**2015 Western Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges**

HYATT REGENCY VANCOUVER Hotel - Georgia Room B

February 14, 2015

Host Conference: Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM

Breakfast and social Time with conference members, ladies and guests began at 7:30 am.

After Breakfast was completed, Most Worshipful Brother Frank Condello II, conference chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and welcomed everyone in attendance.

The invocation was then given by Right Worshipful Mike Baker, Deputy Grand Master from Hawaii.

Right Worshipful Albert Alvarez, Junior Grand Warden from the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, then led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

The Grand Masters were then asked to introduce their jurisdiction’s contingency as well as any visitors from other jurisdictions. According to the signup sheet sent around, the following were in attendance:

Member Jurisdictions

Grand Lodge of Alaska 11

Grand Lodge of Arizona 5

Grand Lodge of California 8

Grand Lodge of Hawaii 7

Grand Lodge of Oregon 6

Grand Lodge of Washington 12

Total 49

Other Visitors Present:

Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon 2

Grand Lodge of New York 1

Grand Lodge of Vermont 1

Total 4 Conference Total 53

After introductions were completed, Most Worshipful Condello opened the floor for a motion to accept the adoption of agenda for the conference which was previously distributed. After it was moved and seconded, motion passed.

Most Worshipful Marty Alexander, conference secretary, then read the minutes of the 2014 Conference. There was a motion and second to accept the minutes, motion passed.

Most Worshipful Condello asked if there were any reports of sickness and distress. None was reported.

Most Worshipful Condello then asked if there were any requests for By-Law changes. There were none.

Presentations then began as follows:

## Hawaii – Raising A Mason: Is That Enough?

## Alaska – Youth Groups

## Oregon – Freemasonry In The Modern Era

## California – Civility

California also reported on the 2015World Conference in November 2015

## Washington – Washington Masonic Charities

The Conference broke for lunch at 11:55 am.

When the afternoon session began at 1:05 pm, presentations continued.

## Arizona – Closing The Back Door

## British Columbia & Yukon - Character

After presentations were completed, the floor was open for emergent topics.

Washington - Demonstration on Electronic Balloting

Washington - Masonic publications

Hawaii - Information on process of chartering a lodge in the Marshall Islands

After the floor was closed for open discussion, conference members were asked for next year’s topics which are as follows:

## Arizona: Mentoring - Before, During and After

## Alaska: To be announced later

## California: Rise and build new Masonic Lodges

## Hawaii: Civility in a non-civil world

## Oregon: Engaging the Craft

## Washington: Grand Lodge committees and long-range planning

Most Worshipful Condello disclosed information on next year’s conference as follows:

2016 Western Conference

Saturday, February 21, 2016

Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin

Host Grand Lodge - Alaska

After all business was completed, Most Worshipful Richard Huston, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, thanked everyone for attending and then asked Most Worshipful Dave Worel to meet him where he was presented with a Conference Gavel that is meant to be used as a traveling gavel to be used by the Conference host each year.

There being no further business to be brought before the conference, Right Worshipful Andrew Geiser, the Senior Grand Warden from Hawaii, then gave the benediction and the Conference was then closed at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty P. Alexander PGM, Grand Secretary

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