

# PROCEEDINGS

## 35th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

April 15/16, 2022

MW Garry Graham  
Grand Master  
2020 - 2021



THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE  
OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



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The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii held its Annual Communication at the Royal Lahaina Resort located at 2780 Kekaa, Lahaina (Kaanapali), Maui, Hawaii.

### **FORMAL GRAND LODGE OPENING**

On Friday, April 15th, 2022 at 1:00 pm, Grand Master Most Worshipful Garry Graham opened the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii in ample form.

### **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 Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and reminded everyone to please keep their cell phones either off or muted.

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

#### **Elected Grand Lodge Officers Present**

Most Worshipful Garry Graham .....	Grand Master
Right Worshipful Edde T. Kanai .....	Deputy Grand Master
Right Worshipful Dustin T. Verity .....	Senior Grand Warden
Right Worshipful Gloriani A. Lontoc .....	Junior Grand Warden
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander, PGM .....	Grand Secretary
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM.....	Grand Lecturer

## Past Grand Masters Present

Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing .....	2008
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander.....	2009
Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II. ....	2013
Most Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser.....	2016
Most Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan.....	2018
Most Worshipful Alexander A. Escasa .....	2019

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

7	Elective Grand Lodge Officers
6	Past Grand Masters
42	Lodge Representatives
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55	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.

Most Worshipful Graham started the business session by first introducing the Past Grand Masters of the State of Hawaii who were present (listed above) and then our visiting dignitaries in attendance who were as follows:

### Sitting Grand Masters

MW CHARLES WARD IV, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska

### Grand Master Personal Representatives

MW ARTHUR WEISS, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California who is representing MW JEF WILKINS Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California.

RW MARK POSLER, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon who is representing MW GREGORY A. JENKINS Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

RW JAMES NORTON Jr., Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Washington who is representing MW CAMERON BAILEY Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

WB THA KRIBBS, Past Master of Cairo Lodge # 486 of the Grand Lodge of Missouri as well as a member of our own Kona Lodge who is representing MW TY G. TREUTELAAR Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

WB NICHOLAS LOPEZ, who is representing MW ANIBAL ROSARIO-MELENDZ Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico.

Most Worshipful Graham then recognized other distinguished guests present including all lodge masters and secretaries.

## **GRAND CHAPLAIN'S SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Frank Condello II who was sitting in for 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, who were as follows:



**These brothers have reached the end of their earthly toils this last year. The silver cord is loosed; the golden bowl is broken; the pitcher is broken at the fountain; and the wheel is broken at the cistern.**

<b>Randolph Chang</b>	<b>Edwin Chun</b>
<b>Garrett Crosson</b>	<b>Richard Felimer</b>
<b>Alexander Gaston</b>	<b>John Isbell III</b>
<b>David Kaohelaui'I</b>	<b>Rogelio Llamas</b>
<b>Danny McCluskey</b>	<b>Lyle Phillips</b>
<b>David Polner</b>	<b>John Rodney</b>
<b>Robert Thomas</b>	

**The dust has returned to the earth as it was, and the spirit has returned to God who gave it.**

*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 our Grand Treasurer Very Worshipful Michael Lopez to report on the Grand Master's 2021 Annual Budget which included financial figures through the end of February 28, 2022 and was reported as follows:

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
<b>INCOME</b>		
Affiliations	\$150.00	
Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)	100.00	
Dispensations (\$25 per dispensation)	100.00	
George Washington Memorial Foundation (Est 30 X \$5 per new initiate)	150.00	
George Washington Memorial Foundation (Est 1639 X \$1 member)	1,639.00	
Grand Lodge (50 X \$20 per new initiate)	1,000.00	
Hawaii Masonic Charities (Est 50 X \$15 per new initiate)	750.00	
Per Capita Tax (Est 1693 X \$25 per member)	40,975.00	22,332.27
Western Conference of GM's Reimbursement	1,800.00	
Donation/Other Income	1,500.00	200.00
One Day Class (\$100 x 25)	2,500.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$50,664.00</b>	<b>\$22,532.27</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Annual Communications:		
Supplies/Refreshments	1,500.00	0.00
Travel/Hotel Refund	2,000.00	
Conferences:		
Conference of Grand Master's Registration	300.00	410.00
Conference of Grand Master's Dues	250.00	835.00
Western Conference Grand Masters	1,500.00	0.00
Western Conference Grand Masters - Hosting	3,000.00	0.00
Conference of Grand Secretary's Dues	100.00	679.60
George Washington Memorial Foundation	1,639.00	1,918.00
Hawaii Masonic Charities	750.00	0.00
Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics:		
Pins	1,150.00	
Grand Lodge Neckties/Shirts	738.00	0.00
Plaques/Mementos	521.00	
Masonic Education	350.00	0.00
Masonic Services Association Dues	300.00	

Name Badges	300.00	
Office Supplies:		
Administrative Supplies (Postage, etc.)	868.00	117.17
Copier/Computer Supplies	694.00	1,404.03
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	564.00	
Photography and Printing	750.00	
Rental (HMTA)	6,000.00	5,000.00
Secretary's Honorarium (\$1,000 per month)	12,000.00	10,000.00
Secretary's Workshop/Leadership Workshop	180.00	0.00
Grnd Secretary Western Conference Grandmaster	2,000.00	0.00
Tax Preparation Fee	750.00	3,000.00
Telephone	250.00	235.40
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 or 23.4% of Revenue)	5,000.00	3,982.69
Treasurer's Expenses	1,800.00	1,500.00
Website	1,250.00	1,426.00
Youth Groups	434.00	0.00
Executive Committee Meeting Refreshments	400.00	62.10
MORI Hosting	2,200.00	
One Day Class Expenses	500.00	
Miscellaneous GL Apron Cases	400.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$50,438.00</b>	<b>\$30,569.99</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$226.00</b>	<b>\$(8,037.72)</b>

#### SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AS OF February 28, 2022

CASH IN BANK (First Hawaiian Bank)	\$45,222.77
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK (Building Fund)	57,633.09
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK (Wealth Management)	565,521.68
<b>TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS</b>	<b>\$668,377.54</b>

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

##### INCOME:

2020-2021 Grandmaster's Operating Budget Net (Loss) Income	(8,037.72)
Bank Interest	
Lodge Supplies (Ciphers, Dues Cards, Background Checks)	1,755.05
Pins (Pineapple)	-
Master Ritualist Fees	-
Insurance	2,673.32
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$(3,609.35)</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Insurance	\$6,110.00
GoDaddy	133.10
Zoom	156.15
Tracersinfo Usage fees	681.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,080.75</b>

BEGINNING BALANCE: February 1, 2020	\$45,099.74
INCOME	(944.42)
EXPENSES	371.75

ENDING BALANCE: February 28, 2021	\$44,527.07
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It was then moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

**ON A SIDE NOTE: The numbers indicated below reflect the actual final report after Annual Communication came to a close, the following report WAS NOT a part of the Annual Communication and therefore WAS NOT approved at that meeting. They are included in this document for reference only.**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

INCOME	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Affiliations	\$150.00	\$300.00
Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)	100.00	164.00
Dispensations (\$25 per dispensation)	100.00	
George Washington Memorial Foundation (Est 30 X \$5 per new initiate)	150.00	340.00
George Washington Memorial Foundation (Est 1578 X \$1 member)	1,578.00	1,578.00
Grand Lodge (50 X \$20 per new initiate)	1,000.00	1,360.00
Hawaii Masonic Charities (Est 50 X \$15 per new initiate)	750.00	1,020.00
Per Capita Tax (Est 1578 X \$25 per member)	40,975.00	39,450.00
Per Capita Tax Addendum (Est 1578 X \$13 per		20,514.00
Western Conference of GM's Reimbursement	1,800.00	0.00
Donation/Other Income	1,500.00	200.00
One Day Class (\$100 x 25)	2,500.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$50,603.00</b>	<b>\$64,926.00</b>

## EXPENSES

Annual Communications:		
Supplies/Refreshments	1,500.00	0.00
Travel/Hotel Refund	2,000.00	
Conferences:		
Conference of Grand Master's Registration	300.00	410.00
Conference of Grand Master's Dues	250.00	835.00
Western Conference Grand Masters	1,500.00	0.00
Western Conference - Hosting	3,000.00	0.00
Conference of Grand Secretary's Dues	100.00	679.60
George Washington Memorial Foundation	1,639.00	1,918.00
Hawaii Masonic Charities	750.00	1,020.00
Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics:		
Pins	1,150.00	
Grand Lodge Neckties/Shirts	738.00	0.00
Plaques/Mementos	521.00	152.61
Masonic Education	350.00	0.00
Masonic Services Association Dues	300.00	
Name Badges	300.00	390.28
Office Supplies:		
Administrative Supplies (Postage, etc.)	868.00	280.37
Copier/Computer Supplies	694.00	1,404.03
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	564.00	
Photography and Printing	750.00	
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	2,000.00	0.00
Tax Preparation Fee	750.00	3,000.00
Telephone	250.00	329.01
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 or 23.4% of Revenue)	5,000.00	6,134.77
Treasurer's Expenses	1,800.00	1,800.00
Website	1,250.00	1,426.00
Youth Groups	434.00	0.00
Executive Committee Meeting Refreshments	400.00	147.79
MORI Hosting	2,200.00	1,852.80
One Day Class Expenses	500.00	
Miscellaneous	400.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$50,438.00</b>	<b>\$39,780.26</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>	<b>\$25,145.74</b>



# SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AS OF MAR 31, 2022

CASH IN BANK (First Hawaiian Bank)	\$80,540.92
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK (Building Fund)	57,633.09
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK (Wealth Management)	567,123.88
TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS	\$705,297.89

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### INCOME:

2020-2021 Grandmaster's Operating Budget Net (Loss) Income	25,145.74
Bank Interest	41.90
Lodge Supplies (Ciphers, Dues Cards, Background Checks)	4,305.05
Pins (Pineapple)	-
Master Ritualist Fees	-
Insurance	7,005.84
TOTAL INCOME	\$36,498.53

### EXPENSES:

Insurance	\$6,110.00
Zoom	156.15
Tracersinfo Usage fees	854.00
Ancom Royal Lahaina Resort Deposit	5,194.82
Ancom Meeting and Banquet	15,208.24
Ancom Room Marty	499.08
Ancom Room, Air, and Luau Garry	4,343.59
Wirless Microphone	349.00
Ancom Airfare	903.40
New P.O. Box Rental 1 year	276.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$33,894.28

BEGINNING BALANCE: MAY 1, 2021 \$57,263.58

INCOME 14,918.00  
EXPENSES (6,857.47)

ENDING BALANCE: April 30, 2022 \$65,324.11

## 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

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*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, 2021 through December 31, 2021, 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.*

*Falling under the category of encouraging news,...*

*Our gains for 2021 were 73 which included Raising, Affiliations and Restorations.*

*Our loses for 2021 period 53 which included Deaths, Suspension and Demits.*

*So, in spite of Covid still looming over us, we actually had a gain of 20 members for 2021.*

*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**

*While there are grumblings out there about the extra steps to complete a background check to admit a new member, they still prove to be a valuable tool as many applicants last year were identified as having suspect back backgrounds before they could become a member of your beloved fraternity. So, the Background system through Tracers continues to be an asset.*

### **ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM**

*Groupable: M2 (previously known as MORI) continues to evolve adding more features to make our lives as secretaries even simpler and reporting more accurate. They continually offer on-line virtual training for everyone. Although the time zone difference does make it challenging, these classes are definitely worth the effort to wake a few hours early every now and then to participate in them.*

*On the horizon and possibly for this year, Groupable is working on launching virtual dues cards to replace our paper ones. But for those who don't utilize smart devices, they will be able to opt in for the traditional paper cards instead.*

## **SECRETARIES' WORKSHOPS**

*Because of the lack or limited ability of travel and gathering in person due to Covid mandates over the last 2 years, we have gone to 1 on 1 virtual training and program support. While in person workshops are preferable, Zoom sessions have proven invaluable especially for the quick problem solving scenario.*

*In-person workshops are planned to start back up this year but the virtual sessions will definitely continue as well.*

## **PANTAGRAPH - List of Lodges**

*Pantagraph who had published List of Lodges that we all used to verify a visiting brother's Blue Lodge membership went out of business 2 years ago.*

*Over that period, the Conference of Grand Secretaries has been working with Copiri (who we also know as Amity who has an App by the same name) to develop a new List of Lodge that will now be maintained by the conference and all data to be stored on the server at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial where we all have access to 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.*

*The App to access this can be found on either the Google Play Store or the Apple Store. More detailed information on how to access this will be sent out to the Brethren soon.*

*Most Worshipful Sir, this concludes the Grand Secretary's report for this year. With your permission I move to accept this report....*

*Most Worshipful Sir, thank you for your time.*

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

# 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET

The Grand Master then called upon Right Worshipful Edde Kanai to present the 2022 Proposed Budget for approval.

2022-2023 PROPOSED GRANDMASTER'S BUDGET					
	2018 BUDGET	2019 BUDGET	2020 BUDGET	2022 BUDGET	CHANGES FROM 2020 NOTES
<b>INCOME</b>					
Affiliations	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 150	\$ 150	
Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 100	\$ 100	
Dispensations (\$25 per dispensation)	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 100	
George Washington Memorial Foundation (Est. 30 x \$5 per new initiate)	\$ 350	\$ 375	\$ 150	\$ 150	
George Washington Memorial Foundation (1639 x \$1 per member)		\$ 1,700	\$ 1,639	\$ 1,639	
Grand Lodge (50 x \$20 per new initiate)	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Masonic Charities of Hawaii (50 x \$15 per new initiate)	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,125	\$ 750	\$ 750	
Per Capita Tax (1639 x \$38 per member)	\$ 44,200	\$ 42,500	\$ 40,975	\$ 62,282	Increase in per-capita from \$25 to \$38
Donations / Other Income	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
One Day Class (50 x \$100)	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000	Plan for two one-day classes
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 56,300</b>	<b>\$ 58,500</b>	<b>\$ 49,164</b>	<b>\$ 72,971</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Annual Communications					
Supplies/Refreshments	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
Travel/Hotel	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
Conferences					
Conference of Grand Master's Registration	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 450	\$410 for 2022
Conference of Grand Master's Dues	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 850	\$835 for 2022
Western Conference of Grand Masters	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
Conference of Grand Secretary's Dues	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	
Conference of Grand Secretary Travel	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
Grand Secretary California ANCOM Travel				\$ 1,500	Added in line item for GS travel
George Washington Memorial Foundation	\$ 500	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,639	\$ 1,639	
Masonic Charities of Hawaii	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,125	\$ 750	\$ 750	
2022-2023 PROPOSED GRANDMASTER'S BUDGET					
	2018 BUDGET	2019 BUDGET	2020 BUDGET	2022 BUDGET	CHANGES FROM 2020 NOTES
<u>Grand Master Pins/Emblematics:</u>					
Pins	\$ 950	\$ 950	\$ 1,150	\$ 1,150	
Grand Lodge Neckties/Shirts	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ 738	\$ 850	Budgetary estimates
Plaques/Mementos	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 521	\$ 600	
Masonic Education	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 350	\$ 3,000	Plan to increase education
Masonic Services Association Dues	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	
Name Badges	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Office Supplies					
Administrative Supplies (Postage, etc.)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 868	\$ 1,000	
Copier / Computer Supplies	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 694	\$ 800	Budgetary estimates
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 564	\$ 650	
Photography and printing	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	
Rental (HMTA)	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
Secretary's Honorarium (\$1,000 per month)	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	
Secretary's Workshop/Leadership Workshop	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 180	\$ 200	Plan to resume workshops, some via Zoom
Tax Preparation Fees	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 3,000	\$3k in 2021
Telephone	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 or 23.4% of Revenue)	\$ 14,500	\$ 13,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,500	Resume Travel
Grand Lodge Inspector Travel				\$ 1,000	Kauai & Maui Inspector travel
Pillar Travel to Conference of Grand Masters				\$ 3,000	Encourage all Grand Pillars to attend
Treasures' Expenses	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	
GL Website	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,000	Purchasing widgets
Youth Groups	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 434	\$ 500	Restore to \$500
Executive Committee Meeting Refreshments	\$ 275	\$ 500	\$ 400	\$ 1,000	\$830 spent in 2020
GROUPABLE Hosting	\$ 300	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	
One Day Class Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 400	\$ 500	Budgetary estimate
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 56,425</b>	<b>\$ 58,425</b>	<b>\$ 47,638</b>	<b>\$ 65,339</b>	
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (125)</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>	<b>\$ 1,526</b>	<b>\$ 7,632</b>	
<b>TOTAL TRAVEL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 16,700</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>	<b>\$ 17,000</b>	
<b>% OF BUDGET</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>23%</b>	
<i>Footnote:</i>					
* For 2019 on, \$1.00 in the "Per Capita Tax" line was transferred to GW Memorial Foundation					

It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the proposed 2022 Annual Budget and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

## **CALLING TO REFRESHMENT**

Approaching the end of business for the day, Most Worshipful Graham directed Right Worshipful Gloriani Lontoc to call the Grand Lodge of Hawaii from Labor to refreshment wherein he directed that labor be resumed at the sound of the gavel in the East at "around" 9 am Saturday morning.

# SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

**APRIL 16<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

The Most Worshipful Garry Graham, Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii called the Grand Lodge of Hawaii from refreshment and resumed labor at 9:30 am.

Before the business of the day was started, The Grand Master called for a moment of silence for Brother Cary Cope from Kona Lodge who had passed away overnight.

## FOREIGN RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE

### ANNUAL REPORT

The Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Alexander to present the Foreign Recognitions Committee report on behalf of Most Worshipful Michael Baker, Chairman of that committee as he was unable to attend this year's Annual Communication. Each recognition request was discussed and voted on individually. The results are as follows:

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To: Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM  
From: Foreign Relations Committee

April 6, 2022

Chairman: Michael P. Baker, PGM  
Member: Dan Miller, PM  
Member: Lee Meyerson, PM

1. *The Committee on Foreign Relations received, on 04/21/21, a request for recognition from the Centenary Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon. The Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon is the governing body of Freemasonry in this Northern Mexican State located along the border with Texas, USA. Founded by **Bernardo Reyes** in 1905, it oversees the operation of 77 blue lodges, most of them working under the Scottish Rite in the city of Monterrey, capital of the State and home of the Great Temple. We are a proud member of the Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges in the United Mexican States. After reviewing the attached documents with the request, the committee on Foreign Recognition recommends a yes vote on recognition.*

Motion made and seconded to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion Passed.  
Recognition granted.

2. *The Committee on Foreign Relations received, on 06/16/21, a request for recognition from the Grande Oriente Paulista in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The Grand Orient of São Paulo disbanded in 2018 from the Grand Orient of Brazil, establishing a new obedience without bond or mutual recognition with the GOB or the GOP-SP. Having more than one Grand Jurisdiction in Brazil there can be no recognition without a treaty signed by all Grand Lodges in Brazil, therefore the Committee on Foreign Recognition recommends a NO vote on recognition.*

Motion made and seconded to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion Passed.  
Recognition NOT granted.

3. *The Committee on Foreign Relations received, on 06/07/21, a request for recognition from the Grand Masonic Lodge of Rio Grande do Norte in Brazil. There being no regular signed treaty with GOP (Grand Orient of Paulista they are in conflict with one another. Therefore, the committee on Foreign Relations recommends a NO vote at this time until conflicts can be resolved.*

Motion made and seconded to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion Passed.  
Recognition NOT granted.

4. *The Committee on Foreign Relations received, on 03/16/22, a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of the State of Mexico. In 1997, the United Grand Lodge of Veracruz, Mother Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodges in Mexico and recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, granted us Patten Letters and the authority to form our own Grand Lodge in the State of Mexico. The Country of Mexico is a federal republic composed of 32 federal entities: 31 states and a Capital City, which is Mexico City. In 2004 the committee of recognitions for the Conference of Grand Masters of North America stated in their report that there are "130 Grand Lodges operating in Mexico. Of those it appears to be only 30 state Grand Lodge and the York Grand Lodge that are considered to be practicing Regular Masonry". The Grand Lodge of the State of Mexico is one of those Grand Lodges. Further in 2020 the committee of recognitions for the Conference of Grand Masters of North America stated in their report that the Grand Lodge of the State Of Mexico is a Grand Lodge recognized by the confederation of Mexican Grand Lodges and thus working as a regular Grand Lodge. After reviewing the attached documents with the request, the committee on Foreign Recognition recommends a YES vote on recognition with the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM*

Motion made and seconded to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion Passed. Recognition granted.

5. *The Committee on Foreign Relations received, on 04/12/22, a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Benemerito Ejercito de Oriente F&AM of the State of Puebla, Mexico. Our Grand Lodge is one of the thirty-one Regular Grand Lodges in Mexico that appeared in 2004 in the report of the Commission on Information for Recognition, of the Conference of Grand Master Masons of North America. The Grand Lodge of Puebla has been practicing regular freemasonry since its foundation in 1996. After careful review of the credentials of the above we recommend that a vote of yes be considered for the Grand lodge of Bebemerito Ejercito de Oriente F&AM of Mexico.*

Motion made and seconded to accept the committee's recommendation. Motion Passed. Recognition granted.

## **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 their Annual Report

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### **Grand Lodge Annual Communication 2022 Masonic Charities of Hawaii Oral Report**

*Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,*

*I have submitted a written report, which will be contained in the published Proceedings of this Annual Communication. I am grateful for this opportunity to elaborate on my report.*

*In 2014 Masonic Charities of Hawaii, a Hawaii non-profit corporation, was approved as a §501(c)(3) organization, qualifying for tax-deductible donations under the Internal Revenue Code. As such, it is (and must be) entirely separate from the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, which is a 501(c)(10) fraternal organization. This is one reason we used the name Masonic Charities of Hawaii (MCH), instead of the name "Hawaii Masonic Charities", which appears in the Hawaii Masonic Code. We also thought the initials "HMC" to describe the corporation would be confused with the "HMC" used for the Hawaii Masonic Code.*

*Since the MCH funds originated and still spring primarily from the Freemasons of this jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge maintains oversight over MCH activities. But it does not run the corporation.*

*MCH was originally formed to fund and operate the "Keiki I.D." program, which was part of a national Masonic initiative called "CHIP", whose goal was to find missing children*



*and hopefully to prevent their abduction. However, the CHIP program's popularity suddenly lost favor because of privacy considerations, and, likewise the Keiki I.D. program lost its purpose.*

*In 2016 we decided that MCH's organizational structure was too unwieldy. We elected a new, smaller board of directors and new officers. In the meantime, we decided to amend the bylaws and spent some time creating a more manageable organization. Then, of course, we ran into the pandemic, which hampered and disrupted our efforts. However, we have now finalized our proposed bylaw amendments and are going through the required process of approvals, which we expect to complete in the next few months.*

*Once we have finalized the organizational changes, our first objective will be to find another charitable purpose. We have participated in several small charitable activities, but we have many good ideas on how to make MCH more impactful on our community, and perhaps to make Masonry more visible among our citizenry.*

*Financially, for the 2021-22 Masonic year, MCH had no expenditures, and there is currently in our bank account the sum of \$33,253.03 as of January 31, 2022. Once our purpose is redefined, we will be looking into investing money in higher yielding investments.*

*Please note that we welcome any input from the Masonic members and their families. If anyone wishes to participate and feel that they have something to contribute. Please feel free to contact me and we will be happy to include you.*

*Mahalo,*

*David H Gomes, Past Master*

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

## 2022 GRAND ORATION

Most Worshipful Graham then called upon our Grand Orator, Worshipful Robert Schultz to deliver this year's Grand Oration.

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*Grand Oration 2022*

*MW Sir; Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge Members, Distinguished Visitors; Brethren  
All ALOHA!*

*I would like to thank the Grand Master for again giving me the honor of serving as the Grand Orator. What other position in the Grand Lodge – short of the Most Worshipful – allows you to freely speak on the health and prosperity of the Masonic Fraternity as well as its connection with the larger world. I think I just felt the Grand Lecturer shift in his seat... Well, Fear Not! Or - Not-a-Lot.*

*Having to give the first Oration after COVID is not an easy task.*

*Freemasonry has, to a large degree, gone into hibernation for the last 26 months. For a goodly portion of those months, everything hibernated. We stopped; stopped planning events, stopped conducting meetings; in too many cases, we stopped communicating as Masons. Trying to assess the health of the Masonic Community at this point-in-time is like: Trying to predict, what the price of a gallon of gasoline will be tomorrow.*

*There are and were so many external forces interacting with us – as well as internal questions regarding “Can we meet?”, “Where can we meet?”, “Will they let us EAT?” I’m very concerned that it may take longer for us to normalize our Masonic calendars and to rebuild attendance - than it took for the state of Hawaii to allow more than 10 people to meet in a Lodge Room or even a banquet hall.*

*I struggled to find an appropriate topic for my Oration. Brother Sam Clemens used to say: **“It usually takes me more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech”**. Then there is always **“Never put off till tomorrow, what you can do the day after tomorrow”**.*

*Our Masonic teachings teach us to meet ‘On the Level’ and caution us from any discussions concerning or approaching the differences between us regarding Religion or Politics. My Oration will be – if nothing else – a Level discussion. I won’t endeavor to cross any lines – or fences – however, sometimes it’s better to evaluate the color and health of the grass beyond - from that very fence line.*

*Please don’t focus on any opinions in my Oration that are either expressed or implied. Please focus on your own opinions and the foundations they are supported by.*

*Brother Samuel Clemens also known as Brother Mark Twain, A Master Mason, once wrote: **It is the difference of opinion that makes the horse race interesting.***

*Brother Clemens, who lived in many places throughout this great Country, was born in November 1835 and lived until April 1910. He was Initiated an Entered Apprentice, passed to Fellowcraft and was as a Master Mason in Polar Star Lodge #79 in Saint Louis, Missouri.*

*In his life, He experienced many societal changing events including the deployment of the first Telegraph system. It initially went from Washington, D.C. to Baltimore, Maryland. The initial test message read: What hath God wrought?" He lived through the great California Gold Rush, Napoleon becoming the ruler of France, and then he wasn't the ruler anymore. He saw the abolishment of Slavery in our country; lived through the War between the States. [I don't recognize the words Civil and War in the same sentence] The Dominican War, the Anglo-Sikh War. The New Zealand Wars, The Mexican American War; even a Guerrilla War, fought between two opposing Kansas governments. And that's how they came up with Kansas City... His Masonic resume is sparse, but he either took from his Lodge or may have already keenly possessed an intellect and wisdom that made him a celebrated author and gifted speaker.*

*It is remarkable how his memorable quotes and life commentaries from over a 'Century and a Half' ago seem to apply as poignantly now, as they did in his time.*

*There were NINE Freemasons who signed the Declaration of Independence. THIRTEEN who were signers of the U.S. Constitution. And FIFTEEN U.S. Presidents who have taken our vows. [One DeMolay] Probably they were as diverse as all of us here today. Each had similar beliefs and – at the same time - dissimilar beliefs. I whole-heartedly believe they all believed in the Liberty and Freedom that Freemasonry teaches us and they endeavored to ensure that those Masonic tenets, along with Truth, Fortitude and Justice, persevered in our society.*

***Liberty and Freedom are granted to us by our Constitution, but they are not guaranteed by the Great Architect of the Universe. If they are not enforced by OUR individual actions and upheld by the rule of law, those important tenets become selective and arbitrary.***

*As Masons, we are all citizens of these United States [my respects to our foreign visiting Brothers if present] we are all, in many ways, decedents of strong individuals who risked the future to ensure opportunity. We all have common goals and sometimes uncommon paths, but we are – I hope – destined to the same point where our Nation remains Safe, Prosperous and Secure. This destination cannot be found, or arrived at, unless we are all of a common goal and can process the multitude of information that we are barraged with each day.*

***Our Brother Clemens once commented that, "If you FAIL to read the morning paper, you are un-informed. If you DO read the newspaper, you are probably misinformed."*** Who do you LISTEN to? Who do you TRUST? Do you pay attention to ONLY those who have a similar opinion to yours, or only those who are somehow anointed by others as being worthy of your ear? Whenever you find yourself

*on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.*

*In this day and age, everyone seems to refer to or quote our U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights. There are four basic characters of thought as it pertains to Constitutional interpretation. You can be a Constitutionalist, a Conservative, a Liberal or a Progressive.*

*Constitutionalists strictly adhere to the Constitution and its amendments near verbatim. They believe the drafters set down the landmarks of our Republic and they are to be followed; and not strayed from. It is widely believed that our judges should be 'Strict Constitutionalists' and any variance from what is written should be addressed as an amendment to that document and voted for or against by all of the States.*

*Conservatives strive to 'Conserve' the tenets of the Constitution. When laws or mandates seem to go against THEIR interpretations of the Constitution they are steadfast to try to 'Conserve the Laws and Precepts as close as it can be to the original drafters of that important charter. That is the original root of the term Conserve-atism. It is sometimes thought that Conservatives are unwilling to share in our Bountiful Nation and its resources freely – most often wanting individuals to earn what they receive in status and wealth.*

*Liberalism is a political doctrine that takes protecting and enhancing the freedom of the individual to be the central point of government. Liberals typically believe that government is necessary to protect individuals from being harmed by others, but they also recognize that government itself can pose a threat to liberty. As the revolutionary American pamphleteer Thomas Paine, [who unfortunately was NOT a Mason] expressed in his 1776 writing Common Sense, that government is at best "a necessary evil." Liberals generally tend to be 'Liberal' in their interpretation of the words and meaning of the U.S. Constitution – often adding alternative meanings to the writings. Liberal thought is also often associated with the belief that one's wealth or status in the community should be gauged against another's and balances should be in place to ensure fairness.*

*Progressivism is a movement that is accommodated by a diverse array of reformers who form new organizations and institutions with the common objective of strengthening the national government and making it more responsive to popular economic, social, and political demands. Progressives are in favor of rewriting or even abandoning the U.S. Constitution and forming a Nation that has a more localized government structure - that supports a collective community.*

*Those combinations sometimes create the perception that opportunities are not equally available in the United States and that growing one's individual wealth threatens the freedom of other individuals to earn a living.*

*At their core, all four of these primary ideologies are noble, and I say primary ideologies because there are a multitude of inter-connections, proportions and mixtures within*

*those four schools of thought. Because of that hybrid of thought, it makes it difficult for any man to be labeled as being "THAT".*

- There are those who are Conservative in thought, yet Liberal in deed.*
- People who ardently support another's right to free speech – as long as it parallels their own thoughts.*
- Elected officials who are protected by dedicated security details, who espouse that law abiding citizens should not own firearms for defense.*

*You can respect the genius of the Masons and others who drafted and perfected our Constitution, but still see that their scope of thought may not have included the World Wide Web, 24hr news cycles or even what is referred to Multiculturalism.*

*Of the three, multiculturalism is probably the only thought that came to their minds in some form. Our Nation was formed by immigrants. Europeans, Asians, Africans and from within those groups, an even more diverse mixture of cultures, customs and cuisines who joined with the indigenous people of the New World.*

*America, as well as Freemasonry, was founded on the idea that it doesn't matter a person's heritage, skin color or social status. Anyone who asks to come among us is supposed to be welcomed and aided in their pursuit of happiness. Some might be thinking now - America has Failed or that Freemasonry has Failed. I disagree. America and Freemasonry are to this day successes. It has been Men who have failed America, and could fail Freemasonry in these trying times.*

*There have been countless instances throughout history of improprieties, injustices and discrimination throughout the world. America was FAR from the first. The Egyptians, the Romans, the Ottomans and even Africans failed to honor and appreciate their fellow men [and women] as individuals. The Class systems in Europe, the Middle East and Asia benefitted the few at the expense of the many. In coming to the New World, they ascribed to lofty ideals, but unfortunately these same imperfections of Man came with them. America as a whole, and the Masonic fraternity as a society, attempted to break off those superfluous and flawed parts of man. Were we or are we successful?*

*Yes, at times... No, Not always!*

*We make better choices while in our Lodges, than we sometimes do when out in the world. Silence in the face of adversity is acceptance. Bowing to societal changes that take us astray, or go against our collective understanding of Truth, leads to acceptance of what were once societal TABOOS and they too soon become societal norms. Society as a whole stops looking structured and it becomes chaotic.*

*Brother J. Edgar Hoover, a Master Mason and former Head of the FBI stated:*

***"When morals decline and good men do nothing, evil flourishes."***

*Our Society makes up the Masonic Fraternity. The Masonic Fraternity will eventually*

*mirror that Society. How's our Society doing today? How are our Lodges doing? How do they differ from – let's say TWENTY years ago? (Look Around) Some of us were here then. Some, I'm sure were around, but maybe not yet Masons. For our youngest Masons, today is all they have to judge by. By what, and how, will we judge today? We could discuss many aspects of the last twenty years of our society, but in this Annual Communication it could, or possibly would, be viewed by some that there might be a leg protruding through the fence.*

*Today we get slanted or incomplete information from our news outlets. Brother Sam was a believer that you should, **"Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please."** There are stories that are fabricated by members of our elected officials that are packaged, processed and directed by the Media or Blogosphere we have previously trusted to report to us the facts. And at the same time the same outlets are cherry picking or ignoring the facts that don't fit their narratives. Remember: **"If you tell a big enough Lie, and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed"** Can you guess who said that?*

*Malcolm X said, **"The media is the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent."** Media has the power to influence minds, ideas, behaviors, and (the) attitudes of the masses.*

*Always be mindful that the story being told to you may not necessarily be "On the Level" and there could be ulterior motives behind or driving the story – motives driven by everything that we as Masons are to avoid. Greed, Hypocrisy, Social Engineering and Power. Are we listening for the message? Or are focusing primarily on the messenger? Do we to believe a journalist who says that a protest is "Mostly Peaceful" even though they are reporting from outside a burning building, the contents of which are in the process of being looted? And at the same time, we are to disregard another who presents a through report based on researched facts – but we pay no attention to them because we don't like the way they part their hair, or where they disseminate their information from? **"The rule is perfect: in all matters of opinion our adversaries are insane"** – or so said our Brother Mark Twain. Oops...I think I'm touching that fence...*

*America IS the greatest NATION on the face of this earth. I didn't say Perfect, and I'm not implying that it is the only great Nation on this earth. Brother Clemens defined Patriotism as, **"Supporting your COUNTRY all of the time, and your Government - when it deserves it."** America probably shouldn't be looked at as a Country, but as a unique concept. Where in the world could immigrants from other countries, arrive on our shores and then later become Americans. I would be hard pressed to migrate to Australia, the Philippines or India and then be considered Indian, Australian or Filipino. By accepting and practicing American values, America has formed a rich society of diverse cultures. By rejecting American values, and sticking strictly to the ones ethnic group, we end up as Tribes. Always bear in mind, immigrants are not risking their lives to enter most other countries in the world - nor would they*



*being allowed to do so by those countries.*

*But, let us examine today. We survived COVID-19. It was supposed to be our apocalypse. For many it was the factor that led to their demise. COVID-18, 17 and the other strains of INFLUENZA throughout the years have proved deadly to masses of people who were either susceptible to that year's strain or were already weakened by other health problems. But in this case, we were mandated to be fearful. Happily, the worst has passed. Those who are still cautious – be cautious. Those that are living. Live-on. Brother Samuel cautioned us to, **"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint."** [And I'll add to that listening to self-serving.]*

*Freedom is at an all-time high in America. You now seem to have the freedom to choose your gender or orientation. And guess what, you have more than two choices... And woe be the person [See what I did there?] that gets their pronouns wrong... You have the Freedom to send your children to school, but not the Freedom to question the curriculum or the class subject matter. Brother Clemens commented more than a century ago that, **"In the first place, God made idiots. That was for practice. Then he made school boards."***

*Please stay mindful of the path that America and Masonry are on. If you approve of the course they are on, be sure to look ahead to gauge where we are traveling to. Listen to the opinions of others. Strive not for agreement – but for understanding. If you feel strongly concerning an issue or topic, be willing and able to express yourself without challenging another person's opinion. A raised hand waving back in lieu of expressing yourself is a sure sign that you are resting on another's ideals, not your own. Our Nation does not need to be Fundamentally Changed, it need only to be Perfected. We don't need to make America Great Again, we need only to identify what makes it Great and nurture those ideals. We can Build America <Back> Better, but not by Demolishing its foundations.*

*Abraham Lincoln (Who wasn't a Freemason, but said he highly respected the fraternity) stated: **"At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer, if it ever reaches us, it must spring up amongst us. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide."***

*I thank you for your attention. I aimed to stimulate your minds, not question what is in them. Light the landscape and allow each to fairly judge its beauty. I opened my heart and ask you to strive to allow another to touch yours. Mostly, I thank each and every one of you, for being the force behind the most formative years in my adult life. Every day, strive to learn TWO new things from someone else and to impart at least ONE lesson to worthy Brother.*

*I leave you with a couple of quotes from Bro Clemens that call for contemplation:*

- *Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.*
- *I am an old man and have known a great many troubles, but most of them never happened.*
- *Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.*
- *Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest.*
- *Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.*
- *Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.*

Thank – You!  
 Robert A. Schultz, Grand Orator  
 Grand Orator

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## 2022 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

With all committee reports completed for this year, the Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II, Past Grand Master and the chairman 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.

As there was only 1 piece of legislation to consider this year, the Grand Master chose to have it voted upon by a voice vote whereupon it was unanimously accepted.

2022 Proposed Resolutions						
Resolution #	Description	Required # of Votes	For	Against	Passed	Rejected
2021 - 01	Applications from non-recognized jurisdictions	2/3 (66.6%)			<b>v</b>	



**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII**  
**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01**  
**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 valid demit from his lodge or provide proof that one was earnestly requested 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 3<sup>rd</sup> degree of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

The above reference Acknowledgement and Repudiation form is attached.

DATED July 25, 2021  
Respectfully submitted,  
Garry Graham, Grand Master, Proponent

# The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F & AM 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) \_\_\_\_\_

My previous Masonic affiliation information is as follows:

Grand Lodge of: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ thru \_\_\_\_\_

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

(CHOOSE ONLY ONE)

\_\_\_\_\_ A) Not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM and 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.

- OR -

\_\_\_\_\_ B) Recognized by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii FA&M but for visitation purposes only and 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 Affiliation membership and participate in a Traversing Ceremony re-obligating the three degrees of Masonry within this jurisdiction and pay \$100 to the Grand Lodge of Hawaii in addition to any lodge affiliation membership fees.

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

\* Attach copy of demit

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**  
**Grand Lodge of Hawaii**  
**Proposed Resolution No. 2022-01**

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 2022-01 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 valid demit from his lodge or provide proof that one was earnestly requested 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. As it intends to amend the Standing Policy and Appendix of the HMC, making it binding upon future membership decisions, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage.

Dated 1/24/2022

Respectfully submitted,

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

## GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

After the voting on legislation was completed, Most Worshipful Garry Graham then vacated the Grand East so that he could deliver his State of the Craft Address with the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Edde T. Kanai, occupying his seat.

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*Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, and Brothers all.*

*To say that the last few years have been unique would be an understatement. From our canceled 2020 Annual Communications, our Governor's and Mayor's prohibition of meetings to the introduction to Zoom as our continued lifeline, there have been a few challenges.*

*But I will say, with help of many in this great jurisdiction and without, I think we have not only managed but came out stronger.*

*Two weeks after I stepped into these shoes, a core group of inspectors and led by W. Chris Kaminaka and W. Dino Fernandes, assisted by two sitting Master, W. Jonathan Cross and W. Marlon Calventas and our Illustrious Potentate at the time Ill. Anthony Escasa, PM (Yes from none other than the famed Escasa family) created, filmed and presented to our Grand Lecturer a hybrid alternative floorwork degree to allow candidates to receive the first and second degrees with only four officers and the candidate in the room and thus complying with our 5 and under city and state covid restrictions.*

*One month in, we developed a plan for our reciprocity brothers to be able to affiliate without needing to completely retake the degrees. These are our brother masons who deserve our extended hand of fidelity. With our Grand Lecturer, we were able to create a traversing ceremony that ensures these affiliated brothers know and understand **OUR** obligations, signs and modes of recognition while respecting that they are already brother masons.*

*Within two months, Our Hawaii jurisdiction hosted the Western Conference of Grand Masters via Zoom. For my own expectations, this meeting did not reach the level of idea exchange that I had hoped for. I was still in the frame of mind that on-line meeting needed to be under an hour long. Luckily, in the subsequent meeting My fellow Grand Masters picked up that mantle and showed just how effective we can be even by Zoom. Having a forum with these Grand Masters allowed me to hear and see many common challenges throughout all of our charged territories. We were able to bounce ideas between us of possible solutions. This meeting is Masonic Gold and I can't recommend enough how essential participation is for all of the Executive officers.*

*Within five months we had were able to put together the first hybrid, multi-island One-Day-class for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. The 3<sup>rd</sup> degree is just too intimate and important to deliver over Zoom in my opinion.*

*Each candidate was able to receive their degree with the ritual words delivered by a tiled Zoom meeting and the physical floorwork individually delivered at their tiled location across the islands.*

*It wasn't all smooth sailing. Each lodge, as well as the Grand Lodge had to cancel numerous social and charitable events. My two Annual Communication banquets had to be canceled and my dream of a casino night Black and White ball was scheduled and canceled three time due to the ongoing social gathering restrictions.*

*Over this last year, our ritual committee has created our first Plain Text Ritual... book (I guess I can't call it a cipher anymore). You'd be amazed how hard it proved to create. This book, which will remain with the Grand Lodge can be accessed by the Lodge inspectors as Masters or coaches have questions are particular words and phrases. And it offers the promise of state wide uniformity of our ritual. Well, At least the words!! The Floorwork will follow.*

*After a 20-year stagnation, the jurisdiction has voted to raise the per-capita. While barely a little more than \$1 per month per mason it will allow the jurisdiction to do more. Like to start taking control of the Masonic narrative we see in across social media. While it is impossible for Hawaii to do this alone, we don't have to. Our leaders at Scottish Rite and the Shrine international have created excellent media and a lead system that reaches out and directs men with Masonic interest in our direction. We now are developing a connection to our website to invite these knockers into our lodges. And We laid out our own plans to market across the islands directing more men toward these new tools. These things take money. Not a lot, but some and now we have some means to nurture and grow our membership.*

*With our administrative application Groupable, we have also worked and created a template query that will allow Hawaii to move to digital dues cards within the next year. This new programing will allow brothers to have their due card on their smart phone. It will allow the Tiler to scan and check live if the dues are up to date. Hopefully this will encourage a timelier payment of dues and make traveling to other lodges as easy as grabbing your phone.*

*These are just some of the accomplishments your executive team has achieved during our Masonic shut down. There are many more but I don't want me speech to be longer than my term.*

*Also, I still have to say thank you to all that have helped. While there have been so many that have stepped up, I want to say a special thank you to the members of my executive board especially M.W. Alex Escasa, our Jr. Past Grand Master who has taken on one of our greatest challenges in reviving and restructuring the Masonic Charities of*

*Hawaii. This is an arduous task. And I can see light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you, Alex for your years of unselfish work, guidance and friendship. To my Grand Secretary, Maui Marty. You are one of the bedrocks of Masonry in Hawaii. I think that why we named an island after you. (I'm just kidding, I don't want to be responsible for that faux pau.)*

*To all the Past Grand Master of Hawaii, an enormous thank you. I've said this before but it is astounding how much you all give. And I asked of you many of the hardest tasks. Each and every one of you helped when I asked, guided without demands and were my eyes and ears for a Grand Master that cannot be everywhere at once. I can tell all of you about this but it's hard to understand until you step into these shoes just how indispensable the PGMs are to Hawaii. Especially M.W. Dennis S.A. Ing. I will say one of the greatest opportunities of this job was getting to work with you on a continual basis. I will always value the input and sounding board you allowed of me monthly, weekly, daily and sometimes hourly. Thank you, Dennis. You have a place in my heart forever.*

*And now For R.W. Edde my world traveling partner. I am a fairly adequate administrator. That which I undertake, I do. However, my social and common courtesy skills are severely lacking. City after City, Country after Country, RW Edde saved my bacon. With a whisper here and there, an apron or jewel and countless overtures to our hosts and guests. R.W. Edde filled the gaps lacking in my personality to make sure the Grand Lodge of Hawaii was always properly represented. Edde, I owe you big and I am at your beckoned call.*

*Lastly, at the conference of Grand Masters this year our host told us of the importance of telling a brother that you love him. It's as easy as saying, "I love you my brother".*

*The word Aloha in Hawaiian can mean hello and goodbye; but it has many other meanings as well. One of them is "I love you".*

*Aloha my brothers.  
Garry Graham, Grand Master*

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When Most Worshipful Graham resumed his chair in the East, he then moved forward with the election of Grand lodge officers for the ensuing Grand Lodge year.

## **ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

The following Grand Lodge officers were then elected to serve this Grand Lodge for the 2022 Grand Lodge year.

Grand Master .....	Edde T. Kanai
Deputy Grand Master .....	Dustin T. Verity
Senior Grand Warden .....	Gloriani A. Lontoc
Junior Grand Warden .....	Michael J.W. Lopez
Grand Treasurer .....	Robert A. Schultz
Grand Secretary .....	Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Grand Lecturer .....	Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM

Upon completion of the election of officers at 11:55 am, Most Worshipful Graham directed our Junior Grand Warden to call the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment until 3:00 p.m. this afternoon for the public Installation of Grand Lodge Officers.

## **INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

The Installation of officers for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii began at 3:00 pm. With Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II PGM as Installing Officer; Most Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan PGM as Installing Master of Ceremonies, Most Worshipful Alexander A. Escasa PGM as Installing Chaplain and Brother Tyler Lewis as the Installing Organist.

The 2022 Grand Lodge officers were installed as follows:

Grand Master .....	Edde T. Kanai
Deputy Grand Master .....	Dustin T. Verity
Senior Grand Warden .....	Gloriani A. Lontoc
Junior Grand Warden .....	Michael J.W. Lopez
Grand Treasurer .....	Robert A. Schultz
Grand Secretary .....	Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Grand Lecturer .....	Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM
Grand Chaplain .....	Randy V.N. Albano
Grand Orator .....	Jonathan Todd
Grand Marshal .....	Aaron P. Daguio
Grand Standard Bearer .....	Nicholai Khiterer

Grand Sword Bearer .....	Stewart H. Enger
Grand Bible Bearer .....	Vincent L. Gusman
Senior Grand Deacon .....	Jonathan Cross
Junior Grand Deacon .....	David H. Gomes
Senior Grand Steward .....	Troy Gibson Sr.
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**

J. Daniel Miller .....	Kilauea Lodge / Maui Lodge
Michael D. Janovsky .....	Kona Lodge
Mark P. Leo .....	Hawaiian / Kauai Lodge
Kevin R. Perdue .....	Schofield Lodge
Chris N. Kaminaka .....	Leeward Lodge
Anthony A. Escasa .....	Ko'olau Lodge
Marlon A. Calventas .....	Honolulu Lodge
James A. Sullivan .....	Pearl Harbor Lodge
Dino J. Fernandez .....	Lodge Le Progres

After the installation of the 2022 Grand Lodge officers, our newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Edde T. Kanai addressed the assembly, to wit;

### **GRAND MASTER'S INSTALLATION ADDRESS**

*I'd like to thank you all for coming to the 2022 Installation of Grand Lodge Officers on Maui! Mahalo nui loa to all of you who travelled here from the neighbor islands: Oahu, Kauai, and Hawaii island. Also to those of you who came from the mainland: Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Missouri, and also the three who came from Japan! I hope that you have enjoyed your time here so far on Maui (Maui No Ka Oi! Which means Maui is the best!).*

*While this installation was for the 2022 Grand Lodge Officers, I'd like to take a little time to recognize the Grand Lodge Officers who were installed in 2020 via Zoom, but never had the opportunity to have a public installation. If the officers will rise and remain standing when I call your name, please hold your applause until the end. The Grand Lodge of Hawaii would like to show our appreciation to you for serving during these challenging times. Please join me in honoring and thanking them for their service!*



*These past couple years have been very challenging. COVID kicked it off, but there was a lot of other unrest in the world. We are fighting each other, not only in Ukraine, but also on social media and other platforms, writing disparaging remarks and discarding old friends who may have supported a person they didn't like or had said something contrary to their beliefs. This has made me very sad. I have seen that it seems almost impossible to try to change somebody's mind these days, so I pondered what I could do to improve the world. So I thought that I would start with myself, and I want to share Queen Liliuokalani's motto of Kulia I ka nu'u, which literally means to strive to reach the summit. She described this striving as something anyone and everyone could do to achieve personal, life-long excellence, and believed that most people who value this striving and pursuit find that the most satisfying competition they have is with their former selves.*

*This motto is on my pin, which unfortunately due to supply chain issues, has been delayed.*

*This motto aligns with a poem that I learned back in high school, which has come back to my mind periodically throughout the years by Dale Wimbrow.*

#### *The Guy in the Glass*

*When you get what you want in your struggle for self,  
And the world makes you King for a day,  
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,  
And see what that guy has to say.*

*For it isn't your father, or mother or wife,  
Whose judgement upon you must pass,  
The feller whose verdict counts most in life,  
Is the one staring back from the glass.*

*He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear up to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test,  
If the guy in the glass is your friend.*

*You may be like Jack Horner and chisel a plum  
And think you're a wonderful guy,  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye  
You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,  
And get pats on the back as you pass,  
But the final reward will be heartache and tears,  
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.*

*Join me in reflecting upon yourself, your character and your actions, which I think will make a small dent in guiding our communities to a better place. And if your mirror is foggy, please reach out to others for help as we've lost enough Brothers, friends and family recently.*

*And along with improving yourself, please assist others to be able to confidently look back in their own mirror, especially if you see dark clouds in their direction. Instead of knocking each other down, let's stretch forth a helping hand to raise a fallen Brother. Due to COVID and other circumstances, I haven't had the opportunity to travel these past couple of years. But I will be in touch soon after I recover from this weekend and find out how the Grand Lodge can support you to improve and grow Masonry in Hawaii. We'll be having a talk story session with the Grand Lodge after the May Executive meeting, and hope to see you there!*

After his address, Most Worshipful Kanai invited all Grand Lodge of Hawaii Past Grand Masters present west of the altar for introductions.

The Past Grand Masters present were as follows:

Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing .....	2008
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander.....	2009
Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II. ....	2013
Most Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser.....	2016
Most Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan.....	2018
Most Worshipful Alexander A. Escasa .....	2019
Most Worshipful Garry Graham.....	2020/21

At that point, it was discovered that Most Worshipful Garry Graham was not properly clad as he was wearing a white lambskin apron. To remedy this situation, he was then presented with his Past Grand Master's apron, collar and jewel.

## CLOSING OF GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

As all business and presentations for this Annual Communication having been completed, Most Worshipful Kanai asked if any brother had anything else to bring before this Grand Lodge. There being none, he thanked everyone in attendance then closed the 2022 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii by proclamation.

Respectfully Submitted: April 24, 2022

Marty Alexander

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

Reviewed and Approved by:

Edde T. Kanai

MW Edde T. Kanai - Grand Master 2022

Garry Graham

MW Garry Graham - Past Grand Master 2020-2021



## Grand Lodge Officers 2020 – 2021

### Elected Grand Lodge Officers

Most Worshipful Garry Graham .....	Grand Master
Right Worshipful Edde T. Kanai .....	Deputy Grand Master
Right Worshipful Dustin T. Verity .....	Senior Grand Warden
Right Worshipful Gloriani A. Lontoc .....	Junior Grand Warden
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander, PGM .....	Grand Secretary
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM.....	Grand Lecturer

### Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

Very Reverend Randolph V.N. Albano .....	Grand Chaplain
Honorable Robert Schultz .....	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	Kevin R. Perdue	Chris N. Kaminaka
Dino J. Fernandez	Feliciano H. Dela Cruz	Gilles R. Tisseraud

## 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
2020	Garry Graham	Ko'olau
2021	Garry Graham	Ko'olau

# **Lodges constituted under the Grand Lodge of Hawaii January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021**

## **Grand Lodge of Hawaii - Constituted May 20, 1989**

Grand Master	Garry Graham
Deputy Grand Master	Edde T. Kanai
Senior Grand Warden	Dustin T. Verity
Junior Grand Warden	Gloriani A. Lontoc

## **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	2021 (1594) +20		

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

Worshipful Master	Rudy Alvarado
Sr. Warden	Jonjie Punzalan
Jr. Warden	Marlon Calventas
Past Master's Rep.	Robert Schultz

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

Worshipful Master	Jan Kershner
Sr. Warden	Aaron Daguio
Jr. Warden	Donovan Young
Past Master's Rep	Lee Kaneakua

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

Worshipful Master	Francis Cleland
Sr. Warden	Herman Wilson
Jr. Warden	Daniel Whitehead
Past Master's Rep	Karvel Rose

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

Worshipful Master	Michael Janovsky
Sr. Warden	Richard Stueber
Jr. Warden	John Nordblom
Past Master's Rep	John Nordblom

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

Worshipful Master	James Lysiuk
Sr. Warden	Ramon Villasenor
Jr. Warden	Cory Akers
Past Master's Rep.	Troy Gibson Sr.

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

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

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**Leeward Lodge - Constituted May 2, 2003**

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

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

Worshipful Master	Samson Thompson
Sr. Warden	Dino Montalbo
Jr. Warden	Sergio Dowd
Past Master's Rep	Timothy Yuen

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

Worshipful Master	Timothy Torres
Sr. Warden,	Larry Julian
Jr. Warden	Jonathan Todd
Past Master's Rep	Gerald Mateo

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

Worshipful Master	Jonathan Cross
Sr. Warden	Andrew Geiser PGM
Jr. Warden	Vacant
Past Master's Rep	Roy Ota

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

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