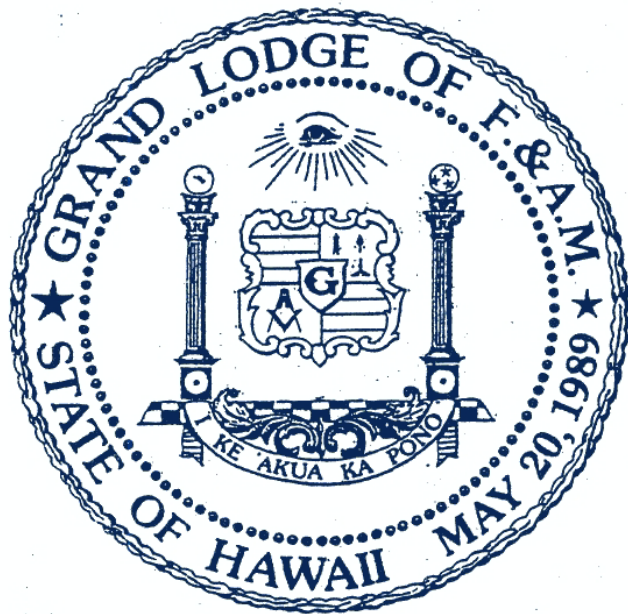


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The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii held its Annual Communication on Friday April 15, and Saturday April 16, A.D 2011, A.L. 6011, at the Honolulu Scottish Rite Cathedral in the City of Honolulu, State of Hawaii.

**FORMAL OPENING**

At 1:45 pm, Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan, Grand Marshall entered the lodge room and announced that the Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii Free and Accepted Masons were entering the room whereupon The Most Worshipful Charles L. Wegener, Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii opened the Grand Lodge of Hawaii in ample form. The flag was presented by the National Sojourners. The Colors were then posted, and Most Worshipful Bruce H. Bonnell of the National Sojourners gave the Toast to the Flag.

Most Worshipful A. Lee Skinner, PGM, Grand Secretary Pro-tempore, called the roll. The presence of the following Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Past Elected Grand Lodge Officers was duly noted:

**Elected Officers**

Most Worshipful Charles L. Wegener .....	Grand Master
Right Worshipful Monty J. Glover .....	Deputy Grand Master
Right Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya.....	Senior Grand Warden
Right Worshipful Frank M. Condello.....	Junior Grand Warden
Honorable Alberto Alarcon.....	Grand Treasurer
Most Worshipful Randolph T.S. Chang, PGM – NOT PRESENT. ....	Grand Secretary
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM.....	Grand Lecturer

**Appointed Officers**

Very Reverend John B. Connell .....	Grand Chaplain
Worshipful Randolph J.L. Chang – NOT PRESENT.....	Grand Orator
Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan .....	Grand Marshal

Honorable Gregory Propernick.....Grand Standard Bearer  
 Worshipful Dennis Alkire – NOT PRESENT ..... Grand Sword Bearer  
 Honorable Edwin Boyette – NOT PRESENT ..... Grand Bible Bearer  
 Worshipful Dexter C. Carrasco..... Senior Grand Deacon  
 Worshipful Oscar Tuano – NOT PRESENT ..... Junior Grand Deacon  
 Worshipful Scott M. Waracka ..... Senior Grand Steward  
 Worshipful Keaka Hashimoto – NOT PRESENT ..... Junior Grand Steward  
 Honorable Milton L. Anderson – NOT PRESENT .....Grand Historian  
 Vacant Position ..... Grand Organist  
 Honorable Gerhart Walch ..... Grand Pursuivant  
 Honorable James R. Steinwandt ..... Grand Tiler

**Past Grand Masters Present**

Most Worshipful Frederick H. Overstreet .....1994  
 Most Worshipful Stuart M. Cowan .....1997  
 Most Worshipful Donald W. Wilson.....2001  
 Most Worshipful Lyle G. Phillips.....2002  
 Most Worshipful A. Lee Skinner.....2003  
 Most Worshipful Raymond Wieckowicz, Jr.....2005  
 Most Worshipful Bruce H. Bonnell .....2006  
 Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing .....2008  
 Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander .....2009

**Other Past Elected Grand Lodge Officers Present**

Very Worshipful David W. Nightingale.....Past Grand Lecturer

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION – APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Grand Secretary Pro-tempore announced that the Committee on Credentials reported that at the close of registration, there were 83 Master Masons from this jurisdiction registered, and that one hundred percent of the Lodges chartered by this Grand Lodge were represented. Therefore a quorum was present as required for the transaction of business.

The final Credentials Committee report also showed that the eligible and qualified voting members present at the Annual Communication were as follows: Past Grand Masters 9, Elected Grand Lodge Officers 6, and constituent Lodge representative’s 42 (11 Masters, 11 Sr. Wardens,

11 Jr. Wardens and 9 Past Masters Representatives) for a total of 57 qualified votes that could be cast on matters brought before this Communication.

The Grand Secretary Pro-tempore also reported that all Lodges have paid their annual per capita assessment to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master then thanked all visiting dignitaries and visitors for joining with us for our Twenty Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and then asked all of the Past Grand Masters from the Grand Lodge of Hawaii to retire so they could be properly received. After their introduction, Most Worshipful Wegener and Right Worshipful Monty Glover, Deputy Grand Master proceeded West of the altar to greet them.

Upon returning to the East, he then asked all visiting Grand Masters or their personal representatives to retire so they could be properly received. After their introduction, Most Worshipful Wegener and Right Worshipful Monty Glover, Deputy Grand Master proceeded West of the altar to greet them.

Most Worshipful Wegener then recognized all Hiram and McKee Award recipients, sitting lodge Masters and Inspectors.

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

After these were done, the Grand Master called upon Very Reverend John B. Connell, our Grand Chaplain and Chairman of the Memorial Service Committee, to present the Service of Remembrance for our departed brethren which is as follows:

*Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, Honored Guests, and Brethren all;*

*I have had the distinct honor and privilege to be your Grand Chaplain for a number of years. In my official capacity I have been called upon to invoke divine blessings at countless banquets, numerous installations, the laying of cornerstones, the opening of a cemetery, and even at the dedication of a hospital. Since I am also an ordained Episcopal Priest, many brothers have also asked me to make hospital visits, provide pastoral care, bless their homes, do an exorcism, and several asked me to give them and their fiancés pre-marital counseling and officiate at their weddings.*

*But one of the things which moves me deeply is being asked by a brother or his family to do his Masonic Funeral.*

*A Masonic funeral is the last opportunity for a man's brothers and friends to assemble in the character of Masons, and, with the solemn formalities of the Craft, to offer up to his memory, before the world, the last tribute of our affection.*

*It is also a reminder that we too are mortal, and that our spirits, too, must return to the God who spake them into existence. We must prepare for eternity by living a virtuous and well spent life, so that on that great day of reckoning we shall be ready to give a good account of our stewardship while here on earth.*

*With the symbols of the Lambskin Apron and the Acacia, we commend his spirit to Almighty God.*

*We extend to the bereaved family and friends our sincere sympathy and pray that they may realize that our brother is happy in his Father's house where there shall be no more death, sorrow or crying or pain, but life and joy everlasting*

*There is no conflict with religious services. You can have both a Masonic service and a service of the religion of your choice. I often do the Masonic Service and then put on my clerical vestments and conclude with a Christian funeral service and interment.*

*Countless family members have said that, until they attended the Masonic Funeral Service, they never realized the extent of the brotherly love and affection which really exists among the brothers of the Lodge. They use words such as beautiful, inspirational, hopeful, etc. and express their sincere appreciation for the comfort and support the service provided.*

*One young man never thought about joining the Masons, even though his father was a Past Master. But at his father's Masonic Funeral, he was so impressed with all of these men who turned out in their white aprons to pay tribute to his father that he wanted to become a Mason himself. He joined and rose to positions of leadership in many Masonic Bodies, and today, is an officer of this Grand Lodge.*

*Brethren, we must realize that we too are mortal. With every breath we take we too are moving closer to the time when we will have to answer that divine decree, and be called to travel to that heavenly lodge above..*

*The Masonic Funeral Service is one of the few Masonic ceremonies open to the public, and which can give people a glimpse of the teachings of our noble craft. All you have to do is ask the Master or Secretary of your Lodge, and he will make all of the arrangements. Tell your family that when the time comes, you want a Masonic Funeral, and put it in writing in your will or your trust documents so there is no doubt.*

*And now, as we open this Grand Communication, it is only fitting to take a few moments to remember those brothers who, this year, have answered the summons that Celestial Lodge which no time can close. They have faithfully laid the foundations upon which we stand, and have erected their spiritual temples in accordance with the designs drawn upon the Divine trestle board by the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Will those who are able, please rise:*

**Reading of Deceased Brothers for Necrology 4-15-11**

<i>Herman K. Auyong</i>	<i>Frederick Bolte</i>	<i>Kenneth M. Bromley</i>
<i>Wah C. Ching</i>	<i>Myron N. Daniels</i>	<i>Richmond A. Day</i>
<i>Leonard Drazen</i>	<i>Raymond L. Egan</i>	<i>Herbert Y. S. Foo</i>
<i>John A. Gomes Jr.</i>	<i>Frank M. Harper</i>	<i>Harvey D. Hawkins</i>
<i>George R. Jordan</i>	<i>Joseph K. Katona</i>	<i>Lloyd P. Kealoha</i>
<i>Manley Kirkeby</i>	<i>Albert F. Koula</i>	<i>Wilfred D. Lau</i>
<i>Thomas H. Long Jr.</i>	<i>Cyrus Loo</i>	<i>Dexter Lum</i>
<i>Arthur W. Martin</i>	<i>Thomas Matthews</i>	<i>Donald P. McDiarmid Jr.</i>
<i>John W. Murley</i>	<i>Esteban C. Padua</i>	<i>William S. Richardson</i>
<i>Richard B. Rodrigues</i>	<i>John W. Smith</i>	<i>Willilam L. Spargur Jr.</i>
<i>George V. Tharp</i>	<i>Christian J. Villanueva</i>	<i>Glen M. Ward</i>
<i>Robert N. Wiskoff</i>	<i>Martin H. Wong</i>	

*Let us Pray, Supreme Grand Master, Ruler of Heaven and Earth, you have knit us together in the bonds of brotherly love, relief and truth: we ask you to grant eternal peace to all of our brothers who have finished their earthly toils and have been raised in that celestial lodge above. Comfort all who mourn, that we may have strength to meet the days ahead. Grant us comfort in the firm knowledge that our departed brethren are happy with you, where there is no more pain or sorrow, but only joy and peace.*

*Grant us who are continuing our travels on earth during these troubled times, to trust in your unfathomable wisdom, unconquerable strength, and incomparable beauty. Please grant us the ability and perseverance to faithfully follow your designs on that Heavenly Trestle Board, that all we do may be done in Harmony, and to your Honor and Glory. AMEN Into thy hands we commend the soul of our departed Brothers.*

After the report was given, it was moved and seconded that the Grand Chaplain's Service of Remembrance report be accepted and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

**GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Next, the Grand Master called upon Honorable Albert Alarcon , our Grand Treasurer for his Annual report. The final financial reports are included in these Proceedings.

### Grand Master's Budget May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011

	BUDGET	APRIL 2011	YEAR TO DATE
<b>INCOME</b>			
Affiliations	\$ 100.00		\$ 680.00
Degrees	360.00		193.00
Dispensations (\$25.00 per)	175.00		150.00
Fast Class	1,400.00		
George Washington Foundation	355.00		460.00
Grand Lodge	1,200.00		1,840.00
Hawaii Masonic Foundation (Charities)	1,395.00		1,380.00
License Plate Decals/Pins	700.00	70.00	395.00
Per Capita Tax (\$25.00 per member)	43,750.00		44,091.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 49,435.00</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>	<b>\$ 49,189.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	\$ 500.00		
Annual Communication	3,000.00	2,516.88	3,877.62
Committee Information for Recognition	50.00		15.00
Computer Supplies	500.00	287.70	1,339.16
Conference of Grand Masters Dues	250.00	250.00	500.00
Conference of Grand Secretary's Dues	100.00		
Conference of Grand Masters Registration	200.00		414.92
Fast Class	750.00		
George Washington Foundation	500.00		500.00
Grand Master's Pin	800.00		
Hawaii Masonic Foundation	1,395.00		
Masonic Education	1,000.00	651.58	651.58
Masonic Services Association Dues	300.00		300.00
Name Badges	300.00		334.89
Newsletter	1,000.00		
Office Supplies	1,000.00	403.26	3,623.47
Parade Refreshment	250.00		
Past Grand Master's Apron & Jewel	1,000.00		
Photography & Printing	1,000.00	146.95	1,172.07
Rent	11,000.00	848.17	10,178.04
Secretary's Honorarium (\$600.00 per Month)	7,100.00	600.00	7,300.00
Telephone	2,200.00	190.14	2,302.49
Travel (Greater of \$12,000.00 or 23.4% of Revenue)	10,000.00	2,216.61	4,920.37
Treasurer's Expenses	600.00	50.00	575.00
Website	300.00		213.84
Youth Groups	800.00		500.00
Tax Preparation Fee	0.00		500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses*	1,000.00	222.39	1,124.85
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 46,895.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,383.68</b>	<b>\$ 40,343.30</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,540.00</b>	<b>\$ (8,313.68)</b>	<b>\$ 8,845.70</b>
*Makiki Temple Lunch (Blessing)			



## Grand Lodge Financial Statement May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011

<b>INCOME:</b>			
	Grandmaster's Operating Budget Net Income		<b>\$8,845.70</b>
	Lodge Supplies		3,710.46
	Insurance		6,820.24
	Donation		75.00
	2011 Grandmaster's Banquet Receipts		5,390.00
		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$24,841.40</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
	2011 Black & White Ball Deposit		\$ 787.50
	U.S. Treasury (Application Fee)		850.00
	ANCOM Expenses (2009 - 2010)		281.60
	2011 Grandmaster's Banquet		8,513.50
	Rolls Conference Expenses		4,416.07
	Pitney Bowes Postage (Building Fund Account)		1,071.42
	Grand Lodge General Supplies		187.24
	Insurance		6,529.00
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 22,636.33</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>			<b>\$2,205.07</b>
<b>TRANSFER:</b>			
	Masonic Charities of Hawaii (American Savings Bank)		\$ 2,190.00
	Grand Lodge of Hawaii (Bank of Hawaii Savings Account)		\$ 10,000.00
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (5/01/10)</b>			
			<b>\$ 69,043.75</b>
	<b>INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 24,841.40</b>
	<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>(22,636.33)</b>
	<b>TRANSFER</b>		<b>\$ (12,190.00)</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE 4/30/2011</b>			<b>\$ 59,058.82</b>
<b>SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS AS OF 4/30/2011</b>			
	<b>BANK OF HAWAII #0005-408270 (General)</b>		<b>\$ 59,058.82</b>
	<b>BANK OF HAWAII #6801-622404 (Savings)</b>		<b>56,295.10</b>
	<b>AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK #80014-66127 (Building Fund)</b>		<b>22,381.39</b>
	<b>FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK (Wealth Management)</b>		<b>278,885.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 416,620.31</b>

### Masonic Charities Financial Statement

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE (September 1, 2009)</b>		<b>\$ 8,570.31</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Decal Fundraiser Net Revenue	\$ 1,789.97	
Donations	598.60	
Masonic Memorial Donation	1,054.67	
Transfer from General Account (Bank of Hawaii)	2,240.00	
Grand Lodge Polo Shirts	1,416.23	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 7,099.47</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Child I.D. Equipment	\$ 7,081.00	
Child I.D. Printing Expenses	1,300.74	
Child I.D. Expense (Oliver Morgan)	463.37	
American Savings Bank Charge (blank checks)	15.00	
Grand Lodge Polo Shirts	2,265.44	
Printer	100.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 11,225.55</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE (April 30, 2011)</b>		<b>\$ 4,444.23</b>

After the report was given, it was moved and seconded that the Grand Treasurer's report be accepted and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

## **GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Grand Master next called upon Most Worshipful A. Lee Skinner, Grand Secretary Pro-tempore to deliver the Grand Secretary's annual report on behalf of Most Worshipful Randolph T.S. Chang who could not be with us during this year's Annual Communications because of illness.

A COPY OF THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT TO INCLUDE IN THESE PROCEEDINGS WAS UNABLE TO BE LOCATED AT TIME OF PRINTING.

After the report was given, it was moved and seconded that the Grand Secretary's annual report be accepted and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

## **ROLLS COMMITTEE REPORT**

While standing, Most Worshipful Skinner also read the ROLLS (Records On Line for Lodge Secretaries) report which had been submitted.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren All,*

*ROLLS or Records-On-Line-for-Lodge-Secretaries got kicked off in February 2010 and has so far been a very pleasant surprise as it has surpassed most of our expectations. There have been a few kinks along the way though. Mostly stemming from trying to quit thinking one way after using a completely different system and then not only switching to learn a completely new system but one that has more options, more data more flexibility and very different terminologies.*

*To help accomplish the transition, The Grand Lodge has committed to ROLLS workshops for secretaries and users through the year. Our initial workshop was held on August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 when we hosted the programmer and owner of the company, Brother Thomas Heath, to come out and conduct the 1<sup>st</sup> training session. The workshop was conducted in a meeting room at the AlaMoana Hotel. While unfortunately not all secretaries or lodges were able to participate, it was however very well attended. Since then, we have had 2 more workshops, one in September right before dues card printing time and then another in February 2011 right before Lodge Annual Reports were due. Even with all that, we hope that the biggest help to our secretaries and other users is the quick response time we have had for their questions not only by email but by phone as well.*

*Our incoming Grand Master has committed to keep the ROLLS workshops a priority as well and has budgeted to work with the programmer to make changes to ROLLS that will fit our jurisdictional needs more and make all of our jobs easier.*

*The more we used ROLLS this past year and got accustomed to all of its features, the more we expanded user access to it so that Brothers with a need could have access to not only information but also the many tools that are stored on-line as well.*

*In the beginning, only Lodge Secretaries had access. But now that we are getting used to the various “switches” that allow different types of access to different fields of information, we have been able to give additional access to Lodge Masters, Senior Wardens, Inspectors and Executive Committee members. Each having their own level of access that does not compromise the editable access of a Lodge Secretary.*

*The reason for expanding ROLLS access was there were just far too many tools on ROLLS to keep just to the secretaries alone. Such as access to on-line information like archived membership data, lodge rosters, and candidate information. There are also many tools available in the Info Center that help make our jobs easier and more organized. Such as forms for Applications for Degrees and Affiliations and investigation forms, The Approaching the Portals Candidate Education System, Golden Veteran’s/Hiram/McKee Award Request forms, All Financial Reports for both Lodges and Temple Associations, The Sacred Scroll, Dispensation Requests, a PDF version of the Hawaii Masonic Code, and much more.*

*This list of tools can also be expanded to include more forms or material that should be distributed on a jurisdictional wide basis. But the main thing is, you can always find the current up-to-date Grand Lodge authorized version of a form there. No need to sort through your filing cabinets anymore just to find a copy of copy of an outdated form. There are also web links as well to help us find information missing information on members and even a link to a Robert’s Rules of Order web site.*

*I believe our goal for the future of ROLLS should be focus in three areas:*

*One) Continued workshops to not only help current users become more familiar so that not only can we discover features of the program that we are just now becoming aware of but also to assist new Brothers coming into the position. Most taking the Lodge Secretary’s position for the 1<sup>st</sup> time typically have either little or no knowledge that they will be a new secretary and thus will most and likely have little or no training.*

*Two) To continue to work with the programmer each year to make upgrades to better fill our jurisdictional needs for membership tracking and to grow with us as we grow.*

*Three) To continue to look at the Hawaii Masonic Code so that as the role and responsibilities of a lodge Secretary changes with ROLLS, legislation can be introduced that would allow the HMC to reflect those changes as some things will become unnecessary or obsolete.*

*Most Worshipful Wegener, that completes my ROLLS report for this year. I would like to thank you not only for your support of this program but for the trust you placed in me to serve as your ROLLS Administrator.*

*Mahalo,  
Marty Alexander*

After the report was given, it was moved and seconded that the ROLLS Committee report be accepted and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

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

Most Worshipful Charles Wegener then vacated the Grand East so that he could deliver his State of the Craft Address with Right Worshipful Monty Glover occupying his seat.

*Aloha Brothers All,*

*Welcome to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii. In my opinion, this past Grand Lodge Year has been a momentous and challenging year for this jurisdiction. Again, in my opinion, it has brought out all that is good and humane in our Brotherhood and displayed this to the world at large and then, on the other hand, there have been moments when all that we strive for in the teachings of our Craft have seemed to fall on deaf ears.*

*Masonry has existed for more than a hundred years in Hawaii but as with any emerging concept there have been growing pains. The old adage 'Rome was not built in a night' holds true here. My brothers, change and the adaptation of new ideas cannot be expected to occur overnight in an institution that is as ancient and venerable such as ours. Many say Masonry needs to change with the times especially those who belong to the 'now' age. Ah, the impatience of youth and such energy. And I say to you my brothers, we are a young jurisdiction, and like you my young friends, we are still trying to find our place in this world.*

*The young persons seeking the light of masonry today are expecting more. They are educated and more aware of Masonry because it is everywhere. It can be found in books, on the radio and television, movies and the Internet. It can be found on our buildings and along our highways. All this is giving the prospective Mason a glimpse of who we might be. We should take these men and show them the way.*

*In doing so we need to be as the Willow and bend some with the wind. This doesn't mean sacrificing the old ways or the butchering of the ritual. We need to greet these men as friends and welcome them as family and brothers, to nurture them as you do your own offspring. They in time learn will from you and you*

*learn from them. Change has always come and will always come, one step at a time. We need to grow and yes, change with the time.*

*Let us face the world with our heads held high, facing the challenges before us and growing not only as individuals but as good and true Masons. The successful will be those who make it a habit of doing the things that others don't want to do. Remember that some will work and others will not. Always know that history shows that it is better to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all. Change comes, it is all around us. Man should take the lesson of Mother Nature, that change comes in a slow organized manner, when it doesn't there is chaos and destruction.*

*Many of us have the attitude of a teenager, our parents (the old ones) just don't understand. We know a better way. It is true you may, but like in nature it should come slow and organized. What took many of your Brothers years to achieve, brothers today are moving at lightning speed, up the chairs in a very short time. They learn the ritual. They think they know it all, but have not taken the time to learn and understand what it is to be a Mason. We are all at fault here. We are not taking the time as we would our offspring to share our knowledge, to meet on the level, to talk with each other and share ideas. Growth comes from all generations and all people. We should all work for the betterment of our lodges and this jurisdiction. Only then can we hope to survive. As a jurisdiction we must put aside personal gains and come together as brothers. Our obligations and charges, the ancient landmarks are our guide.*

*This jurisdiction is facing a time of great change and many challenges. We can meet those challenges and grow our fraternity by establishing goals and working together to meet in fraternal harmony to make them a reality. Discord and dissension foster disharmony. I'm not saying we cannot have opposing ideas and thoughts nor am I saying we should discourage disagreement. Good honest discussion is healthy, discussion that is void of personal or hidden agendas, discussion that is void of personal angst and distrust.*

*This Grand Lodge year has brought forth several decisions, edicts, summons, and resolutions. Much of these items have been at the request of the Brethren and Lodges and some at my hand. All were necessary to fulfill the requests and for the proper function of our jurisdiction.*

*My impression of the craft in our Grand Jurisdiction today is that we are moving away from our basic tenants. Brothers much is going on in our jurisdiction, that is not Masonic in nature, some in fact that borders on true offences. The behavior of some brethren and even lodges are in conflict of what we swore to uphold. Masonic charges have a place in the government but should not be the first option. Many a disagreement could be resolved on the level as brothers. You were born with two ears and one mouth, to listen well and speak softly. The use of social media has a place in today's society, but we should conduct ourselves as Masons. It is not a place to air dirty laundry or be disrespectful in language or spread false accusations. One of the rules of life is **DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU**. It still holds true.*

*Many of the officers are forgetting the obligations taken when they took on their respective tasks, and in so doing, may not have the best interest of their lodge in mind. Brothers we serve at the will and pleasure of our brothers, for the betterment of the fraternity. We should not be glory seekers, looking at what serves us best.*

*Brothers I have tried to deal with the issues which have come before me. It saddens me to relate to this assembly the affairs of our jurisdiction. I have asked council of the Past Grand Masters, those on the elected line, searched our Hawaii Masonic Code and yes my brothers, even sought divine guidance. Having done this I have tried to act in a manner befitting my position and authority as the Grand Master of this jurisdiction. I have done what I have felt was best for the jurisdiction and the lodges.*

*Brothers it has been a rough and rugged road, but is one that I am glad I took. On entering and asking your support for the office of Junior Grand Warden, I did not promise great things. I said I would support those that lead and do my best. I hope I have served you well since only time will judge.*

*The times have changed, but the tools of the craft, the landmarks and ideas of the fraternity have not. We build men. We take a good man and with our craft and teachings give him the self-esteem to better oneself, to make a good man better. That, my brothers, is what we do. We do not belittle, demean, or put down our brothers. We praise their accomplishments, and whisper good counsel in their ears. Who among us is perfect, I think no one. We all have faults and we all have made mistakes. Knowing this, we should strive to learn and not repeat them. Mahalo and thank you all for the opportunity and your trust given me. This journey has done me well. I am a better man and a better Mason. I can't say more. Thank you my brothers.*

*A Hui Hou,*

*Charles L. Wegener Jr., Grand Master (2010-2011)*

After his address was given, it was moved and seconded that his State of the Craft Address be accepted and become a part of these proceedings. Motion was carried.

## **DEPUTY GRAND MASTER PRESENTS 2011 BUDGET**

Most Worshipful Wegener then called upon Right Worshipful Monty Glover to present the 2011 Grand Lodge Budget. After a brief discussion, it was moved and seconded to accept the budget as presented. Motion was carried.

As the afternoon was getting late, Most Worshipful Wegener called the Grand Lodge of Hawaii from Labor to refreshment to be called on again at the sound of the gavel in the East at 8 am sharp Saturday morning.

## **SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION – APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Most Worshipful Wegener called the Grand Lodge of Hawaii from refreshment and resumed labor at 8 am.

For the first order of business, The Grand Master called upon Very Reverend John Connell to give the Grand Oration on behalf of our Grand Orator, Worshipful Randy JL Chang who could not be present at the Annual Communications this year. As an oration had not prepared by our Grand Orator, Most Worshipful Randy Chang had previously submitted an address that he had used while he was Grand Master in 2009 to be used.

### **GRAND ORATION**

After a few welcoming comments by Very Reverend Connell, he read the following:

*Brethren and guests:*

*My message today deals with the subject of HARMONY", primarily among Freemasons and our lodges. Since maintaining harmony among the members of the Craft, and between our Lodges is so basic and a fundamental precept of Freemasonry, you may wonder why I have chosen it as my theme for 1999. We are taught that "Harmony" is the strength and support of all societies, especially of ours. Well, my brethren, all is not harmonious in the Hawaii jurisdiction. Differences of opinion on almost any given subject are normal and are to be expected. But discord, conflict and threats are cause for alarm, and warrant action to solve the problems causing the severe breakdown of harmony that we, as Freemasons, treasure so dearly.*

*The dictionary defines harmony as "1. Marked by agreement in feeling, attitude, or action (a harmonious group); 2. Forming a pleasingly consistent whole; and 3. A lack of conflict. "There are, of course, nuances within this definition. But, basically, we are dealing with "getting along with each other and working harmoniously and productively toward achieving a common goal for the good of Freemasonry as a whole or for a group of lodges, or one lodge in particular. Boiling it down to its essential meaning and application to the Masonic fraternity and the individual Freemason, this simply means maintaining a harmonious relationship and the absence of conflict between and among Freemasons in all of our endeavors. That includes our dealings with the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, the Shrine and the entire Masonic family. And, of course, it wouldn't hurt to extend the concept of harmonious relationship to our families and friends.*



*Perhaps, it is because we are exposed to so much conflict, strife, and rivalry in our daily life, both here in our own country and abroad, we begin to accept this lack of harmony between people as a normal part of the human condition and tend to shrug it off simply as the way of life in the 20th century.*

*We Freemasons pride ourselves in maintaining harmony within the Craft, and also claim to respect differences of opinion among the brethren. But...are we slipping into a mode where personal aggrandizement and vindictiveness, the twin tyrants of discord and conflict, have seeped into the relationships between brethren and Lodges? It is my judgement that, unfortunately, they have. Not on a pervasive scale as yet, but nevertheless, these disruptive conditions do exist.*

*Legend has it that our late Brother Harry Truman, the 33rd President of the United States, and Grand Master of Masons in Missouri was asked the following by a friend: "You are an active Mason, can you tell me what Freemasonry is?" Truman, never one to equivocate, replied; "Among other things, Freemasonry teaches a man how to get along with someone he doesn't like." Perhaps there is more truth than jest in that response.*

*I am not about to lecture you on how to get along with your fellowmen, or insult your intelligence with that trite expression, "To get along, you have to go along." But, we are dealing with nothing less than permitting Freemasonry to gradually fragment itself out of existence by our own hand, unless we recognize that harmony among the brethren is the cornerstone of our fraternity. Our detractors (and we have many) have unsuccessfully been trying to destroy Freemasonry for years and years. Are we going to do it for them? As Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii, I do not intend to let it happen.*

*Speculative Freemasonry teaches us many things as we travel from Entered Apprentice, through Fellow Craft, and on to Master Mason. We all share the joy of witnessing a degree being exemplified with good ritual work. Lodge officers take great pride in their performance of the ritual. And we are aware of the legendary history and instructive value of the ritual.*

*We learned (or should have) that by the exercise of Brotherly Love, we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, the high and the low, the rich and the poor, who, as created by one Almighty Parent, and the inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support and protect each other. That on this principle, masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion; and caused true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise remain at a perpetual distance. We were also taught to subdue our passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, and practice charity. Among the many things we learned about is the trowel. We were instructed that it is an instrument made use of by operative masons to spread the cement which unites the building into one common mass; that we as Free and Accepted masons are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection; that cement which unites us to one sacred band or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best degree.*

*These teachings are a major part of the underpinning of our fraternity. If we abandon such teachings and fail to practice what we preach we would no longer be*

*Free Masons, but rather members of a social or service club. That is not what the charter members of Lodges in Hawaii Jurisdiction had in mind when they founded our lodges.*

*It appears that some of our brethren have forgotten what they were taught in their journey through the three degree of Free Masonry, or that it was just a collection of words that didn't mean very much and were soon forgotten. One cannot help wondering about the brother who can recite the ritual letter perfect, but frequently fails to abide by its teaching in his dealing with his brethren.*

*If we, as one of the smallest jurisdictions in the United States and a member of the world's oldest fraternity, cannot put our own house in order and function as a cohesive organization with agreed upon goals and practices, how can we expect to gain the respect of the community and attract new members? Or, for that matter, how can we maintain the interest and support of all of our existing members?*

*Freemasonry was formally introduced in Hawaii in 1843 with the formation of Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie. Since that modest beginning one hundred and fifty-six years ago, the craft in Hawaii has prospered in five different governments. The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii was established in 1989, and I was not elected to this office to preside over the demise of Freemasonry in our Island State.*

*I ask each and every of the brethren of the Hawaii Jurisdiction to help me in this endeavor. As we say in Hawaii, I need your "kokua" to accomplish this. I cannot do it alone. /s/ Randy Chang*

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

As all reports for the jurisdiction were now completed, it was time to present this year's proposed legislation. Following is a synopsis of the legislation presented along with the outcome. The full form of each proposed resolution was distributed to each lodge and are also on record in the Grand Lodge Office as well.

PASSED	2011-1	To make secretaries' duties consistent with uniform database.
FAILED	2011-2	To allow consideration of an application by a rehabilitated felon.
C/O	2011-3	To allow awarding of fifty-year life Memberships.
PASSED	2011-4	To amend Article IX sections 1 and 2 of the Uniform Code of Bylaws to clarify that dues must be paid annually.
PASSED	2011-5	To amend Article VIII section 1 of the Uniform Code of Bylaws to correct statement of affiliation fee.
PASSED	2011-6	To amend the HMC by adding a Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee as a standing committee of the Grand Lodge.

As the work of this year's Grand Lodge was complete, Most Worshipful Wegener opened the floor for presentations before the process of electing next year's Grand Lodge Officers began.

First up, Most Worshipful Wegener's met Brother Raymond Liongson west of the altar where Brother Liongson was presented with the Mason of the Year for his outstanding service in the Masonic community.

Next, Most Worshipful Wegener met Most Worshipful Marty Alexander west of the altar as well and presented him with a special recognition award.

Next, Most Worshipful Ed Bousquet Grand Master of Oregon presented Most Worshipful Wegener with a wooden compass that had the Grand Lodge of Oregon's seal embedded at the hinge point.

Next, Most Worshipful Tom Mickey, Honorary Past Grand Master of the State of Alaska, presented Most Worshipful Wegener with a box that had a square and compass in it made from materials from Alaska.

Then, Most Worshipful Kenneth Nagel, Past Grand Master of the State of California, presented Most Worshipful Wegener with a crystal gavel on behalf of the Masons in in California.

As the presentations were complete, the Grand Master again thanked all of the brethren for their support throughout the year and asked if any brother had anything to bring before this Grand Lodge as it was time for election of 2011 Grand Lodge Officers.

## **ELECTIONS OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

The following Grand Lodge officers were then elected to serve this Grand Lodge for the year 2011.

Grand Master .....	Monty J. Glover
Deputy Grand Master .....	Antonio M. Ligaya
Senior Grand Warden .....	Frank M. Condello
Junior Grand Warden .....	Richard B. Huston
Grand Treasurer .....	Alberto P. Alarcon
Grand Secretary .....	Randolph T.S. Chang, PGM
Grand Lecturer .....	Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM

Upon completion of the election of officers, Most Worshipful Wegener called 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 Marty P. Alexander PGM as Installing Officer; Worshipful Roy Ota PM as Installing Master of Ceremonies, Very Reverend John B. Connell as Installing Chaplain, and Brother Owen Shea as Installing Organist, the Grand Lodge officers were installed as follows:

### **Grand Lodge Officers 2011 – 2012.**

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Deputy Grand Master .....	Antonio M. Ligaya
Senior Grand Warden .....	Frank M. Condello
Junior Grand Warden .....	Richard B. Huston
Grand Treasurer .....	Alberto P. Alarcon
Grand Secretary .....	Randolph T.S. Chang, PGM
Grand Lecturer .....	Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM
Grand Chaplain .....	John B. Connell
Grand Orator .....	Lopaka K. Kapanui
Grand Marshal .....	Wilson S. Camagan
Grand Standard Bearer .....	Vincent L. Gusman
Grand Sword Bearer .....	Diamond M. Robinson
Grand Bible Bearer .....	Geronimo T. Mateo
Senior Grand Deacon .....	Dexter C. Carrasco
Junior Grand Deacon .....	Stewart H. Enger
Senior Grand Steward .....	Cyrus H. Wilson
Junior Grand Steward .....	Keaka Hashimoto
Grand Historian .....	Raymond Wieckowicz, Jr. PGM
Grand Organist .....	Owen Shea
Grand Pursuivant .....	Gerhart Walch
Grand Tiler .....	James R. Steinwandt

## Inspectors

Hawaiian Lodge - Manuel V. Aquino

Kauai Lodge - Donald Traller

Kona Lodge - Michael D. Janovsky

Leeward Lodge - Robert S. Schultz

Lodge Maui - Stanley H. Takeuchi

Schofield Lodge - Alexander A. Escasa

Honolulu Lodge - Andrew L. Geiser

Kilauea Lodge - Dan Miller

Ko'olau Lodge - James A. Sullivan

Lodge Le Progres - Orlando S. Ragudos

Pearl Harbor Lodge - Jeffrey A. Low

After the installation of the 2011 – 2012 Grand Lodge officers, our newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Glover addressed the assembly, to wit;

*Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, friends, family, honored guests and Brethren all,*

*Thank you all for taking the time out from your busy lives to come and share with us in this annual celebration of Freemasonry and the installation of the 2011/2012 Grand Lodge officers. Many of you have traveled from the mainland and other countries to be here with us these last two days and on behalf of my Officers and myself Mahalo.*

*The young men you have seen installed today are some of the many hard working members of our craft who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of not only Freemasonry itself but also our community and our country. They are hard working members in our community and our armed services. Without the dedication of men such as these Masonry would be just another social organization among many.*

*I'd like to especially thank the Lodge inspectors who have volunteered for one of the most difficult jobs our craft has to offer. They are tasked with the oversight of both Lodge management and, working with the Grand Lecturer, insuring that our ritual remains consistent and of the highest quality. While you are often times placed in the difficult position of having to guide and counsel the leadership of our Lodges I am well assured that you will perform those duties with Honor, Integrity, and Brotherly Love. Thank you for your sacrifice to our beloved craft.*

*To my line officers I would like to express my gratitude for accepting a position in my line and I pledge to you that this will be a year of good works for the betterment of the craft. I look forward to working closely with each and every one of you in this journey.*

*I'd also like to give my special thanks to Most Worshipful Dennis Ing, Most Worshipful Marty Alexander, Most Worshipful Charlie Wegener, and Very Reverend David Kaohelauii for their guidance, counsel and mentorship over the years. I cannot express in words the love and respect I have for all of you. Without you I would not be where I am today.*

*Masonry in Hawaii has been growing strong over the last few years. Our Lodges continue to bring in good young men who are active and hungry to learn what our craft has to offer. My desire is to provide greater opportunities for our Brothers to expand upon their Masonic knowledge this year. We will be working*

*on assisting our Lodges in not only educational opportunities but also in developing outreach programs to engage our members who have been inactive. Our younger Masons need the mentorship of our senior Brothers who have the wisdom gained from their past experiences. I charge our Young Brothers to listen and learn from them all that they have to teach.*

*Brethren, this year is sure to present us with new and varied challenges and I would like to ask your continued support in making sure that at the end of the year we leave the craft better and stronger and show Hawaii that Masonry is a bright shining light for all good men who seek it.*

*I'd like to introduce to all of you my father, Kenneth Glover. He is a 50+ year Master Mason and has been the single most influential person in my life. Growing up I always knew my dad was special and different from so many of the other men that I came into contact over the years. My father has always lived his life agreeably to the Masonic principles our craft inculcates in us. Because of him I have grown to understand that Masons are born and not made. I love you dad.*

*I'd also like to introduce to you the rest of my family here today. My mother Shirley, my Brother Ken, and my sister-in-law Michael-Lynn. Thank you for making the long trip from Florida to share in this special day. My son Richard, my pride and joy and a young man that I am proud to call my son, thank you for being here tonight and for being not only a great kid but also a great friend. And last but far from least my lovely wife Maureen. You were thrust into this world of Freemasonry from out of the blue. You have had to make many sacrifices over the last few years and while I know it has been difficult for you adjusting not only to a new home, new job, and a husband you have always been there to be my solid ground when the rest of the world seems to be in chaos. You have been steadfast in your support of me in this Masonic journey I have undertaken and have always been there for me. Thank you baby and I love you forever.*

*I'd like to thank Most Worshipful Charlie Wegener, Most Worshipful Randy Change, Most Worshipful Marty Alexander, Most Worshipful Dennis Ing, Right Worshipful Tony Ligaya and Right Worshipful Frank Condello for your hard work you all put in in making the Annual Communication and Installation of Officers a wonderful success. Most Worshipful Charlie it has been an honor serving with you this past year and I look forward to your continued guidance in your role on the executive committee.*

*There will be a celebration dinner this evening at the Hale Koa Hotel in the DeRussy ballroom at 6:00 PM. If you have not yet purchased tickets for the dinner and festivities please see Most Worshipful Randy for tickets. It's sure to be a great time.*

*Finally I'd like to ask you all to remember all our young men and women in the armed services who are putting themselves in harms way to protect our way of life and affording us the freedom to practice our beloved craft openly and without fear. Keep them in your prayers. I'd also like to offer up a special prayer to the people of Japan who have suffered a great and terrible tragedy. May your recovery be swift and may the Great I AM pour down his blessings upon you all.*

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

The Past Grand Masters present were as follows:

1994	Most Worshipful Frederick H. Overstreet
1997	Most Worshipful Stuart M. Cowan
2001	Most Worshipful Donald W. Wilson
2002	Most Worshipful Lyle G. Phillips
2003	Most Worshipful A. Lee Skinner
2005	Most Worshipful Raymond Wieckowicz, Jr.
2006	Most Worshipful Bruce H. Bonnell
2008	Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing
2009	Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander
2010	Most Worshipful Charles L. Wegener

At that point, it was discovered that Most Worshipful Charles Wegener was not properly clad. To remedy this situation, he was then presented with his Past Grand Master's apron, collar and jewel which originally belonged to our first Grand Master, Most Worshipful William K. McKee, Jr.

At the completion of his address, presentations were made.

Most Worshipful Kenneth Nagel, Past Grand Master of the State of California, presented Most Worshipful Glover with a crystal gavel on behalf of the Masons in in California.

Most Worshipful Glover was then presented with an antler pen and a cigar box from the Master of Honolulu Lodge, Worshipful Dexter Carrasco.

After the presentations were completed, Most Worshipful Glover closed the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii by proclamation where all would gather in the evening for the Grand Master's banquet at the Hale Koa Hotel.

Respectfully Submitted

*Marty Alexander*

Marty P. Alexander PGM

Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM

