum of 3 months or the his lodge master in his best judgment is willing to waive that 3 month period on a per candidate basis. This Section does not apply to organizations which do not confer Degrees and do not have formal initiation ceremonies nor does it apply to the requirements of becoming an elective lodge officer in this jurisdiction.

Dated: June 2, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Proponent

Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Proposed Resolution No. 2019-08
Carryover 29-23 (56%)

Modifying Requirements to Join Concordant/Appendant Bodies

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2019-08 has been referred, reports as follows:

This resolution seeks to change the HMC to require that a Master Mason wait a period of a minimum of three months before applying to join a concordant body of Freemasonry. An exception would be if the Worshipful Master of the Master Mason's lodge is willing to waive the three-month requirement on a case-by-case basis.

The proponent argues that it is very difficult for the Grand Lodge and lodges to have oversight with respect to a Master Mason's applications to concordant bodies. This change in the code would eliminate the need for a Grand Master to make a decision every year or so with respect to application requirements to concordant bodies.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage. As a Carryover Resolution, it can be considered again this year, and requires a 2/3 vote for passage.

Dated 2/2/2021

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Condello II, PGM, Chair
Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Member
Andrew L. Geiser, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02
CARRYOVER 29 - 23 (54%)**

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Per-Capita Inflation Adjustment.

Annually the Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii presents his budget and requested assessment recommendation to first the Grand Lodge of Hawaii Finance Committee and then ultimately to the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii for approval.

Article §1704: Section 2 reads as follows:

2nd. For each Master Mason borne upon its rolls as of December 31, such per capita sum, not less than fifty cents (\$.50), as the Grand Lodge shall require.

The Grand Lodge of Hawaii currently assess \$25 per mason with an additional one dollar for the George Washington Memorial. With the exception of the one dollar for the George Washington Memorial fund this amount has not adjusted since the year 2000.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index, which is a measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food and clothing, is calculated by taking price changes for each item in the predetermined basket of goods and averaging them.

Since 2000 the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has averaged 2.2 percent year over year increase or 46 percent cumulative change.

Attached is a table of these changes.

On the table's right are two summery columns indicating the current Purchasing Power of the year 2000 assessment and the corrected Per Capita recommendation adjusted for inflation according to the CPI.

I propose that the Grand Lodge of Hawaii Per Capita assessment be changed from the current \$25 per mason to \$38.

Dated: December 18, 2019
Respectfully submitted,
Garry Graham, DGW

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Proposed Resolution No. 2020-02
CARRYOVER 29 – 23 (54%)

Increasing the Per Capita Tax

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2020-02 has been referred, reports as follows:

The Grand Master proposes to increase the annual per capita tax assessed by the Grand Lodge from the current \$25 per member to \$38 per member, and that the per capita tax be increased or decreased annually by the average percentage increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index for the City and County of Honolulu during the previous calendar year. Your Committee on Jurisprudence requested substantial revisions to the proponent's original draft, to clarify the proponent's intent and to assure that the proposed amendment conformed to the proper format and conventions used in legislation. Those revisions are reflected in the final proposed resolution.

The proponent points out that the per capita tax has not been changed since the year 2000, almost twenty years, and therefore has not kept up with inflation. According to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Honolulu, the present value of our per capita tax is only 62% of what it was originally. The proponent believes therefore that an increase is warranted, and that in order to keep pace with future increases (or decreases), the per capita tax should be adjusted annually, based upon increases (or decreases) in the CPI.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage. As a Carryover Resolution, it can be considered again this year, and requires a 2/3 vote for passage.

Dated 2/2/2021

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Condello II, PGM, Chair
Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Member
Andrew L. Geiser, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01**

Investment Guidelines Adjustment

WHEREAS, many years have passed since our Investment Guidelines were put into place to help protect our Lodges' investments; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the world of Wall Street and investment management has changed dramatically noting that there are a multitude of new investment options (Exchange Traded Funds "ETF's", Exchange Traded Notes "ETN's", Unit Investment Trusts, Cryptocurrencies, Crowdfunding Venture Capital etc...) that aren't even addressed in our current guidelines but should be; and

WHEREAS; the World-Wide finance strategies have changed drastically as well,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in an effort to bring our current guidelines into better alignment with today's investment strategies but also to give our lodges increased protection in this uncertain economy that both HMC Sections §1292 and §2302, be amended as follows:

§1292 MANNER OF INVESTMENT. The funds of Grand Lodge or any other entity of Grand Lodge shall be invested as follows.

1. The lesser of twenty percent (20%) of the funds available for investment or \$500,000 but at least two years of the previous annual budget amount must be in:

- a. Cash and/or bank accounts and money market funds which are insured by the FDIC or SPIC.
- b. Obligations of the United States or those obligations the payment of which at least eighty percent (80%) is secured by the full faith and credit of the United States. ~~for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged to provide for the payment of the interest and principal.~~
- c. Obligations of the State of Hawaii and its political subdivisions, provided they were issued pursuant to law and that the faith and credit of State and/or political subdivision are such state or municipal corporation or district is pledged for their payment and maintain a credit rating of A or above.
- d. Such other securities as are legal investments for savings banks in the State of Hawaii. ~~savings banks.~~

2. Up to twenty percent (20%) may be invested in:

- a. Other evidences of indebtedness, which are or will be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange including mutual funds, exchange traded funds (ETF), unit

investment trusts, except that this listing requirement shall not apply to evidences of indebtedness of corporations whose common stock is eligible for investment under the provisions of section 3(a) hereof. Exchange traded notes (ETN) are prohibited.

b. Preferred stocks, and investment vehicles which invest in Preferred stocks which are or will be fully listed and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange, except that this listing requirement shall not apply to preferred stocks of corporations whose common stock is eligible for investment under the provisions of section 3 - A hereof. Exchange traded notes (ETN) are prohibited.

No such investments, however, shall be made which at the time of purchase will result in the total market value of the securities referred to in this section exceeding twenty percent (20%) of the total market value of all the cash, bank accounts and securities held.

3. Up to seventy sixty percent (70% 60%) may be invested in:

a. Common stocks, which must be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a Nation Securities Exchange, except that this listing requirement shall not apply to bank and insurance company stocks.

b. Shares of investment trusts, mutual funds both closed and open end. Exchange traded notes (ETN) are prohibited. No such investments, however, shall be made which at the time of purchase will result in the total market value of the securities referred to in this section exceeding seventy sixty percent (70% 60%) of the total market value of all cash, bank accounts and securities held.

c. Covered Call option strategies are permitted at a limit of thirty percent (30%) of section 3 portfolio. Naked option or other alternative market derivative buying or selling is prohibited.

~~c. Savings Accounts in and Investment Certificates issued by a Building and Loan Association organized and existing under the laws of the State of Hawaii, which is an insured institution as defined by Title IV of the National Housing Act, and Shares issued by any such Association which issued no investment Certificates and which is an insured institution as defined by Title IV, and Savings Accounts in and Shares issued by any Federal Savings and Loan Association; but in the case of each Association only to the extent that such accounts, Investment Certificates or Shares are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.~~

4.Up to five percent (5%) in total may be invested in:

- a. Crypto Currency ETF: Crypto Currency ETF now exist. This is a specialized category Exchange traded fund for a basket of crypto currencies or one currency or token in particular. For this type of alternative investment there can be no more than two-and one-half percent (2.5%) in any one coin or token ETF and no more than 5 percent in total for the alternative investment category. Individual cryptocurrencies or tokens purchase is prohibited.
- b. Venture Capital ETF: As of May 16, 2016, anyone—not just accredited investors—can invest in Venture Capital with early-stage companies or start-up opportunities. Non-accredited investors can invest through crowdfunding platforms. This means that ordinary individuals and organizations in theory, have the ability to invest in start-up companies that used to be the stuff of angel and VC investors only. As these investments pose a far greater degree of risk - and potential reward - investing is permitted though an Exchange Traded Fund that allows for diversification across a multitude of offerings. For this type of alternate investment there can be no more than two-and one-half percent (2.5%) in any ETF and no more than 5 percent in in total for the alternative investment category. Individual venture capital or crowdfunding purchase is prohibited.

§2302 INVESTMENT OF FUNDS. A Lodge may invest its funds, exclusive of Lodge Temple property and Lodge Temple securities, as follows:

1. The lesser of twenty percent (20%)of the funds available for investment or \$500,000 but at least two years of the previous annual budget amount must be in:

- a. Cash and/or bank accounts and money market funds which are insured by the FDIC or SPIC.
- b. Obligations of the United States or those obligations for the payment of which at least eighty percent (80%) is secured by the full faith and credit of the United States.~~is pledged.~~
- c. Obligations of the State of Hawaii and its political subdivisions, provided they were issued pursuant to law and that the faith and credit of State and/or political subdivision are such state or municipal corporation or district is pledged for their payment and maintain a credit rating of A or above.
- d. Such other securities as are legal investment for savings banks in the state of Hawaii~~or territory in which the Lodge is located.~~

e. Savings accounts in and investment certificates issued by a ~~building and loan association or a savings and loan association~~ organized credit union and existing under the laws of the State of Hawaii which is an insured by the NCUA ~~institution as defined by Title IV of the National Housing Act,~~ and shares issued by any such association which issues no investment certificates and which is an insured institution under the NCUA ~~as defined by said Title IV, and savings accounts in and shares issued by any federal savings and loan association;~~ credit union; but in the case of each association only to the extent that such accounts, investment certificates or shares are insured by the NCUA or Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

2. Up to twenty percent (20%) may be invested in:

a. Other evidences of indebtedness, which are or will be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange including mutual funds, exchange traded funds (ETF), unit investment trusts, except that this listing requirement shall not apply to evidences of indebtedness of corporations whose common stock is eligible for investment under the provisions of section 3(a) hereof. Exchange traded notes (ETN) are prohibited.

b. Preferred stocks, and investment vehicles which invest in Preferred stocks which are or will be fully listed and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a National Securities Exchange, except that this listing requirement shall not apply to preferred stocks of corporations whose common stock is eligible for investment under the provisions of section 3(a) hereof. Exchange traded notes (ETN) are prohibited.

No such investments, however, shall be made which at the time of purchase will result in the total market value of the securities referred to in this section exceeding twenty percent (20%) of the total market value of all the cash, bank accounts and securities held.

3. Up to seventy ~~sixty~~ percent (70% ~~60%~~) may be invested in:

a. Common stocks, which must be fully listed and registered on an exchange registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a Nation Securities Exchange, except that this listing requirement shall not apply to bank and insurance company stocks.

b. Shares of investment trusts, mutual funds both closed and open end. Exchange traded notes (ETN) are prohibited. No such investments, however, shall be made which at the time of purchase will result in the total market value of the securities referred to in this section exceeding seventy ~~sixty~~ percent (70% ~~60%~~) of the total market value of all cash, bank accounts and securities held.

c. Covered Call option strategies are permitted at a limit of thirty percent (30%) of section

3 portfolio. Naked option or other alternative market derivative buying or selling is prohibited.

4.Up to five percent (5%) in total may be invested in:

- c. Crypto Currency ETF: Crypto Currency ETF now exist. This is a specialized category Exchange traded fund for a basket of crypto currencies or one currency or token in particular. For this type of alternative investment there can be no more than two-and one-half percent (2.5%) in any one coin or token ETF and no more than 5 percent in total for the alternative investment category. Individual cryptocurrencies or tokens purchase is prohibited.
- d. Venture Capital ETF: As of May 16, 2016, anyone—not just accredited investors—can invest in Venture Capital with early-stage companies or start-up opportunities. Non-accredited investors can invest through crowdfunding platforms. This means that ordinary individuals and organizations in theory, have the ability to invest in start-up companies that used to be the stuff of angel and VC investors only. As these investments pose a far greater degree of risk - and potential reward - investing is permitted though an Exchange Traded Fund that allows for diversification across a multitude of offerings. For this type of alternate investment there can be no more than two-and one-half percent (2.5%) in any ETF and no more than 5 percent in in total for the alternative investment category. Individual venture capital or crowdfunding purchase is prohibited.

These percentages do total more than 100 percent. The percentages listed are the maximum allowable allotments. If it is desired to have 70% in equities, and 20% in debt instruments then only 10% remains for Cash and Alternative investments. If the total Cash is \$500,000 or greater then the plan can go forward. If not, then equity or debt positions must be reduced increasing the cash position to achieve the 20% always maintaining the two-years budget holding requirement..

DATED October 20, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
Garry Graham, Grand Master
Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Proposed Resolution No. 2021-01

Investment Guidelines Adjustment

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2021-01 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent argues that many years have passed since our Investment Guidelines were put into place to help protect our Lodges' investments. Since that time, the world of Wall Street and investment management has changed dramatically noting that there are a multitude of new investment options (Exchange Traded Funds "ETF's", Exchange Traded Notes "ETN's", Unit Investment Trusts, Cryptocurrencies, Crowdfunding Venture Capital etc...) that aren't even addressed in our current guidelines. The proponent argues that to bring our current guidelines into alignment with today's investment strategies but also to give our lodges increased protection in this uncertain economy, that both HMC Sections §1292 and §2302, be amended. The details of these changes are in the original resolution.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage.

Dated 2/2/2021

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Condello II, PGM, Chair
Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Member
Andrew L. Geiser, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02**

Application By A Mason From A Non-Recognized Jurisdiction

For several years now, our Grand Lodge has varied from year to year on how to accept applications from men who were already made Masons but were from jurisdictions that were either not recognized by our jurisdiction as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge or a member of a jurisdiction wherein only visitation rights are recognized but not full membership reciprocity.

So, to create consistency on how we handle the obligations from year to year...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that this Standing Policy be ratified and placed in the Appendix of our Hawaii Masonic Code.....

**STANDING POLICY REGARDING APPLICATIONS
FROM MASONS FROM NON-RECOGNIZED JURISDICTIONS AND RECOGNIZED
JURISDICTIONS.**

Circumstances can arise when an applicant wishing to join the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM was made a Freemason from a jurisdiction that is not officially recognized by our jurisdiction as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge.

Applications stemming from instances such as this will be accepted for membership under the conditions that the applicant sign the Grand Lodge of Hawaii's Acknowledgement and Repudiation form and apply using the Application for Degrees wherein, he will then retake the first 3 degrees of Masonry according to our jurisdiction's practices.

When an applicant wishing to join the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM was made a Freemason from a jurisdiction that is a member of a jurisdiction wherein only visitation rights are recognized but not full membership reciprocity wherein, he is currently allotted admittance privileges to our meetings, degrees and can witness our clandestine work presently.

Applications stemming from instances such as this will be accepted for membership under the conditions that the applicant deliver a letter of good standing or valid demit from his lodge and apply using the Application for Affiliation and upon election will participate in a Traversing Ceremony consisting of a re-obligation of the first 3 degrees, an initiation into the esoteric pass, signs, tokens and words of these degrees and a re-investiture of the raising in the 3rd degree of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

The above reference Acknowledgement and Repudiation form is attached.

DATED November 25, 2019

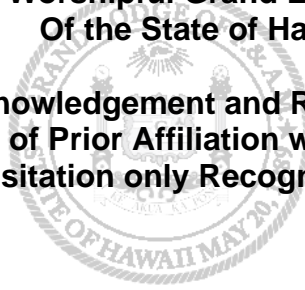
Respectfully submitted,

Garry Graham, Grand Master - Proponent

Marty P. Alexander, PGM Grand Secretary - Proponent

**The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F & A M
Of the State of Hawaii**

**Acknowledgement and Repudiation
of Prior Affiliation with an
Un-Recognized or Visitation only Recognized Masonic Organization**



I, (Print Full Name) _____

Of my own free will and accord, do hereby acknowledge that I am or have been a member of a Masonic jurisdiction that is :

- _____ a) Not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM.
_____ b) Recognized by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii FA&M but for visitation purposes only.

My previous Masonic affiliation information is as follows:

Grand Lodge of : _____
Lodge Name and Number: _____
Years of Affiliation : _____ thru _____

I also acknowledge that I understand that in order for me to become a Freemason through the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM, that I must cut my Masonic ties and repudiate my membership with the above named Masonic organization and that I must apply for membership and retake all 3 degrees of Masonry within this jurisdiction.

Also let it be known that after due diligence, that I (____ have) (____ have not) been able to obtain a demit from the above named Grand Lodge.

Signature

Dated

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Proposed Resolution No. 2021-02

Application by a Mason from a Non-Recognized Jurisdiction

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2021-02 has been referred, reports as follows:

This resolution seeks to create consistency on how our jurisdiction accepts applications from men who were already made Masons but were from jurisdictions that were either not recognized by our jurisdiction as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge or a member of a jurisdiction wherein only visitation rights are recognized but not full membership reciprocity.

The proponent argues that the Standing Policy be ratified and placed in the Appendix of our Hawaii Masonic Code. With respect to instances where an applicant wishing to join the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM was made a Freemason from a jurisdiction that is not officially recognized by our jurisdiction as a regularly constituted Grand Lodge, the applicant would sign the Grand Lodge of Hawaii's Acknowledgement and Repudiation form and apply using the Application for Degrees, and retake the first three degrees of Masonry according to our jurisdiction's practices.

With respect to an applicant who was made a Freemason from a jurisdiction that only has visitation rights but not full membership reciprocity, this applicant will be accepted for membership under the conditions that he deliver a letter of good standing or valid demit from his lodge and apply using the Application for Affiliation. Upon election, the applicant will participate in a Traversing Ceremony consisting of a re-obligation of the first three degrees, an initiation into the esoteric pass, signs, tokens and words of these degrees and a re-investiture of the raising in the Third Degree of Masonry.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. Since it intends to modify the Standing Policy in the Appendix only and not the Hawaii Masonic Code specifically, a simple majority of the Grand Lodge is sufficient for passage.

Dated 2/2/2021

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Condello II, PGM, Chair
Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Member
Andrew L. Geiser, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03**

To remove the requirement in HMC §2634 that portions of an application for degrees must be in the applicant's own handwriting.

HMC §2634 provides in part that applications for degrees “. . . shall not be received unless the applicant shall have answered in his own handwriting the questions which were annexed to and part of the form prescribed”. At one time questions concerning belief in a Supreme Being, applications to other lodges, felony convictions, etc. were apparently annexed to the basic application form. Some lodges may have added other questions of a similar, personal nature. These are supposed to be answered in the applicant's own handwriting.

The suggestion is that answering the questions in one's own handwriting adds a certain gravitas or solemnity to the answers. Perhaps the applicant would be more sincere or at least think before responding.

Over the years the handwriting requirement has been interpreted as applying to the entire application; hence, until recently the instructions at the top of the form stated that the application must be completed in the Applicant's own handwriting. This often has resulted in applications which are illegible, and this in turn makes investigations needlessly more difficult and entries into the lodge records erroneous.

Typewritten and computer-printed forms are easier to enter and read. The accuracy, sincerity and seriousness of those “annexed” questions are better determined through the investigation process. There is simply no longer any need for handwritten applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED HMC §'2634 be amended by deleting the last sentence thereof, so that it reads in its entirety as follows:

§2634. CONTENTS OF APPLICATION. Applications for the degrees and for affiliation shall be in writing, on the form approved by Grand Lodge, signed by the applicant, and recommended by at least two members of the Lodge; ~~those for degrees shall not be received unless the applicant shall have answered in his own handwriting the questions which were annexed to and part of the form prescribed.~~ *[New matter is underscored. Deleted matter is crossed out.]*

Dated: October 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
DENNIS A. ING, PGM
Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Proposed Resolution No. 2021-03

To Remove the Requirement in HMC §2634 that portions of an application for degrees must be in the applicant's own handwriting.

This resolution argues that over the years, the handwriting requirement has been interpreted as applying to the entire application. This has resulted in applications that are illegible, making investigations needlessly more difficult and entries into the lodge records erroneous. Typewritten and computer printed forms are easier to read and have become the norm in normal business practices. The proponent argues that any questions are better determined through the investigation process.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage.

Dated 2/2/2021

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Condello II, PGM, Chair
Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Member
Andrew L. Geiser, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04**

Lodge Compliance With State and IRS 990n Filings

It is a serious and chronic problem that occurs year after year, in that many lodges fall behind in either their state or Internal Revenue Service 990n tax filings and often lose their non-profit status because of it. Whether an oversight, lack of knowledge or unwillingness to comply with Federal and State tax filings, it affects all of us when one does not file their required documentation in a timely fashion. It is even a requirement in our Hawaii Masonic Code.

Especially when it comes to missing filings of our 990N's, a lodge can lose their non-profit status. As all lodges' EIN numbers are linked together under the Grand Lodge's parent EIN account, if one lodge gets suspended or audited because of another lodge missing their filing dates, it sends up a red flag and we all come under scrutiny.

Year after year the Grand Lodge has tried to educate and inform our lodge administrations of the importance of this and to help remind them to file these returns before they are past due. But each year, it seems that the previous year's efforts fell on deaf ears.

So in order to create consistency and dependability, the proponent feels it is necessary to amend the Masonic Code to stress more importance on these filings and to attach an enforceable penalty for non-compliance such as the penalty for missing the deadline for not submitting an Annual Return or Per-Capita payment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawaii Masonic Code be amended as follows (*new matter is underscored, deleted material is crossed out*):

§2094. FORFEITURE OF REPRESENTATION. A Lodge which shall have failed to make its annual returns, with payment of dues, shall not be entitled to representation at the next Annual Communication.

§2094a A lodge shall also not be entitled to representation at the next Annual Communication if it has failed to file the necessary state and federal taxes filings for the previous year within the allowable time permitted by the state and federal laws and notifying Grand Lodge with 30 days of said filings being accepted, has had its nonprofit status revoked and has not yet applied for reinstatement, or filed delinquent and never cured such delinquencies with the respective tax authorities.

DATED November 25, 2020
Respectfully submitted,
Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Grand Secretary
Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Proposed Resolution No. 2021-04

Lodge Compliance with State and IRS 990n Filings

The proponent argues that many lodges in the past have fallen behind in either their state or Internal Revenue Service 990n tax filings and often lose their non-profit status because of it. The proponent also states that EIN numbers are linked together under the Grand Lodge's parent EIN account. If one lodge gets suspended or audited it can cause red flags to go up and cause more scrutiny of sister lodges.

The resolution seeks to create an enforceable penalty for non-compliance, similar to the penalty for missing the deadline for not submitting an Annual Return or Per-Capita payment. With passage of this resolution, a lodge would not be entitled to representation at the next annual communication if it has failed to file the state and federal tax filings for the previous year.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage.

Dated 2/2/2021

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Condello II, PGM, Chair
Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Member
Andrew L. Geiser, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII, F&AM
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05**

To amend the HMC to provide that Grand Lodge officers shall be addressed according to the highest Grand Lodge office previously held.

Article II, Section 8 of the Hawaii Masonic Code specifies how Grand Lodge officers should be addressed. There is an anomaly as to an elected Grand Lodge officer holding another Grand Lodge office. For example, by Masonic custom and protocol, a Past Grand Master serving as Grand Secretary is addressed as AMost Worshipful@ and not AVery Worshipful@. This proposal will add a sentence to the end of the existing provision to clarify this custom or protocol.

Therefore, Article II, '8 of the Hawaii Masonic Code is hereby amended to read as follows [*Deleted matter is stricken, new matter is underscored*]:

'8. MEMBERS AND ADDRESS. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of a Grand Master (whose address shall be Most Worshipful), a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, and a Junior Grand Warden (whose addresses shall severally be Right Worshipful), a Grand Treasurer, and a Grand Secretary (whose addresses shall severally be Very Worshipful, or if not a P.M., Honorable). a Grand Lecturer (whose address shall be Very Worshipful), a Grand Chaplain (whose address shall be Very Reverend), the Assistant Grand Lecturers, (whose addresses shall severally be Worshipful), a Grand Orator, an Assistant Grand Treasurer, an Assistant Grand Secretary, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Bible Bearer, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, a Senior Grand Steward, a Junior Grand Steward, a Grand Historian, a Grand Director of Special Activities, a Grand Organist, a Grand Pursuivant, and a Grand Tiler (whose addresses shall severally be Worshipful, or if not a P.M., Honorable); together with all Past Grand Officers and Past Masters of this jurisdiction, and the Master and Wardens of the several chartered and duly constituted Lodges or the representatives thereof duly elected. A Past Grand Officer is one of the seven elective Grand Officers who has been regularly elected and installed and has served his term as such in this Grand Lodge. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Grand Lodge officer shall be addressed according to the highest office he shall have completed; for example, a Past Grand Master serving as Grand Secretary shall be addressed as "Most Worshipful"..

DATED December 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted,
DENNIS A. ING, PGM
Grand Lecturer
Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Proposed Resolution No. 2021-05

To Provide that Grand Lodge Officers shall be Addressed According to the Highest
Grand Lodge Office Previously Held

This resolution states that Article II, Section 8 of the HMC specifies how Grand Lodge officers should be addressed. It points out that there is an anomaly as to an elected Grand Lodge officer holding another Grand Lodge office. As an example, by Masonic custom and protocol, a Past Grand Master serving as Grand Secretary is addressed as a Most Worshipful and not a Very Worshipful. This resolution seeks to add a sentence to the end of the existing provision to clarify this custom or protocol.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage.

Dated 2/2/2021

Respectfully submitted,

Frank M. Condello II, PGM, Chair
Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Member
Andrew L. Geiser, PGM, Member

2021 GRAND ORATION

With the proposed legislation being completed for this Annual Communication, Grand Master Most Worshipful Graham called upon our Grand Orator, Honorable Stephen Karel to deliver this year's Grand Oration.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Garry Graham, Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Worshipful Masters, and Brethren all:

Compassion is a core Masonic value and Masons should think of themselves as compassionate men.

But what exactly is this compassion trait that good Masons should possess?

Compassion is an emotion that is a sense of shared suffering. Compassion is a genuine sympathy for the hardship other people are experiencing, and a desire to ease that pain. There are many different ways to show compassion for others, but the important thing to remember is that it comes from your heart.

Compassion differs from other forms of helpful or humane behavior in that its focus is primarily on the alleviation of suffering.

This component of action is what separates compassion from empathy, sympathy, pity, concern, condolence, or any other compassion synonym.

Compassion gets involved. When others keep their distance from those who are suffering, compassion prompts us to act on their behalf.

Compassionate acts are generally considered those which take into account the suffering of others and attempt to alleviate that suffering as if it were one's own.

Human compassion should not be an abstract idea for Masons. Rather, it should be a core Masonic value lived every day by all of us.

Masons like to think of themselves as action-oriented men. For us, compassion requires specific acts of kindness.

What are some examples of compassion in daily life?

- *Helping someone with their groceries.*
- *Opening the door for someone with arms full.*
- *Giving a stray dog food or water.*
- *Buying a meal for a homeless person.*

Compassionate acts do not need to be grand shows of generosity. Nor do they need to be exclusively for someone who is in pain.

How can we, as Masons, cultivate and develop compassion?

Start with yourself.

The best way to learn how to be compassionate towards others is to be compassionate toward yourself. You can praise yourself for successes and forgive yourself for your mistakes. You can focus on your strengths and positive qualities rather than dwell on your weaknesses.

Encourage others.

If someone you know is down, one of the best ways of showing compassion is by offering encouraging words. Positive reinforcement is always helpful to a person who is thinking they are either stuck or will never get out of the circumstances they are in at that moment.

Practice kindness, without people-pleasing.

Many people mistake people-pleasing and approval-seeking with kindness. Kindness doesn't mean selling out what's true for you in order to make someone else feel good.

Relax your judgments.

Life is hard and everyone is doing the best they can. Releasing judgment of others starts with letting go of self-judgments.

Respect privacy.

Sometimes, the best thing you can do is respect the privacy of others. Be ready when a friend wants to talk, but also allow them the freedom to keep matters to themselves if they so desire.

Accept disagreements and differing opinions.

The intricate diversity and differing beliefs of individuals is part of what makes our world a remarkable and interesting place. Debating viewpoints on a particular topic is intellectually healthy and can be quite enjoyable. However, there is a difference between becoming combative and debating.

Learn how to advocate.

An advocate is a person who speaks up and defends the rights of another person, helping them communicate their needs in a challenging situation.

Listen generously. *Most of us don't truly listen. We're always interrupting, judging what someone says, or trying to fix their thinking. When you listen generously to people, they can hear truth in themselves.*

Consider your words.

When you are looking for ways to show compassion, always remember to think before you speak. It's easy to start rambling and say things you might regret.

When Masons practice compassion, there can be benefits:

Brings happiness.

Seeing money going to charity activates the same pleasure center in the brain that triggers when charity is given to us.

More attractive.

Men and women both ranked compassion as an attractive trait in a potential mate. They can feel your heart.

Elevates everyone's mood.

Seeing people helping each other creates a state of elevated empathy and compassion.

Spreads like a chain reaction.

Compassionate acts inspire others to demonstrate kindness and generosity. You can set an example for others.

Boosts health and longevity.

Creating positive connections to others boost a person's health and make them more resistant to illnesses.

Breaks through our own anxiety and depression.

If you're feeling anxious or depressed, try changing your focus. Helping others can pull you out of negative feelings and help you gain perspective.

The active practice of true compassion in our lives will make us better men and better Masons and contributes to a more humane and tolerable world.

A final thought from Buddhist literature:

Neither fire, nor moisture, nor wind can destroy the blessing of a good deed, and it will reform the whole world. (1).

Thank You.

2020 GRAND LODGE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

With the regular business being completed for the day, Most Worshipful Graham then announced the awardees for our jurisdiction's 2020 individual awards which were as follows:

The 2020 Lodge Secretary of the Year was awarded to Worshipful Jerry Eiting VIII of Lodge Maui; and

The 2020 Master Mason of the Year award was awarded to Brother Leighton K. Vila of Honolulu Lodge; and

The 2020 Lodge Master of the Year award was awarded to Worshipful Marlon A. Calventas of Hawaiian Lodge.

CLOSING OF GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

With all business for this Annual Communication having been completed, Most Worshipful Graham asked if any brother had anything else to bring before this Grand Lodge. There being none, he thanked everyone in attendance then closed the 2021 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii by proclamation.

Respectfully Submitted: April 17, 2021

Marty Alexander

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM

Reviewed and Approved by:

Garry Graham

MW Garry Graham - Grand Master 2020-21



As the 2021 Annual Election of Grand Lodge Officers is being held over to the 2022 Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge officers remain as follows:

Grand Lodge Officers 2020 – 2021.

Grand Master	Garry Graham
Deputy Grand Master	Edde T. Kanai
Senior Grand Warden	Dustin T. Verity
Junior Grand Warden	Gloriani A. Lontoc
Grand Treasurer	Michael J.W. Lopez
Grand Secretary	Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Grand Lecturer	Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM
Grand Chaplain	Randy V.N. Albano
Grand Orator	Stephen G. Karel
Grand Marshal	Aaron P. Daguio
Grand Standard Bearer	Nicholai M. Khiterer
Grand Sword Bearer	Herman K. Wilson
Grand Bible Bearer	Keith N. Isaacson
Senior Grand Deacon	Scott-Michael Waracka
Junior Grand Deacon	Jonathan Cross
Senior Grand Steward	David H. Gomes
Junior Grand Steward	Bernard C. Baldueza
Grand Historian	Stephen D. Carroll
Grand Organist	Lee D. Gordon
Grand Pursuivant	Dado C. Lajola
Grand Tiler	Lee K. Kaneakua

Grand Lodge Inspectors

Mar Mark P. Leo	Chris N. Kaminaka	Jhun Dela Cruz
Gilles R. Tisseraud	J. Daniel Miller	Michael D. Janovsky
Seth A. Connell	Kevin R. Perdue	Dino J. Fernandez

Past Grand Masters - Grand Lodge of Hawaii

* Indicates the Brother listed has dropped his working tools and entered the Celestial Grand Lodge Above

1989	* William K. McKee, Jr.	Waikiki
1990	* William K. McKee, Jr.	Waikiki
1991	* William K. McKee, Jr.	Waikiki
1992	* Ernest Y. Yamane	Hawaiian
1993	* David K. Lindsey	Honolulu
1994	* Frederick H. Overstreet	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
1995	* Richard W.M. Dang	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
1996	* Bennett K.C. Ing	Schofield
1997	* Stuart M. Cowan	Pearl Harbor
1998	* Paul D. Jones	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
1999	Randy T.S. Chang	Hawaiian
2000	* Mason E. Teter	Kilauea
2001	* Donald W. Wilson	Ko'olau
2002	Lyle G. Phillips	Hawaiian
2003	A. Lee Skinner	Pearl Harbor
2004	Walter L. Hager	Maui
2005	Raymond Wieckowicz, Jr	Ko'olau
2006	* Bruce H. Bonnell	Pearl Harbor
2007	Oscar M. Jayme	Hawaiian
2008	Dennis S.A. Ing	Hawaiian
2009	Marty P. Alexander	Maui
2010	* Charles L. Wegener Jr .	Ko'olau
2011	Monty J. Glover	Honolulu
2012	Antonio M. Ligaya	Hawaiian
2013	Frank M. Condello II	Honolulu
2014	Richard B. Huston	Hawaiian
2015	Michael P. Baker Sr.	Kona
2016	Andrew L. Geiser	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
2017	Albert B. Alvarez	Leeward
2018	Wilson S. Camagan	Hawaiian
2019	Alexander A. Escasa	Hawaiian

Lodges constituted under the Grand Lodge of Hawaii January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020

Grand Lodge of Hawaii - Constituted May 20, 1989

Grand Master	Alexander A. Escasa
Deputy Grand Master	Garry Graham
Senior Grand Warden	Edde T. Kanai
Junior Grand Warden	Dustin T. Verity

Annual Membership Count Since Electronic Age (Calendar years)

2008 (1699) +/- ?	2009 (1740) +41	2010 (1748) +48	2011 (1807) +59
2012 (1777) -30	2013 (1785) +8	2014 (1721) -63	2015 (1733) +12
2016 (1661) -72	2017 (1649) -12	2018 (1656) +7	2019 (1671) +15
2020 (1574) -97			

Hawaiian Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989 (First chartered in 1851 - California)

Honolulu Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989 (First chartered in 1895 - Scotland)

Kauai Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989 (First chartered in 1924 - California)

Kilauea Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989 (First chartered in 1897 - California)

Kona Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989 (First chartered in 1982 - California)

**Ko'olau Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1961 - California)**

Leeward Lodge - Constituted May 2, 2003

**Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie - Constituted January 30, 2015
(First chartered in 1843 - France)
(Next chartered in 1989 - Hawaii)**

**Lodge Maui - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1872 - California)**

**Pearl Harbor Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1924 - California)**

**Schofield Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989
(First chartered in 1914 - California)**