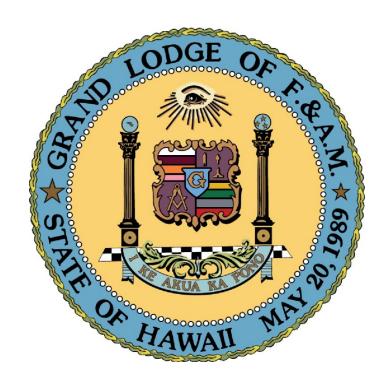
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The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii held its Annual Communication on Friday April 18, and Saturday April 19, A.D 2014, A.L. 6014, at the Honolulu Scottish Rite Cathedral in the City of Honolulu, State of Hawaii.

FORMAL GRAND LODGE OPENING

At 1:05 pm, the Grand Marshall entered the Grand Lodge Room and announced that the Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii and his corps of officers were about to enter the lodge room whereupon The Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II, 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 Worshipful Brother John "JJ" Brown of the National Sojourners gave the Toast to the Flag.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION APRIL 18^{th,} 2014

The Grand Master began by welcoming everyone for joining us for our Twenty Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and asked that everyone present to please turn off their cell phones and remove any Bluetooth devices they may be wearing.

He then directed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Lodge Elected Officers, Past Grand Masters and announced the report of Committee on Credentials to ascertain if a quorum to do business was present.

Those present at the call of the roll were as follows:

Elected Officers

Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II	Grand Master
Right Worshipful .Richard B. Huston	Deputy Grand Master
Right Worshipful Michael P. Baker	Senior Grand Warden
Right Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser	Junior Grand Warden
Honorable Alberto Alarcon.	Grand Treasurer
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander, PGM	Grand Secretary
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM	Grand Lecturer
Past Grand Masters Pres Most Worshipful Lyle G. Phillips	
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Most Worshipful A. Lee Skinner	
Most Worshipful Oscar M. Jayme	2007
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing	2008
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Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander	
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The report by the Committee on Credentials showed that 10 lodges had representation present at that time so the Grand Secretary officially reported that there were 7 Elective Grand Lodge officers present, 8 Past Grand Masters Present and 10 lodges present of the 10 Lodges chartered by this Grand Lodge. Therefore a quorum of at least 50% of our chartered lodges were present as required by Hawaii Masonic Code Section 156 for the transaction of business.

2013 Appointed Grand Lodge Officers

Very Reverend Randolph V.N. Albano	Grand Chaplain
Honorable Owen H. Shieh	Grand Orator
Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan	Grand Marshal
Worshipful Keith N. Isaacson	Grand Standard Bearer
Worshipful Scott M. Waracka	Grand Sword Bearer
Worshipful Teofilo E. de Aquino	Grand Bible Bearer
Worshipful Diamond M. Robinson	Senior Grand Deacon
Worshipful Cyrus H. Wilson	Junior Grand Deacon
Worshipful Christopher A. Stowe	Senior Grand Steward
Worshipful Darryl E. Lajola	Junior Grand Steward
Honorable Stephen D. Carroll	Grand Historian
Honorable Lee D. Gordon	Grand Organist
Worshipful Clifford M. Jenkins	Grand Pursuivant
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Honorable James R. Steinwandt	Grand Tiler
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Grand Lodge Inspectors	
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Of note: Listed are the 2013 appointed Grand Lodge officers and Lodge Inspectors but all were not necessarily present for this Annual Communication:

INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND MASTER AND VISITING DIGINITARIES

The Grand Master then asked all of the Past Grand Masters from the Grand Lodge of Hawaii present to retire so they could be properly received which were as follows:

Most Worshipful Lyle G. Phillips	2002
Most Worshipful A. Lee Skinner	
Most Worshipful Oscar M. Jayme	
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing	
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander	
Most Worshipful Charles L. Wegener	
Most Worshipful Monty J. Glover	
Most Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya	

After their introduction by our Grand Marshal , Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master proceeded West of the altar to greet them. Upon returning to the East, Most Worshipful Frank Condello thanked them for coming by leading the craft in a battery of 3 x 3.

The Grand Master then asked all visiting Grand Masters or their personal representatives present to retire so they could be properly received which were as follows:

Most Worshipful David Worel	Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska
Most Worshipful David Fryday	Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon
Most Worshipful Bruce Vesper	Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington
Most Worshipful Donald Stutt	Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon
Most Worshipful John Cameron	Grand Master of Alberta Canada
Most Worshipful Howard Covington Sr.	Grand Master Prince Hall Hawaii
Most Worshipful Mike Salazar	Grand Master of Demolay International
Most Worshipful John Lowe	Representing MW John Cooper II GL of California
Most Worshipful Fredric Collins	Representing MW Victor Ortiz GL of Japan
Right Worshipful Jacques Parot	Representing MW Jean-Pierre Servel GL Nationale of
	France

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The Grand Master then recognized all Hawaii Lodge Masters, Lodge Secretaries, Lodge Inspectors, Hiram and McKee Award recipients by asking them to stand by group and giving each group a hearty round of applause.

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Grand Master then called upon Honorable Albert Alarcon, our Grand Treasurer for his Annual report on the Grand Master's 2013-2014 Annual Budget.

-	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
INCOME		
Fast Class (\$75 per candidate) 100	\$7,500.00	\$6,900.00
Affiliations	460.00	540.00
Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)	350.00	238.00
Dispensations (\$25 per dispensation)	250.00	150.00
GW Memorial Found.(\$5 per initiate)	750.00	410.00
Grand Lodge (\$20 per new initiate)	3,000.00	1,640.00
Masonic Charities of HI (\$15 Initiate)	2,250.00	1,230.00
Per Capita Tax (\$25 per member)	46,250.00	44,211 .72
TOTAL INCOME	\$60,810.00	\$55,319.72
EXPENSES		
Fast Class	1,000.00	1,256.33
Annual Communications	3,000.00	7,743.96
Application Support	500.00	-0-
Conferences:		
Conf. of Grand Master's Reg.	300.00	-0-
Conf. of Grand Master's Dues	250.00	250.00
Conf. of Grand Secretary's Dues	100.00	-0-
GWashington Memorial Foundation	550.00	-0-
Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics:		
Pins	1,500.00	1,468.47
Plaques/Mementos	500.00	-0-
Masonic Education	1,000.00	321 .04
Masonic Services Association Dues	300.00	600.00
Name Badges	305.00	304.98
Office Supplies	1,500.00	2,235.27
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	1,500.00	639.97
Photography and Printing	750.00	1,308.50
Rental (Office & SRC)	10,500.00	10,663.32
Secretary's Honorarium /\$1,000 month	12,000.00	12,000.00
Secretary's Workshop	1,000.00	293.84
Tax Preparation Fee	600.00	600.00
Telephone	2,000.00	1,557.69
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 or 23.4%)	14,931 .00	10,493.76
Treasurer's Expenses	600.00	600.00
Website	1,200.00	1,550.64
Youth Groups	1,000.00	650.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,200.00	1,457.67
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$58,086.00	\$55,995.44
NET INCOME	\$2,724.00	\$(675.72)

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

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Grand Master next called upon Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander, PGM to deliver the Grand Secretary's annual report.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brothers all,

We are in our 5th year of using our standardized membership program called ROLLS and am happy to say that it seems all of our secretaries are now settled in and comfortable using ROLLS on a steady basis. Because of this, our internal reporting is more accurate and our communication with each other as well as other jurisdictions is a lot quicker and efficient.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT

Now, let's talk numbers for this last year,...

For the period covering January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 we started off the year with 10 chartered lodges and 1 lodge under dispensation. There was no change in those figures. There were no new lodge's chartered.

We started the year with 1,776 members and ended the year with 1,784 members. We had..

- 79 Newly Raised Master Masons
- 27 New Affiliates, and
- 6 Members were either reinstated or restored

For a total of 112 new members. We did however have

- 62 Suspensions
- 15 Dimits
- 2 Resignations, and
- 25 Brothers who joined the Celestial Lodge Above

For a total of 104 who left our craft for one reason or another. This left us with an overall gain of 8 memberships. While ever so slowly, we have now had a gain in membership in the last 5 out of 6 years. Our suspensions due to Non Payment of Dues continues to be our biggest area of loss of membership. This has been a chronic issue for years not only in our jurisdiction but across the United States as well. Countless time, seminars, research has been put in by many, many people to suggest how to bring this problem to a crawl. I hope we find some answers soon.

MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Grand Master issued a Decision 2013-10 that went into effect on July 31, 2013 making background checks for all Applications for Degrees mandatory instead of optional. This has proved its value almost immediately in that while most checks come back clear there were many instances that this proved invaluable. There were 4 applications turned in by past felons who lied on their application and several others which had questionable pasts involving convictions with moral turpitude.

Background checks are treated with the same discretion as if it was one of the three investigators assigned by a Lodge Master would be treated. The results are turned into the Lodge Master for his further action/non-action just as if it was a fourth investigator.

While this has been a mandatory process, at \$10 per background check, it has been done with only a minimal cost to the lodges. With a monthly fee of only \$25 and each background check costing anywhere between \$2 and \$15 depending on how detailed a check might need to be, the program has been paying for itself so far.

But overall, in less than one year alone, it prevented 4 felons from gaining admission into our honorable fraternity. There's no telling how much it could

have helped in the past and there is no price tag you can put on how much it will protect us in the future.

This Grand Master's decision will be presented to you tomorrow in the form of a proposed resolution to have it codified into our Masonic Code. I hope that you will give it serious consideration to see that it passes.

RECOGNTIONS REPORT

We had one request for recognition this past year from the Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Espírito Santo, Brazil. But they were informed that they were already recognized by our jurisdiction and documentation was sent to support that.

SECRETARIES' WORKSHOPS

Our Secretaries' Workshops have been opened up in the last few years to other lodge leaders as well and has been very well attended. With seeing the support of so many indicating a need for continued and expanded Masonic education, we are expanding the scope of these workshops to be now called Leadership Workshops.

As we are not quite large enough of a jurisdiction to offer separate workshops for secretaries, Wardens and officers, we can however combine our resources and efforts into having collective Workshops that will allow us provide our future leaders with the tools for their success as lodge administrators and to aid in the growth of our fraternity. The possibilities are endless. We hope your support and participation will be endless as well.

SECRETARIES MANUAL DEVELOPMENT

One of our goals this year is to develop a Lodge Secretaries' manual. As Worshipful Brother Jim Sullivan and several others know, this has been attempted in the past but for one reason or another was completed. But this project will

receive high priority from this office so that a lodge secretary will not have to rely on just the description of his duties in the Masonic code. This will be a comprehensive source they can go to for detailed information and guidelines. I know I can count on all of our secretaries for input and suggestions on how to make this manual one that meets all of our needs.

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

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

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II then vacated the Grand East so that he could deliver his State of the Craft Address with the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Richard B. Huston, occupying his seat.

Aloha brethren all!

It is so wonderful to see all of you here in attendance today. We have all of our lodges throughout the state represented as well as brother Masons and Grand Masters visiting from many of the West Coast states as well as representatives from Tahiti, France, British Columbia, and Alberta Canada. Mahalo nui loa for coming today and sharing in our history and proceedings. This is an historic event for our jurisdiction. We are celebrating our 25th anniversary as a Grand Lodge. That may not seem very long to many of our visitors, but it is significant for us. When Masonry began in Hawaii, we were a sovereign Hawaiian Kingdom. Two of our Kings, David Kalakaua and Kamehameha IV were proud members and eventually went on to become Worshipful Masters. At that time, lodges in Hawaii were under several jurisdictions, such as France, Scotland, and

California. In 1910, all of the lodges in Hawaii agreed to be under the Grand Lodge of California. For 79 years, the lodges in Hawaii prospered under California but it was increasingly clear that the brethren in Hawaii desired to choose their own destinies. California was gracious enough to understand this and eventually gave their blessing for us to form our own Grand Lodge in 1989, and we very much appreciate this. We will always remember our close relationship with California and very much respect the tradition of Masonry we inherited from them. In fact, our high standards in ritual and qualifying officers for their respective chairs in lodges comes from this tradition in California.

Over the past 25 years our jurisdiction has seen challenges with membership and establishing a financial legacy for the jurisdiction. Your Grand Lodge has been very frugal financially over the past several years. We only spend what income we receive from per capita tax and other fundraising and never touch our investments. This has helped to grow our portfolio and establish a basis for future generations to work with. If we continue on this path I know that one day we will be able to have our own Grand Lodge building. As we say in the Third Degree lecture, Time, Patience, and Perseverance will accomplish all things.

Although we are a small jurisdiction, we consistently have positive growth each year with respect to our membership numbers. Many Grand Lodges on the mainland cannot say the same thing. Our newer members are in their 20's and 30's and they are very motivated to get involved and make a difference. This warms my heart because it shows that we are doing something right and we will not just fade away as many have worried in the past with decreasing numbers nationally. We need to keep thinking outside of the box and find ways to inspire our younger brethren so they stay involved.

It has been quite a journey over the past 20 years that I have had the honor to be a part of this ancient and honorable fraternity. I would never have imagined when I joined that I would one day be the Grand Master of Hawaii. I was

honored enough to have served as Worshipful Master of Honolulu Lodge in 2001 and 2007. Some may not believe this, but we do not aspire to become Grand Master so we can have the title and regalia. There is a lot of blood, sweat, and tears as well as financial investment that goes into becoming a Grand Master. I have had the pleasure of serving under three previous Grand Masters as I have progressed up the elected line. I have learned from each of them and I hopefully have made a difference in my own small way over this past year.

I am glad that I was able to institute the criminal background checks for new candidates at the Grand Lodge level. I believe this adds an extra level of security and also ensures that applicants are honest and that they are appropriate for membership. I had the pleasure of raising 96 brethren this last year in two separate Grand Master's Fast classes. We ensured that the Masonic education was top notch, and I thank MW Dennis Ing for organizing this. Some may disagree with me that Fast Classes are needed or appropriate. I do not believe that one size fits all for our fraternity. Some may definitely benefit from progressing the traditional way and if so, more power to them. Others may have significant military, work, health or family obligations and would otherwise not be able to progress if not afforded such an opportunity. Do we shun these brethren or do we try to understand their situation and offer them an opportunity to contribute as well. I truly believe that you cannot judge how good a man is as a Mason by how they are able to memorize ritual.

Although this is an admirable trait, it does not show you what is truly in their heart. Only time will tell that and if they are motivated and honorable they will learn the ritual in their own good time as they progress through the officer line in their lodges.

My motto this year has been "Serve with honor." Since we do not live in a perfect world, some of the brethren in our fraternity do not practice this simple statement. This tarnishes some of the luster and honor of our fraternity but I truly

believe there is much more good than bad in our jurisdiction. We need to look each other in the eye and ask the simple question of whether we trust each other and do we live up to our obligations when dealing with each other. If this is not the case or you suddenly feel guilty when thinking long and hard about this, then now is the chance to reinvigorate yourselves and recommit yourselves to the obligations you took at the holy altar all those years ago. We all make mistakes and sometimes we lose sight of our teachings. Rather than allowing our fraternity to become just another social club or allow it to just fade away into insignificance, I challenge all of you to look into your hearts and remember how awed and inspired you were the night you were raised as a Master Mason. At that very moment, you were living true Masonry and were so proud to be a part of it. Let's get some of that fire back and shed the waste that has built up over the years. Put aside any personal issues and rancor that you may feel and commit to walking the walk again as you did as a new member of our craft. I know that we will all be better for it.

I am confident that the leadership at the Grand Lodge has your best interests at heart and will continue to work diligently to keep this jurisdiction on track. Please give your full support to the brethren who are elected this weekend to serve as your leaders. Please enjoy everything that we have planned for you this weekend and spend some time to get to know each other better. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all again for the trust you have put in me this past year. I will never forget the new friends I have made all over the world as I have traveled representing you and this jurisdiction. Mahalo nui loa and God bless you all.

Fraternally,
Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Hawaii F & AM

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

When Most Worshipful Condello resumed his chair in the East, he then 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 19st, 2014

The Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii called the Grand Lodge of Hawaii from refreshment and resumed labor at 8:05 am.

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S SERVICE OF REMEMBRENCE

After the morning announcements were completed, the Grand Master called upon Very Reverend Randolph Vicente Nolasco Albano, our Grand Chaplain and Chairman of the Memorial Service Committee, to present the Service of Remembrance for our departed brethren, which is a follows:

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

Aloha! and mabuhay!

One of the most significant activity or part of the program of an Annual Communication is the remembrance of our brothers who have gone into that celestial and eternal place of abode. Without these men, we would not be here today to observe the silver anniversary of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. Having said this, I am encouraged to post a question, not to challenge you, but for each and every one of us to continue to think, to ponder and meditate upon a question that may have a great influence and impact on our being a mason in the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and in the world. The question is, "how would you like to be remembered when we will have joined our brothers in that heavenly abode"? Or, will you be able to join them in that heavenly city?

Looking back to last year's Oration by our Grand Orator, Right Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser, I was lifted up when he said, "I believe that Freemansory is the most prestigious, the most influential, and the most relevant institution in the history of the world" (italics are mine). Truly and sincerely, I feel very proud and very much honored to be a mason. Such a feeling is further confirmed when, I read the article of the Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon which says, "Fourteen of our Presidents were Freemasons and two were Grand Masters. Nearly a majority of Supreme Court Justices were brothers and five Chief Justices were Grand Masters. Will Rogers, Mozart, Lord Kitchner, Kipling, Robert Burns and hundreds of others of equal fame were seekers of light....and.... I am honored to call them brother," and be one of them. (Short Talk Bulletin, Vol. 92, March 2014, No. 3, page 7).

How then shall we become the 'most prestigious, most influential, and most relevant institution' when we are not Presidents; we are not Justices, not Mozart, Kipling and others? One answer to this question is found in last year's Annual Communication's address by our Grandmaster Most Worshipful Frank Condello, II when he said, "Let us look into our hearts and souls and understand what truly is to be an honorable man for our country, our families, our careers and our lodges. We have the opportunity to do great things in our lives if we strive to continually be better and treat others as we ourselves would want to be treated. In the end, if we fight the good fight, we can hold our heads up high and know that we made a difference, no matter how small it may seem to others" Grand Master's Address, 2013, 11th para.). In short, we must "Serve with Honor" which has been Worshipful Condello II's motto for the past year. After all, we Masons continue to seek the great Light of Brotherly Love", wherever and whenever we may be.

With such great Light and brotherly Love we are reminded of an old favorite song popularized by a brother Mason, Nat King Cole in the late 1950s, and I like the following lines in particular,

"Love is a-many-splendored-thing
It's the April rose that only grows in the early spring
Love's nature way of giving, a reason to be living
The golden Crown that makes a man a King."

Inwardly digesting these words, it is definitely true that love can be manifested in so a-many-splendored-thing....in many, many ways! And it so happen that the third week of April is our Annual Communication so that after the An-Com we go into the world to be the brethren that offer laudable, beautiful, wonderful and great deeds so that the world may be a better place. As we all know, the nature of Love is giving; it is the giving of Time, Talent and Treasure to those who may need help and support. This is precisely the reason why we live: the reason of living -is giving. Our love and our giving of variable services are the golden crown that makes a Mason a King not in this world but in that celestial and eternal habitation where our departed brothers are now lodged, enjoying peace and felicity.

The root of all the good things that Masons do, is answered by the question, "In whom do you put your Trust"? "In Him!" Yes, in Him, is the answer. He is Love and He is the Light that we continue to seek and share and manifest in our everyday life as Masons. It is most imperative that we need and should increase our regular communication with Him who is the ultimate source of our Light and Love. We are all aware of the importance, the power and the effects of a prayer. And that I say, prayer is a many-splendored-miracle!

Today, as a part of this annual communication, we pray unto Almighty God for the souls of our faithful departed brethren; a most fitting way to honor and remember them and to thank and give praises to God for these men who have manifested such a-many-splendored-love in this world to which all Masons do now enjoy and are very proud of. As we remember them, there is a "built-in" invitation to pray not only for the beloved departed brethren but to pray also for all living brothers especially to the officers of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and all other officers in all the Lodges in Hawaii. As your Grand Chaplain, I encourage you to communicate always to the Almighty Architect and Master of the universe; to pray without ceasing for all our brothers and their love ones in all 'sorts and conditions in life' that our feet may always be guided into the right direction and into the path of peace, thereby becoming the radiators of that great true Light and true Love into this world.

May I now ask everyone, to please stand and let us pray together for our dearly departed brothers. (Soft music played while names were read).

John H. Stewart	George C. Reeves	Gus Young
Homer A. Cundiff	Homer Cundiff	Edward L. Chun
Beauclerc Hunt	Charles L. Roark	Cecil D. Passman
Harold A. Duby	Gordon E. MacDonald	Albert W. Robinson
Robert T.W. Yuen	Henry K. Chang	Marion F. Sanders
Albert L. Clark	Francis K.W. Ching	Jeossess V. Baqui
Joseph G. Jelcick	Gary L. Kitt	Richard B. Brooks
Roy Forbes	De Royce C. Dudley	Harvey Gray
Orville Minton	Robert I. Smestad	John Aumont

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, the great Architect and Master of the whole universe: we commend to your loving care all our brethren who have finished their transitory life and who have been raised into that celestial abode where there is no death nor suffering but joy and happiness forever. We pray you, grant them eternal rest and let your perpetual light continue to shine upon them.

We also pray for all who are bereaved, that you may continue to surround them with the abundance of your blessings and to behold them in their times of sadness and sorrows and in all tribulations of this life that, casting all their cares in you they may receive the consolation of your love.

Finally, we pray for all masons and all their love ones especially the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and for all officers in all the Lodges in Hawaii, that we may continue to seek your light so that we may always be guided and strengthened in everything that we do for the glory of your most Holy Name; who is the great Architect and Master of the universe. Amen.

After the report was given, it was regularly 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 ORATION

The Grand Master then called upon Honorable Owen Shieh, our Grand Orator for this year's oration which is a follows:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." — Bro. Theodore Roosevelt

My brothers, as we celebrate the end of one Grand Masonic Year and usher in a new one, let us ponder these words from our late President and Brother, Teddy Roosevelt.

As Masons, we form the fabric of one of the greatest institutions in the history of the world. No other organization has succeeded in uniting men from all nations, sects, and creed with such genuine and sincere affection that transcends all divides. We all have friends at work, friends at school, friends who join us in recreational activities, but all those relationships are conditioned on a location or activity. But our relationship as Masons is different, for we are grounded in nothing more than our desire to improve ourselves, improve each other, and explore life through brotherly love, relief, and truth. So no matter where we go or what we do, we are and will always be – brothers.

But like all families, we may not always get along, particularly when our family is comprised of so many different people with so many different personalities! But remember, "it is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena…"

This arena, my brothers, is none other than our very own lodge rooms. Furthermore, this lodge room is not just a physical place, but rather, is itself symbolic of our own minds. Many Masonic scholars have said that the lodge and its officers symbolize the components of our own hearts and consciences, and that the working tools are actually the implements for the work that we do on ourselves as Masons. Much like how the Great Temple was built by the hands of the workmen, it is up to each and every one of us to build our own house not made with hands. But because we share a unique bond as Masons, we can and should help each other with this task.

In the words of Albert Einstein, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Indeed, service is the greatest of all the human virtues. And the great Cicero once said, "Honor is the reward of virtue." So if service is the greatest virtue, and honor is the reward of virtue, then surely, as Masons, we should all **serve with honor**.

At the beginning of this Grand Masonic Year, our Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II asked each of us to serve with honor. Have we done this to the best of our ability? Have we truly carried out the charge that was given to us on the first night of our initiation? Have we sincerely searched within the deepest recesses of our own hearts and asked ourselves, "Have I been a good Mason? What can I do better? Have I stayed true to all of my obligations?" We may "come short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming," but are we striving "to do the deeds" and spending ourselves "in a worthy cause?" Are our faces "marred by dust and sweat and blood?" Are we striving "valiantly" in our efforts to improve ourselves as men and as Masons?

Note that the focus here is on our own selves, not on our brother Masons! Our five senses may be directed outward, and we are often quick to point out the faults of our neighbors, but everything in lodge is asking us to do the opposite — to look inward. We are told, "Freemasonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honors." Thus, we must never forget that our fraternity is absolutely grounded on inward reflection and honest introspection, for that is the only place where true honor can be found. In the words of Brother Benjamin Franklin, "Honor, worthily obtained... is in its nature a personal thing, and incommunicable to any but those who had some share in obtaining it." The father of our country, Brother George Washington, also acknowledged this by saying, "I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man." There is no truer form of honesty than to fearlessly reflect on our own weaknesses. By doing so, we strengthen our Craft. By doing so, we cultivate honor. By doing so, we prepare ourselves for the arena of life.

But we have no time to lose! Like the sand in this hourglass, each passing thought slowly disappears, imperceptibly; day-by-day, second-by-second, time is slipping away. Are we making the most out of each moment as a Mason? Honor begins

with each passing thought. To be honorable is to be thoughtful.

So today, as we gather here to celebrate our accomplishments as a Grand Lodge and to welcome our new Grand Lodge officers, let us remember that the titles we receive do not bring us the honor. Rather, it is our honor that brings value to the titles bestowed upon us. It is not the amount of time a man has been a Mason that matters; what matters most is the amount of attention he gives the symbols and the degree of devotion he dedicates to applying those lessons to his daily life. Titles and fame do not determine the Mason. He who has truly found that which was lost and who has finished the unfinished work in his own sanctum sanctorum would not care for titles and names, for they cannot even come close to that glorious and magnificent feeling of joy and accomplishment that arises from the realization of true wisdom and a life well lived. A person who leads by example does not need to win respect, for he naturally commands it through his actions framed in humility, understanding, and compassion.

And so, my brothers, with service as our means, introspection as our cornerstone, and brotherhood as our cement, may we continue to build that house not made with hands, to the honor of our great and timeless fraternity. The clock is ticking...

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

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER PRESENTS THE 2014 BUDGET

The Grand Master then called upon Right Worshipful Richard B. Huston to present the 2014-2015 Grand Lodge Budget which had been previously circulated to the members of the Finance Committee.

NET INCOME	596.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	57,754.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00
Youth Groups	1,000.00
Website	1,200.00
Treasurer's Expense	900.00
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 of 23.4% of Revenue	13,654.00
Telephone	2,000.00
Tax Preparation Fee	600.00
Secretary's Workshop/Leadership Workshop	1,000.00
Secretary's Honorarium (\$1,000.00 per month)	12,000.00
Rental (Office and SRC)	10,500.00
Photography and Printing	750.00
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	1,500.00
Software Development	500.00
Copier Supplies	1,000.00
Administrative Supplies	1,000.00
Office Supplies	300.00
Name Badges	300.00
Masonic Services Association Dues	300.00
Masonic Education	1,000.00
Grand Lodge Ties	200.00
Plaques/Mementos	500.00
Pins	1,000.00
Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics	300.00
Conference of Grand Master's Secretary's Dues George Washington Memorial Foundation	500.00
	100.00
Conference of Grand Master's Dues	1,500.00 250.00
Conference Of Grand Master's Registration Western Conference of Grand Master's	300.00 1,500.00
	200.00
Conferences	3,000.00
EXPENSES Annual Communications	2 000 00
TOTAL INCOME	58,350.00
Per Capita Tax (1,804 including plurals) 1,804 x \$25	45,100.00
Fund Raiser	10,000.00
Hawaii Masonic Charities x \$15	900.00
Grand Lodge x \$20	1,200.00
George Washington Memorial Foundation x \$5	300.00
NEW APPLICATION FEES – (Estimated 60)	250.00
Dispensations (Avg. 10 per year) 10 x \$25	250.00
Degrees (Avg. 200 per year) 200 x \$1	200.00
Affiliations (Avg. 20 per year) 20 x \$20	400.00
INCOME	

After a brief discussion, it was regularly moved and seconded to accept the 2014 - 2015 budget as presented. Motion was carried.

2014 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

As all reports for the jurisdiction were now completed, the Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing, chairman of the jurisprudence committee to present this year's proposed legislation.

The Grand Master announced, that after consultation with the Jurisprudence Committee, he had determined that none of his Decisions or Edicts required Grand Lodge action, in as much as all of them (except for Edict 2013-2) were now moot -- either because they had by their terms expired, had been executed and were no longer in effect, or had been executed and could no longer be acted upon. Edict 2013 – 2 will voted upon at the end of the proposed resolutions. The following is a synopsis of those Decisions and Edicts but a complete copy of the Decisions and Edicts issued during the 2013-14 term is attached hereto in the Appendix.

2013 GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS AND EDICTS

Decision 2013-01	Grand Master's One-Day Class Balloting.
Decision 2013-02	Grand Master's One-Day Class 3 rd Degree Proficiency Waiver.
Decision 2013-02a	Amendment to GM's One-Day Class 3 rd Degree Proficiency Waiver.
Decision 2013-03	To allow Lodge le Progres to continue to operate under dispensation.
Decision 2013-04	To allow Lodge Le Progres to change their May meeting date.
Decision 2013-05	To allow Lodge Le Progres to wear Masonic paraphernalia in parade.
Decision 2013-06	To allow all Hawaii Lodges to participate in certain parades.
Decision 2013-07	Waiving 3 rd Degree proficiencies to join concordant bodies.
Decision 2013-08	Allowing Lodge Le Progres to reballot upon rejected application.
Decision 2013-09	Allowing Kilauea Lodge to hold July stated meeting at different location.
Decision 2013-10	Making background checks for application for degrees mandatory.
Decision 2013-11	Allowing Lodge les Progres to change Nov.and Dec. meeting dates.
Decision 2013-12	Allowing Honolulu Lodge to move their charter for purpose of holding the officers installation at different location.

Decision 2013-13	Allowing Lodge les Progres to change their January meeting date.
Decision 2013-14	Grand Master's One-Day Class Balloting
Decision 2013-15	Allowing Ko'olau Lodge to move their charter for purpose of holding the officers installation at different location.
Decision 2013-16	Allowing Leeward Lodge to change their February meeting date.
Decision 2013-17	Allowing Lodge Maui to obligate multiple candidates.
Decision 2013-18	To allow Schofield to wear Masonic paraphernalia at public ceremony.
Decision 2013-19	Allowing Schofield Lodge to obligate multiple candidates.
Edict 2013-01	Guidelines for those announcing candidacy for Jr. Grand Warden
Edict 2013-02	Expulsion of Benjamin Pierce Bishop from Freemasonry.
Edict 2013-03	Appointment of new Worshipful Master for Lodge Le Progres.

2014 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

The Following is a synopsis of the legislation presented along with the voting outcomes. The full form of each proposed resolution was distributed to each lodge and is also on record in the Grand Lodge Office as well. A copy of each proposed resolution as well as the jurisprudence committee's recommendation of each is included in the Appendix of these Proceedings for reference.

Resolution No. Resolution Description 2013-09 Carry-Over

Increase of Steward's fund from \$500 to \$900 and Secretary's fund from \$150 to \$300. Votes Required: 2/3 Votes Rec: 37/15 Percentage: 71% Result: Passed

2013-11 Carry-over

To authorize ritual cipher update and plain text cipher to be stored in Grand Lodge office Votes Required: 2/3 Votes Rec: 29/23 Percentage: 56% Result: Failed

While this resolution failed to acquire a 2/3 vote thereby by failing, it did receive more than 50% and will be a carry-over for consideration at next year's Annual Communication

2014-01

To clarify duration of a Grand Master's decision.

Votes Required: 2/3 Votes Rec: 26/26 Percentage: 50% Result: Failed

2014-02

Requires a Mason to be in "Good Standing" to attend tiled meetings.

Votes Required: 2/3 Votes Rec: 42/10 Percentage: 81% Result: Passed

2014-03

Requiring applicant background checks. 2/3

Votes Required: 2/3 Votes Rec: 51/1 Percentage: 98% Result: Passed

2014-04

Eliminating residency requirements for military applicants.

Votes Required: 2/3 Votes Rec: 18/34 Percentage: 35% Result: Failed

2014-05

Allow multiple Degree conferrals.

Votes Required: 2/3 Votes Rec: 24/28 Percentage: 46% Result: Failed

2014-06 Emergent

Requires storage of lodge records at lodge office.

First vote requiring 2/3 votes to determine if resolution was emergent. A hand vote was made, motion passed.

The vote on the resolution itself:

Votes Required: 2/3 Votes Rec: 33/19 Percentage: 64% Result: Failed

While this resolution failed to acquire a 2/3 vote thereby by failing, it did receive more than 50% and will be a carry-over for consideration at next year's Annual Communication

Grand Master's Decision 2013-2

The Expulsion of Benjamin Bishop from Freemasonry

Votes Reg: 50% Votes Received: 50/0 Percentage: 100% Result: Passed

The results of the voting will be sent to the Worshipful Master and Secretary of each lodge via email as well as available for review on the Grand Lodge web site. After the voting on the legislation was complete, and as the work of this year's Grand Lodge was complete, Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello, II proceeded to give a few presentations.

He called upon the Grand Lodge of Hawaii 2013 Past Masters to gather west of the altar to present them with their Past Master Certificates. The 2013 Lodge Masters were

Worshipful Michael J. Lopez, Hawaiian Lodge Worshipful Diamond M. Robinson, Honolulu Lodge Worshipful Christopher A. Stowe, Kauai Lodge Worshipful Donald M. Millard, Kilauea Lodge Worshipful J. Daniel Miller, Kona Lodge Worshipful Seth A. Connell, Ko'olau Lodge Worshipful Percival A. Sudiacal, Leeward Lodge Worshipful B.H. Gerald Eiting VIII, Lodge Maui Worshipful Mike Maklary, Pearl Harbor Lodge Worshipful Darryl E. Lajola, Schofield Lodge

Those not present had a representative accept the certificate on their behalf.

Next, Most Worshipful Condello met Honorable Stephen Carroll west of the altar to present Brother Carroll with the 2013 Master Mason of the Year Award from the Grand Lodge of Hawaii for his outstanding service to our Masonic Family as whole in our jurisdiction.

Next, Most Worshipful Condello met Worshipful Darryl Lajola west of the altar to present Worshipful Lajola with the 2013 Master of the Year Award

As Most Worshipful Condello's presentations were completed, our visiting brethren took the opportunity to make a few presentations to Most Worshipful Condello himself. Those making presentations included Most Worshipful Donald Stutt, Grand Master of BC & Yukon, Canada; Most Worshipful David Worel, Grand Master of Alaska; and Most Worshipful Mike Salazar, Grand Master of Demolay International.

As the presentations were completed, Most Worshipful Frank Condello 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 the election of the 2014 Grand Lodge Officers.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The following Grand Lodge officers were then elected to serve this Grand Lodge for the year 2014 – 2015 Grand Lodge year.

Grand Master	Richard B. Huston
Deputy Grand Master	Michael P. Baker
Senior Grand Warden	Andrew L. Geiser
Junior Grand Warden	Albert B. Alvarez
Grand Treasurer	Alberto P. Alarcon
Grand Secretary	Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Grand Lecturer	Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM

Upon completion of the election of officers at 12:20 am, Most Worshipful Condello 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 Dennis S.A. Ing PGM as Installing Officer; Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan PM as Installing Master of Ceremonies, and Very Reverend Randy V.N. Albano as Installing Chaplain. The 2014 Grand Lodge officers were installed as follows:

Grand Lodge Officers 2014 – 2015.

Grand Master	Richard B. Huston
Deputy Grand Master	Michael P. Baker
Senior Grand Warden	Andrew L. Geiser
Junior Grand Warden	Albert B. Alvarez
Grand Treasurer	Alberto P. Alarcon
Grand Secretary	Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Grand Lecturer	Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM
Grand Chaplain	Randy V.N. Albano
Grand Orator	Robert A. Schultz
Grand Marshal	Wilson S. Camagan
Grand Standard Bearer	Keith N. Isaacson

Grand Sword Bearer	Stewart H. Enger
Grand Bible Bearer	Michael J. Lopez
Senior Grand Deacon	Karvel C. Rose
Junior Grand Deacon	Manuel V. Aquino
Senior Grand Steward	Christopher A. Stowe
Junior Grand Steward	Bernard C. Baldueza
Grand Historian	Stephen D. Carroll
Grand Organist	Lee D. Gordon
Grand Pursuivant	Robert M. Shimamoto
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Grand Tiler	James R. Steinwandt
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Grand Lodge Inspectors	Hawaiian Lodge
Grand Lodge Inspectors Worshipful Garry Graham	Hawaiian Lodge Honolulu Lodge
Worshipful Garry Graham	Hawaiian Lodge Honolulu Lodge Kauai Lodge
Grand Lodge Inspectors Worshipful Garry Graham Worshipful Darryl E. Lajola Worshipful Donald W. Traller	Hawaiian Lodge Honolulu Lodge Kauai Lodge Kilauea Lodge
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After the installation of the 2014 – 2015 Grand Lodge officers, our newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Richard B. Huston addressed the assembly, to wit;

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Aloha everyone!

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I want to thank each and every one of you for showing your support during this, the 25th Annual Grand Lodge Installation of Officers, and sincerely hope that we, as a Masonic Family will continue to work and support one another for the upcoming 2014-2015 Masonic Year.

It is to that end that I announce my theme for this year, "Taking Care of Family". Now for those of you not familiar with our Masonic virtues, it should still have a significant meaning. After all, as men, we are taught that it is one of our God given responsibilities to be a good husband, father, brother, son, in short, a good man who takes not only good care of his family, but strives to be a good man in society, and accepts that responsibility without question.

For those of us in Masonry, it has a twofold meaning. First, we are taught and encouraged to be that good family man, and community man. Our motto after all is we "take a good man, and make him better". But to us, it also means taking care of our brothers and sisters in the Masonic Community.

You know, it was only 3 years ago that I noticed for the first time, the banner that leads the Masonic members in the front during parades. It simply states "Family of Masons". Now I'm not sure how long we have had that banner, but, I noticed it at the start of the Kailua 4th of July Parade. And I contemplated many times about the meaning of that simple banner. To expound a little for those of you not familiar with Masons, behind that banner marched the color guard, Heroes of 76, behind them came the Grand Lodge of Hawaii Officers, followed by Masons from the various Blue Lodges, Shriners, the young ladies and men from the International Order of Rainbow and DeMolay. We have had representatives from Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine of North America, all members of the Masonic Order.

After much contemplation and thought, I decided that this theme would become the goal for the Grand Lodge of Hawaii during this Masonic year. And the reasoning I believe is quite simple. We need to start taking care of the members in these organizations that we have right now, more effort towards keeping them involved, helping one another, building programs and ideas, instead of placing all our effort in recruiting.

If we want to have our meetings well attended. If we want to have our newer members to keep coming back, we need to involve them, we need to nurture them, and we need to help one another, across the boards of Masonry, to do this. We, each individual organization, and all of us collectively need to become, or return to, an organization that wants and keeps quality, instead of constantly looking for quantity. I believe that if we do this, and

it can be done, that our ranks in the meetings will grow, we will have more attendance within Masonry, and we will start living and believing in those virtues and obligations we hold so dear.

One of the first objectives of this New Year, is for the Grand Lodge Officers to meet with the leaders of each and every Masonic order or affiliation. I want us to sit down with the leaders of Scottish Rite, York Rite, Rainbow, Eastern Star, and I want to open that meeting with a simple question, "What can the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, and it's Officers, do to assist you in any endeavor to promote your membership, to provide education, to help in your activities to advertise and help in fund raisers for your charities.

Each and every Grand Lodge officer, when they leave here today, will know and understand that we are going to take this very simple motto "Taking care of Family" very serious, and they will carry this theme back to their own Masonic concordant bodies and their Lodges. And I will give them the authority to speak on my behalf, and on the behalf of the entire Grand Lodge in promoting the welfare of these other orders. We are indeed, going to become "A Family of Masons".

I want to speak briefly on what the Masters and Wardens of our 11 Lodges can expect in the coming year. Another subject, yet with the same theme of "quality versus quantity". Before I go any further, I want to make it perfectly clear, that I am not speaking in a negative manner towards any of the past Grand Masters or their one day Grand Master classes, nor any member that was raised to Master Mason during these classes. I do believe that there can be a reason or purpose for the fast class, occasionally. And I do know that the fast class has produced some outstanding Master Masons in this jurisdiction. However, I do not believe that it should be an annual event.

I do not want the officers of the Lodges to become accustomed to raising Master Masons in this manner. But most importantly, I do not want Lodges in this jurisdiction to take the experience and teachings of the EA, FC and MM away from these candidates. These men come to us with a desire to become Master Masons, and we need to take the time and effort to enhance and enrich that desire, by nurturing them, one degree at a time. Let's give them the experience and development that they seek, that they deserve. Let's give our younger, eager officers the experience of teaching these newer EA, FC, all the way through to Master Mason.

I know that new membership in the Rite Bodies and Shrine may slow down a bit this year, as I will not have a GM fast class, but I will guarantee you, that future applicants in these bodies will be coming in as strong, better prepared, proud and eager Master Masons. Men who will jump in and continue their own masonic teaching and experience by showing a desire to attend and to be a part of these other bodies, thereby benefitting all concerned. I am a Scottish Rite and York Rite Mason, and I am very proud of that.

I am extremely proud to say I am a Shriner. But I do not believe that the objective of the Blue Lodge is to create Scottish Rite or York Rite Masons, or Shriners. That should be an individual desire of the Master Mason, and they should approach and petition these organizations when they themselves are ready to continue their Masonic Journey.

Along those same lines, I will be speaking individually to the Masters and Wardens of our lodges on the issue of applications, investigations and sponsorship "quality versus quantity". The Grand Lodge this year is not trying to re-invent the wheel, but instead, having the lodges adhere to the principals that have been set in place in all the years preceding us by our ancient brethren.

I want to insure that each and every applicant for the degrees of masonry in this jurisdiction, are recommended by Master Masons who know the man seeking membership, and vouches for his character and potential for becoming a Master Mason. Men who approach us who may not personally know a Mason, will be introduced to the brethren, and will be encouraged to show up at the lodges for fellowship, so that the brethren can get to know him, before any application for degrees are given them.

I want to insure that each and every candidate for our degrees are investigated as outlined in Article V Sec 2638 [and subsequent Sections] of the Hawaii Masonic Code. In short, investigations are not to be done over the telephone, or at the lodge in a short meeting during fellowship, but personally, at their home and with their wife present if they are married. I do not need to go further into that, there exists specific instructions to the Investigators which are provided by the Master of the Lodge.

Just importantly, each and every candidate for degrees, needs to be able to look around the lodge room and see his sponsors, the men who signed his application and recommended him for these degrees. Sponsors need to be there to help instruct, nurture, to answer questions, and to mentor these men all the way to their becoming Master Masons.

In closing, I want to leave you with this thought: Our ancient brethren, and I will use such renowned Master Masons as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, and several more signers of the Declaration of Independence, and leaders in the American Revolution. Paul Revere was a Master Mason. They took the Masonic ritual and tools handed down to them by their ancient brethren. Their perspective members were thoroughly investigated. It didn't take months, but more like years to raise a man to Master Mason during those early times in this country. Their degrees and instructions were cautious and deliberate.

They did not change their bi-laws or Masonic Code to increase their numbers, they did not change their processes or ritual to get through the degrees quickly. They trusted in the same deliberate principals and virtues passed down to them from their ancient brethren.

In fact, the only thing they changed was the course of this great nation.

After his address, Most Worshipful Huston invited all Grand Lodge of Hawaii Past Grand Masters west of the altar for introductions. The Past Grand Masters present were as follows:

2007	Most Worshipful Oscar M. Jayme
2008	Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing
2009	Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander
2010	Most Worshipful Charles L. Wegener
2011	Most Worshipful Monty J. Glover
2012	Most Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya
2013	Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II

At that point, it was discovered that Most Worshipful Frank Condello 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.

Most Worshipful Huston then acknowledge our visiting dignitaries by having them rise an introduce themselves along with any brothers that might be traveling with them/

After presentations were completed, Most Worshipful Richard B. Huston then closed the 2014 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii by proclamation so that we could all gather in the evening for the Installation Banquet at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel.

Respectfully Submitted

Marty P. Alexander PGM, Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM



APPENDIX

2013 Grand Master's Decisions and Edicts – Full Form

2014 Resolutions W/ Jurisprudence Reports & Results – Full Form

2013 List of Lodges, Lodge Pillars and Membership Counts

List of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii

2014 Annual Communication Credentials Committee Report

Grand Master's 2012 Decisions and Edicts

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 01 Dispensation Regarding Balloting Procedures For Grand Master's One Day Class Date July 20, 2013

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

For any applicant who will be participating in the upcoming Grand Master's One Day Class to be held on Saturday July 20, 2013, the following dispensation is hereby granted;

If such applications for the Fast Class are properly investigated and a "full and favorable" report is returned thereon, these applications may be read and balloted upon at any Stated or Special Meeting of the Lodge preceding the Fast Class; provided, that if the balloting is to occur at a Special Meeting, notice that the application or applications will be read or balloted upon at such Special Meeting must be sent to all lodge members within the State at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii April 21, 2013.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Frank M. Condello II

Grand Master

Attested:

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 02 Dispensation Waiving 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree Proficiencies For Grand Master's One Day Class Date July 20, 2013

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

In consideration of HMC §1031 regarding a Grand Master's authority to waive proficiency requirements at his discretion for candidates initiated, passed and raised in a One Day Class,

I am here by issuing a dispensation to waive the proficiency requirements in all three of the degrees for candidates completing the Grand Masters One Day class held September 5th, 2009.

Please note that this waiver shall not apply to the Third Degree proficiency examination requirement for qualification as a Master or Warden of a Lodge.

As such, I strongly suggest and challenge all candidates affected by this Dispensation to seek out suitable assistance and complete their 3rd degree proficiencies as soon as they are able to in order to avoid potential difficulties, misunderstandings and delays in the future should any of them choose to travel to other lodges or progress through the officers chairs to become a pillar of their lodge.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii April 21, 2013.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Frank M. Condello II

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 02a Dispensation Waiving 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree Proficiencies For Grand Master's One Day Class Date July 20, 2013

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

In consideration of HMC §1031 regarding a Grand Master's authority to waive proficiency requirements at his discretion for candidates initiated, passed and raised in a One Day Class,

I am here by issuing a dispensation to waive the proficiency requirements in all three of the degrees for candidates completing the Grand Masters One Day class held On July 20, 2013.

Please note that this waiver shall not apply to the Third Degree proficiency examination requirement for qualification as a Master or Warden of a Lodge.

As such, I strongly suggest and challenge all candidates affected by this Dispensation to seek out suitable assistance and complete their 3rd degree proficiencies as soon as they are able to in order to avoid potential difficulties, misunderstandings and delays in the future should any of them choose to travel to other lodges or progress through the officers chairs to become a pillar of their lodge.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii April 21, 2013.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Frank M. Condello II

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 03 Granting dispensation to Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie To continue operating as a constituent lodge

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

The suspension of the charter of Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie, F&AM, having not been withdrawn, and said lodge not having demonstrated that it is competent to operate as a viable lodge or to comply with all requirements of the Hawaii Masonic Code,

IT IS MY DECISION, as Deputy Grand Master acting on behalf of our Grand Master while he is out of communications, that effective immediately, that Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie, F&AM, is hereby granted a dispensation to continue operating as a lodge under dispensation, as provided in Grand Master's Edict No. 2012-02, issued November 27, 2012, under the same conditions and provisions as specified therein, except that the following officers are appointed to govern the lodge on an interim basis, until replaced by the Grand Master:

Master: Right Worshipful RICHARD B. HUSTON, DGM Sr. Warden: Right Worshipful ANDREW L. GEISER, JGW Most Worshipful CHARLES L. WEGENER, PGM

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii April 23, 2013.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Richard B. Huston Deputy Grand Master Attested:

Marty P/Alexander, PGN

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 04 Granting dispensation to Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie To change May meeting date

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie and it's membership, duly certified to me, that at their stated meeting on April 26, 2013, the brethren voted to request a dispensation to change their May 31, 2013 stated meeting to May 24, 2013.

Dispensation Granted

To Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie for the purpose as above requested

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii May 4, 2013.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty Olexander Marty P. Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 05 Granting dispensation to Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie To wear Masonic Regalia in public

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie and it's membership, duly certified to me, that at their stated meeting on April 26, 2013, the brethren voted to request a dispensation to publically wear Masonic regalia on the followind dates/events:

June 25, 2013 Royal Order of Kamehameha Investitutre Ceremony Nov. 15&16, 2013 Iolani Palace & Mauna Ali King Kalakaua B-Day Celebration

A dispensation is hereby granted to Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie and its members to publically wear Masonic paraphernalia at the above listed events provided that the Worshipful Master of Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie ensures that they be worn in a dignified manner. Officers of Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie are encouraged to wear the aprons and jewels of their office. Any Past Masters attending are encouraged to wear their aprons as well.

Dispensation Granted

To Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie for the purpose as above requested.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii May 4, 2013.

Grand Master

Attested:

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Marty P. Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 06 Granting Dispensation To Wear Masonic Paraphernalia in Public Parades

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

Approved:

Grand Master

Frank M. Condello II

Permission is hereby granted to any Lodge in this Jurisdiction that wishes to participate in parades and public ceremonies as long as prior notice of parade name, date and location is given to the Grand Master before participation is permitted.

Masonic aprons may be worn at these parades provided they are worn in a dignified manner and such members must, at a minimum, be dressed in long pants, closed toed shoes and a collared shirt. The Master of each participating lodge shall determine further if there is to be a lodge uniform or dress code to be worn by their members in particular. Lodge Officers are encouraged to wear the aprons and jewels of their office unless it is raining so that they will not be damaged. Past Grand Masters and Past Masters participating in the parade are encouraged to wear their aprons as well. Lodge Banners are also welcome.

Dispensation Granted

Attested:

Marty P. Alexander PGM

Grand Secretary

To All Hawaii Lodge's for the purpose as above requested.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii May 9, 2013

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 07 Dispensation Waiving 3rd Degree Proficiencies To Join A Concordant or Appendant Masonic Body

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

In consideration of Grand Master's Decision 2013-2a waiving the requirement of the 3rd Degree proficiency to join a Concordant or Appendant Masonic Body for those participating in the Grand Master's One Day class to be held on July 20, 2013, I feel it is unfair to those Brothers who will not be participating in that event to not be able to have the same rights and privileges of those that do.

So I am here by issuing a dispensation to waive the 3rd Degree proficiency requirements for all Master Masons during my year as Grand Master for the purpose of joining a Concordant or Appendant Masonic body.

REMEMBER: This waiver shall not apply to the 3rd Degree proficiency examination requirement for qualification as a Master or Warden of a Lodge and I strongly suggest and challenge all candidates affected by this Dispensation to seek out suitable assistance and complete their 3rd degree proficiencies as soon as they are able to in order to avoid potential difficulties, misunderstandings and delays in the future should any of them choose to travel to other lodges or progress through the officers chairs to become a pillar of their lodge.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii May 28, 2013.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Frank M. Condello II

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 08 Dispensation Allowing Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie To Reballot Upon Rejected Application Within 12 Months

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii especially to that of Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie and it's membership, duly certified to me, that at their stated meeting on May 24, 2013, the brethren voted to request a dispensation the permission to reballot upon the rejected application of Mr. Kinsly Joseph.

Dispensation Granted

In consideration of the information brought to me as well, I hereby grant dispensation to Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie to reballot upon the application for membership by Mr. Kinsly Joseph within the 12 month period as outlined by our Masonic Code.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii June 21, 2013.

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 09 Granting dispensation to Kilauea Lodge To Hold Special Meeting at Different Location

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Kilauea Lodge and it's membership, duly certified to me, that at their stated meeting on July 2, 2013, the brethren voted to request a dispensation to hold a special tiled meeting at Kalopa Park on July 26, 2013 thereby needing to have their charter present at a location other than their lodge building.

Dispensation Granted

To Kilauea Lodge for the purpose as above requested

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii July 25, 2013.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P. Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 10 Requiring Background Investigation For All Applications For the Degrees of Masonry

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

After years of traveling to other jurisdictions and attending many Conference of Grand Masters of North America, I have noticed jurisdictions reporting an increasing number of problems with felons gaining entry to the fraternity by not being honest on their applications. There was even an incident where a fugitive wanted for Murder was able to apply, be accepted, and initiated into a lodge before he was apprehended. There was another incident where a convicted sex offender was allowed to become a member and it was not discovered until he reoffended.

So therefore, after much thought and in effort to minimize the chance of this happening, I have decided to require <u>mandatory background checks for ALL Applications for the Degrees of Masonry effective 8/1/2013.</u> Comprehensive background checks will be conducted by a professional vendor contracted by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. Each applicant's name, date of birth, social security number, and address will need to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary. This information will be forwarded to the vendor. No records will be kept at the Grand Lodge once an investigation is complete. Each lodge secretary will be notified of the results

To have this done professionally, this will mean a non-refundable fee of \$25 will be charged for each applicant investigated. Whether you choose to pass this fee along to your applicant separately or include it as part of your application fee is each lodge's individual choice.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii July 31. 2013.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Frank M. Condello II

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P. Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 11 Granting dispensation to Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie To change May meeting date

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie and it's membership, duly certified to me, that at their stated meeting on September 27, 2013, the brethren voted to request a dispensation to change their November 29, 2013 stated meeting to November 22, 2013 and their December 27, 2013 stated meeting to December 20, 2013.

Dispensation Granted

To Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie for the purpose as above requested

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii September 30, 2013.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P. Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 12 Granting dispensation to Honolulu To move Charter for Instllation of Lodge Officers

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Honolulu and it's membership, duly certified to me, that at their stated meeting on December 3, 2013, the brethren voted to request a dispensation to temporarily move their Lodge Charter to 1611 Kewalo St., Honolulu, HI on December 7, 2013 for the purpose of holding their Annual Officer's Installation at the Scottish Rite Catherdral.

Dispensation Granted

To Honolulu Lodge for the purpose as above requested

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii September 7, 2013.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P. Alexander, PGN

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 13 Granting Dispensation to Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie To Change January Stated Meeting Date

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie and it's membership, duly certified to me, that at a meeting on January 3, 2014, the brethren voted to request a dispensation to change their January 31, 2014 stated meeting to January 24, 2014.

Dispensation Granted

To Lodge Le Progres de Le Oceanie for the purpose as above requested

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii January 6, 2014

Fraternally and sincerely,

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty Olexander Marty P. Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 14 Dispensation Regarding Balloting Procedures For Grand Master's One Day Class Date March 22, 2014

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

For any applicant who will be participating in the upcoming Grand Master's One Day Class to be held on Saturday March 22, 2014, the following dispensation is hereby granted;

If such applications for the Fast Class are properly investigated and a "full and favorable" report is returned thereon, these applications may be read and balloted upon at any Stated or Special Meeting of the Lodge preceding the Fast Class; provided, that if the balloting is to occur at a Special Meeting, notice that the application or applications will be read or balloted upon at such Special Meeting must be sent to all lodge members within the State at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii January 15, 2014.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Frank M. Condello II

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 15 Granting dispensation to Ko'olau Lodge To Hold Officer's Installation at Different Location

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Ko'olau Lodge to hold their lodge officers installation at the Shriners Waimanalu Beach Club on January 22, 2014 thereby needing to have their charter present at a location other than their usually meeting place.

Dispensation Granted

To Ko'olau Lodge for the purpose as above requested

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii January 17, 2014.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty Olexander Marty P. Alexander, PGM

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 16 Granting dispensation to Leeward Lodge To change February meeting date

To all whom it may concern, and the lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii and especially the Brethren of Leeward Lodge,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Leeward Lodge to have their stated meeting date of February 14, 2014 to be changed to February 7, 2014 in order to avoid family/personal confilcts with Valentine's Day events.

Dispensation Granted

To Leeward Lodge for the purpose as above requested

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii January 17, 2014.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Grand Master

Attested:

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 17 Granting Dispensation To Lodge Maui Allowing Multiple Candidates During Degree Work

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Lodge Maui and it's membership, who have hereby requested a dispensation to be allowed to obligate more than one candidate but no more than 5 during a degree.

The dispensation is hereby granted under the following conditions; a) each candidate must be assigned their own Senior Deacon and altar setup and b) it is understood that this dispensation DOES NOT waive any proficiency requirements for any of the candidates and c) this dispensation applies to the conferal of the 1st Degree of Masonry ONLY.

Dispensation Granted

To Lodge Maui for the purpose as above requested.

Dated: Honolulu Hawaii February 5, 2014

Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P! Alexander PGM, Grand Secretary

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 18 Granting Dispensation To Schofield Lodge To Wear Masonic Regalia in Public

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii and the members of Schofield Lodge in particular,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Schofield Lodge and it's membership, duly certified to me, that at their stated meeting on February 11, 2014, the brethren voted to request a dispensation to wear their lodge aprons, along with officer's aprons and jewels, during the recognition ceremony to held at University of Hawaii (West Oahu) on March 12, 2014 from 8:30 am - 10:30 am. The ceremony will be before the city council and will recognize Schofield Lodge for their 100 Year Anniversary.

Dispensation Granted

To Schofield Lodge for the purpose as above requested.

Dated: Honolulu, Mawaii March 10, 2014

Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master

Attested: 1 Olevander

Marty P. Alexander PGM, Grand Secretary

Grand Master's Decision 2013 – 19 Granting Dispensation To Scofield Lodge Allowing Multiple Candidates During Degree Work

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii and the members of Schofield Lodge in particular,

Greetings:

By special request of the Worshipful Master of Schofield Lodge and it's membership, duly certified to me, that at their stated meeting on March 11, 2014, the brethren voted to request a dispensation to be allowed to obligate more than one candidate but no more than 5 during a degree during a meeting to be heldon March 18, 2014.

The dispensation is hereby granted under the following conditions; a) each candidate must be assigned their own Senior Deacon and altar setup and b) it is understood that this dispensation DOES NOT waive any proficiency requirements for any of the candidates and c) this dispensation applies to the conferal of the 1st Degree of Masonry ONLY.

Dispensation Granted

To Schofield Lodge for the purpose as above requested.

Dated: Honolulu Mawaii March 13, 2014

Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master

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Marty P. Alexander PGM, Grand Secretary

Grand Master's Edict 2013-01 Electioneering

HMC §2074 prohibits any Lodge or Mason from distributing any circular or written communication to Lodges or Masons concerning the election of officers in the Grand Lodge. The apparent intent of this provision is to avoid aggressive (and sometimes undignified) campaigning and to promote elections based on qualifications rather than politics. Unfortunately, this rule has often resulted in our having an uninformed electorate, who must decide on the basis of name recognition, who nominates the candidate or some other less than satisfactory basis.

IT IS THEREFORE MY DIRECTION that any candidate for Jr. Grand Warden at the 2014 Annual Communication may submit to the Grand Lodge a one-page, typewritten statement not to exceed 500 words containing the candidate's qualifications and experience only. All personal declarations will be reserved for their nomination speech on the floor of the Annual Communications. Statements will be reviewed for proper content.

So that all statements can be distributed together and to give lodges ample time for their consideration, all declarations must be received by the Grand Secretary by no later than March 15th, 2014. Either mail, e-mail or hand delivery will be acceptable. This is not to exclude anyone from being nominated from the floor but all nominations from the floor will follow these provisions:

Any person nominating a candidate from the floor of the 2014 Annual Communication shall be limited to the following statement: "(*Address to the chair*), I hereby nominate for the office of Jr. Grand Warden (*name of candidate*)," without further elaboration. Each candidate may then speak for no more than three (3) minutes indicating why he is running for office, and that he will serve, if elected.

This edict is to be read at your next stated meeting.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii January 10, 2014

Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master

Grand Master

Attested:

Marty P. Alexander PGM

Grand Master's Edict 2013-02 Re: Expulsion of Benjamin Bishop From Freemasonry

My Brothers All,

I come to you at this time with a heavy heart but a clear conscience. It is always a sad day in Masonry when we lose a member for any reason but under these circumstances this loss is a necessary one to preserve the integrity and honor of our Fraternity.

One of our members, Benjamin Bishop was arrested last year in March of 2013 by the FBI on charges relating to espionage.

The clear conscience I come to you with is that we held our ground that any person, whether a Masonic Brother or not, is innocent until proven guilty. While the evidence mounted, all we had to rely on for information was either heresay or television and newspaper reports.

That all changed last Thursday, March 13th, 2014 when Benjamin Bishop changed his plea to guilty and entered into a plea agreement with the US Attorney's Office.

He voluntarily entered a plea of guilty to 2 counts:

Count 1: Willfully Communicating Information Related to the National Defense to a Person Not Entitled to Receive it; and

Count 2: Willfully Retaining Information Related to the National Defense.

Both of these counts are felonies. As part of the plea agreement he waived his right to appeal. Both counts carry up to 10 years maximum in prison. He will be sentenced in June 2014.

Now that he has plead guilty to these charges, our course of action is clear

IT IS THEREFORE MY DIRECTION that from this day forward, Benjamin Pierce Bishop who was born on August 8, 1953 and was raised a Master Mason on October 23, 2001 be hereby **EXPELLED** from Freemasonry and that he is deprived of all the rights and privileges of our Order. Further, all Masons and Lodges are prohibited from holding any Masonic intercourse with him forever, unless he be restored by this Grand Lodge

This edict is to be read at your next stated meeting.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii March 17, 2014

Attested:

Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master

Grand Master

Marty P. Alexander PGM

Here are a few sections of the Hawaii Masonic Code that are pertinent for your reference. In the case of §2604 and in the spirit of the meaning of this section that is not only a prerequisite to being a Mason but it should also apply to us all even AFTER we become a Mason.

§2604. ELIGIBILITY FOR DEGREES – CONVICTION OF CRIME MORALLY WRONG IN ITSELF. A person who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere or has been convicted in the courts of a felony, or of a misdemeanor which is morally wrong in itself, is not eligible to apply for the degrees of Masonry unless, for the reason that he did not commit the offense, he either has been pardoned, or had his judgment of conviction vacated.

§2608. SUBVERSIVES INELIGIBLE. No person shall hold, or retain, or be eligible for membership in any Lodge who had advised, advocated, or taught, or who is or has been a member of, or affiliated with any group, society, association or organization which advises, advocates or teaches, or has advised, advocated, or taught, or who is or has been a member of, or affiliated with any group, society, association or organization which advises, advocates or teaches, or has advised, advocated or taught the overthrow by force or violence or other unlawful means of the Government of the United States of America or of any State of the Union.

§2608a. The Communist Party is an organization which actively advocates the overthrow of our government by force or violence and teaches hatred of God and forms of religion; and membership in that organization constitutes unMasonic conduct. Loyalty to the government in whose domain a Mason resides is an indispensable requisite, and in this jurisdiction a member is subject to disciplinary action and expulsion for disloyalty to his government.

§300d. The Grand Master may act without trial where the facts are clear.

§3410. EXPULSION DEFINED. The expulsion of a Mason is the highest penalty known to the Masonic law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the Order, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him forever, unless he be restored by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master's Edict 2013-03 Appointing New Worshipful Master to Lodge Le Progres

To all whom it may concern, and especially to the brethren of all lodges of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii and the members of Lodge le Progres De l'Oceanie in particular,

As the time is drawing near for our ensuing Grand Lodge year to begin, the time has come for Right Worshipful Richard B. Huston, who has been appointed as the Worshipful Master of Lodge le Progres De l'Oceanie, to step down and focus his efforts as our incoming Grand Master.

IT IS THEREFORE MY DIRECTION that as of this date, Right Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser be now appointed Worshipful Master of Lodge le Progres De l'Oceanie until such time he has been replaced by a Grand Master's Edict or by installation of a new Worshipful Master.

This edict is to be read at your next stated meeting.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii March 18, 2014

Attested:

Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master

Grand Master

Marty P. Alexander PGM Grand Secretary

Resolutions presented At the 2014 Annual Communication With Jurisprudence Committee Reports And Voting Results

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII F&AM PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2013–09-C (CARRY OVER) To Increase the Amounts in the Revolving Funds for Stewards and Secretary

2013 Results: Required: 2/3 Received: 60% (32-21) Result: Failed but Carry Over 2014 Results: Required: 2/3 Received: 71% (37-15) Result: Passed

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC) was adopted in 1989 as an adaptation of the California Masonic code; and WHEREAS, the HMC contains limits on spending established prior to its adoption, which limits are expressed as absolute dollar amounts; and

WHEREAS, the effect of economic inflation has, in some cases, rendered these limits impractically low; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism publishes the Consumer Price Index for Urban Areas (CPI-U) consecutively for years 1989 through the current year; and

WHEREAS, applying the CPI-U to the spending limits established in Section 2300 of the HMC and rounding up to the nearest \$100 results in significantly higher spending caps;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that §2300 of the HMC be amended to read as follows (new matter is underscored, deleted material is stricken):

§2300. CONTROL OF FUNDS. A Lodge must retain the control of its own funds and property. It may deposit its funds in a sound and reputable bank or banks. A Chartered Lodge may, after receiving consent from the Grand Lodge Committee on Temple Properties, cause a corporation, i.e. Masonic Temple Association, to be organized for the purpose of purchasing, erecting or maintaining and holding title to real estate for a temple for Lodge uses and purposes, and a Lodge or Lodges may hold shares of stock in such corporation. Space in such temple may be rented for commercial and other uses consistent with the purposes of the Lodge or the corporation so organized. By appropriate Lodge action a Lodge may establish two revolving funds, one of not more than \$500 900, subject to provisions of this code, for the use of its Stewards or Junior Warden, as the Master may determine, in providing refreshments for all regular Lodge functions; and one of not more than \$150 300 for the use of its Secretary for his incidental expenses, which said funds may be replenished monthly on presentation of receipted vouchers.

DATED: November 9, 2012 Respectfully submitted, JEFFREY A. LOW, P.M. Master, Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie *Proponent*

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2013-09 (CARRYOVER) To Increase the Amounts in the Revolving Funds for Stewards and Secretary

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2013-09 has been referred, reports as follows:

This proposed legislation is a holdover from the 2013 Annual Communication, at which 60% voted in favor, and 40% against.

HMC §2300 limits the amounts in the revolving funds established for Stewards (and the Jr. Warden) to \$500.00 and for the Secretary to \$300.00, "...which said funds may be replenished monthly on presentation of receipted vouchers." This, of course, means that the Stewards and the Secretary have control over a limited amount of funds at any given time. If they desire to exceed the amount in the fund, they must either advance it themselves, obtain a check from the Treasurer (through the Master), advance the funds themselves (perhaps on their personal credit card) or obtain the advance from someone else.

The restriction does not mean that the expenditures are limited to the amount of the fund, only that the advance by the lodge is limited to that amount. The limitation does require "watchful care", and certainly does not allow much leeway in spending.

This proposal would raise the Stewards' fund from \$500 to \$900, and the Secretary's fund from \$150 to \$300. The proponent believes these amounts are more realistic, considering the cost of living at the present time.

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

Respectfully submitted, Dennis A. Ing, PGM, *Chair*

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, *Grand Secretary, Member* Monty J. Glover, PGM, *Member*

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2013–11-C (CARRYOVER)

To authorize an update to the Hawaii Masonic Cipher Ritual, along with a singular "plain text" copy with accompanying floor work reference.

Required: 2/3 Received: 51% (27-26)Result: Carry Over 2013 Results 2014 Results: Required: 2/3 Received: 56% (29-23) Result: Failed

WHEREAS, often either the verbiage, floor work, positions and placements of portions of our ritual get changed and/or are often practiced differently in our lodges; and

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

WHEREAS, it is agreed upon by many of our ritual leaders that certain errors exist in our current Hawaii Masonic Cipher and that an updated cipher is needed and that using errata sheets to use as a workaround for those errors is not only difficult to distribute properly but also impractical; and

WHEREAS, some of the errors filtered into our current Masonic Cipher stemmed from continually using the California Cipher as a model up until 2009 even though the California cipher has incorporated several modifications after we originally adopted their cipher in 1990; and

WHEREAS, even taking into account the "agreed" upon errors in our Hawaii Masonic Cipher, there are many other areas that are disputed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in an effort to establish consistency, the Committee on Ritual be authorized to update our current Hawaii Masonic Cipher so that it is accurate and also having it reinforced by producing and keeping a singular copy of the Hawaii Masonic Cipher in plain text with accompanying floor work to refer to in the event of difference of opinions and interpretations that a section be added to the Hawaii Masonic Code as follows (new matter is underscored, deleted material is stricken):

§2689b. This jurisdiction has authorized one (1) plain text copy of the Hawaii Masonic Ritual including floor work for reference (excluding all secret words, passwords, signs and grips) and shall be kept in the Grand Lodge office in a secure location. This plain text copy shall not be removed from the Grand Lodge office unless accompanied by no less than 2 Grand Lodge elected officers with at least one of the officers being either the Grand Master, Grand Lecturer or Grand Secretary. It will remain in their possession collectively until returned to its secure location in the Grand Lodge office.

DATED: November 9, 2012 Respectfully submitted,

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2013-11 (Carryover) To Allow the Creation and Safekeeping of a Plain Text Ritual

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2013-11 has been referred, reports as follows:

This proposed legislation is a holdover from the 2013 Annual Communication, at which 51% voted in favor, and 49% against.

This proposal will allow the creation of a Plain Text Ritual, including Floorwork but excluding secret words and signs. This Plain Text Ritual would be kept in the Grand Lodge office, and may be removed therefrom under limited conditions and circumstances.

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

Respectfully submitted, Dennis A. Ing, PGM, *Chair*

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, *Grand Secretary, Member* Monty J. Glover, *Member*

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII F&AM PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – 01 To clarify the duration of a Grand Master's Decision

Required: 2/3 Received: 50% (26-26) Result: Failed

A Grand Master will throughout his term make several Grand Master's Decisions. Some are per instance or per event and as such have a temporary or short-lived effect. Some decisions might continue throughout his term, such as a way to practice ritual. Our Hawaii Masonic Code §1032 states "Discretionary action by one Grand Master does not bind his successors, the discretion being personal to each Grand Master."

This statement has been interpreted different ways over the years. Sometimes it is described as a Grand Master's discretionary action (or Grand Master's Decision) will end with the term of the Grand Master that made the Decision. At other times, it is described as a Grand Master's discretionary action (Grand Master's Decision) will continue beyond his term unless the incoming Grand Master makes a Decision of his own to counter it.

This resolution proposes to clarify our Masonic Code so that this section of the code will be more clearly stated so that interpretations are less likely to vary from year to year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following new subsection (HMC §1032a) be added to Code:

§1032a. **Duration of effect**. A Grand Master's decision or edict shall no longer be effective after his term, unless: (a) the decision or edict is submitted to the Grand Lodge in the form of a resolution, in accordance with the procedure required by this Code, and is adopted by the required vote of the Grand Lodge at an Annual or Special Communication; or (b) is adopted or incorporated in a new decision or edict issued by a subsequent Grand Master, the effect of this new decision or edict being also subject the limitations of this subsection.

DATED: October 21, 2013. Respectfully submitted, Marty P. Alexander, PGM, *Proponent*

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2014-01 To Clarify the Duration of a Grand Master's Decision

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2014-01 has been referred, reports as follows:

The Grand Secretary, who is the proponent and a member of the Jurisprudence Committee, points out that there are two interpretations of how long a Grand Master's decision is effective. Some believe that a decision is effective only during the term of the Grand Master who issues the Decision, because HMC §1032 states that "Discretionary action by one Grand Master does not bind his successors" Others believe that a Decision remains effective after the Grand Master's term ends, unless the subsequent Grand Master issues another Decision to the contrary.

This proposal intends to make clear that a Grand Master's Decision ends when his term ends, unless: (1) it has been submitted to the Grand Lodge in the form of a resolution, and has been approved by the Grand Lodge at an Annual or Special Communication; or (2) a subsequent Grand Master issues a Decision (or Edict) adopting or otherwise incorporating the prior Decision.

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

Respectfully submitted, Dennis A. Ing, PGM, *Chair*

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, *Grand Secretary, Member* Monty J. Glover, PGM, *Member*

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII F&AM PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – 02 Revised Requiring a Mason to be in "Good Standing" to attend meetings

Required: 2/3 Received: 81% (42-10) Result: Passed

Part of our Masonic Code §2404a states that "a Master Mason is in "good standing" if his dues are current". This is something we take very seriously, for when we have visitors to our lodges and we examine them before allowing entry into a tiled meeting we also ask to see a current dues card. If they cannot produce one, while they can still join us in fellowship before or after the meeting, they cannot be admitted into a tiled meeting itself. But then you go into that same meeting and there are possibly several of our own members that are not in "Good Standing" themselves attending the meeting. Not only is this not fair to the visiting Brother but it is also hypocritical on our part.

As with visiting Brethren, members NOT in good standing should be approached before a tiled meeting to avoid awkwardness and embarrassment to notify them that they cannot attend tiled meetings until they become current in their dues.

By doing this, it should encourage and give our members incentive to be more punctual with their dues payments each year thus decrease the high amounts of dues arrearages we have in our jurisdiction and subsequently lessening the financial burden on the lodges.

Many Masters and Wardens have indicated to me in the past that they would like to necessitate this more in their lodges but feel that the Hawaii Masonic Code is not specific enough to be able to enforce it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that HMC §2410 be amended to read as follows (deleted material is crossed out, new material is underscored):

§2410. RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEETINGS. A Mason must be in good standing to be present at any tiled meeting within this jurisdiction. A member of a Lodge who is in good standing is at all times entitled to be present and participate in its proceedings, as long as while he conducts himself with due order and propriety. but for a breach of If a Mason breaches the rules of propriety at any meeting, the Master may refuse him admission thereto or exclude him therefrom, and he the Master should refuse admission to any member Mason who presents himself in a state of intoxication.

DATED: October 21, 2013 Respectfully submitted,

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2014-02 Prohibiting Attendance of Masons Who Are Not In Good Standing

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2014-02 has been referred, reports as follows:

HMC §2404a provides that a Master Mason is in "good standing" if his dues are current and if he has not been suspended or expelled from a lodge of which he is a member. (FCs and EAs are in good standing if their fees have not been deemed forfeited and there are no Masonic charges pending against them.) Presently, under HMC §2410 a member "is at all times entitled to be present at and participate in" a meeting, implying that he need not be in good standing.

The Grand Secretary, who is the proponent and a member of the Jurisprudence Committee, believes that it is improper and not fair for Masons who are not in good standing even to be present at any tiled lodge meeting. He proposes to require a Mason to be in good standing to attend tiled meetings, and therefore to amend HMC §2410 to read as follows:

§2410. RIGHT TO ATTEND MEETINGS. A Mason must be in good standing to be present at any tiled meeting within this jurisdiction. A member of a Lodge who is in good standing is at all times entitled to be present and participate in its proceedings, as long as he conducts himself with due order and propriety. If a Mason breaches the rules of propriety at any meeting, the Master may refuse him admission thereto or exclude him therefrom, and the Master should refuse admission to any Mason who presents himself in a state of intoxication.

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

Respectfully submitted, Dennis A. Ing, PGM, *Chair*

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, *Grand Secretary, Member* Monty J. Glover, PGM, *Member*

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII F&AM PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – 03 Applicant Background Checks

Required: 2/3 Received: 98% (51-1) Result: Passed

Hawaii Masonic Code § 2604 states that "A person who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere or has been convicted in the courts of a felony, or of a misdemeanor which is morally wrong in itself, is not eligible to apply for the degrees of Masonry unless, for the reason that he did not commit the offense, he either has been pardoned, or had his judgment of conviction vacated."

We all know that there are many occasions where an applicant's top line signer may barely know the candidate. They may have met the applicant a few times at lodge, but really know nothing of their past. Although we ask these questions of our applicants, how do we know the information is actually truthful? Signing your name on an application is a big move and your reputation is on the line should something be discovered in the future.

As Masons, we hold ourselves to a higher standard. We are supposed to serve our lodges with honor. How can we do the honorable thing of due diligence when evaluating an application if we do not have a complete picture?

Other jurisdictions on the Mainland have wrestled with this issue for years. This procrastination has caused several jurisdictions big embarrassment. For instance, in Chicago, Illinois, a lodge was about to install their Worshipful Master when it was discovered that this individual was in fact a registered sex offender. Another lodge in Illinois raised a member who was a convicted sex offender, who later reoffended. This was unfortunately discovered by the media. A West Coast lodge initiated a candidate who was later discovered to be a fugitive for murder. These incidents could have mostly been avoided with a simple criminal background check. The majority of Mainland jurisdictions now require some kind of a criminal background check.

During this past year, Grand Master's Decision 2013-10 went into effect on 8/1/2013 and required that lodges conduct criminal background checks on new applicants for degrees. The Grand Lodge of Hawaii contracted with a licensed background check company to perform these checks. A procedure was developed that required a lodge Secretary to submit the applicants name, DOB, and last four digits of his social security number on ROLLS. Once the Grand Secretary received notification of the new applicant, the information provided on ROLLS would be used to conduct the criminal background check in house by the Grand Secretary. When completed, the Grand Secretary would notify the Lodge Master of the results. After the conclusion of the background check, the last four digits of the social security number recorded on ROLLS would be deleted. The cost of such a background check was established at \$10 per applicant and was nonrefundable. This system has worked successfully over this past year and has not caused any noticeable problems or issues.

During this period, there have been several background checks that have turned up not only with criminal activity but with other red flags as well that should be explored further with the candidate before the Master or the Lodge makes a final decision and ballots on their applicant.

This resolution proposes to mandate background checks for every Application for the Degrees of Masonry instead of the process being optional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following provision be added to the Code:

§2605. Criminal Background Checks. In addition to the regular investigation that required for all Applications for the Degrees of Masonry, and in every other instance where an investigation may be required of an Applicant, a criminal background check shall also be required in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge Executive Committee before it may be balloted upon.

DATED: October 31, 2013.

Respectfully submitted, Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2014-03 Requiring Criminal Background Checks of all Applicants

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2014-03 has been referred, reports as follows:

The Grand Master, who is the proponent, issued an edict requiring a criminal background check of all applicants for Degrees during his term, before they could be balloted upon. These checks were intended to make sure that lodges did not elect anyone for membership who was not eligible because of his criminal background.

The Grand Lodge entered into a contract with a third-party company to conduct these checks, and the Grand Master states that this arrangement was efficient, relatively inexpensive and preserved the privacy of the applicants. In short, he concludes that the system worked very well.

This proposal would make criminal background checks mandatory for all applicants for the Degrees, and all applicants whose backgrounds the Master determines should be investigated (e.g., applicants for reinstatement after many years). The manner of conducting these criminal background checks would be determined by the Grand Lodge Executive Committee, which presumably would take into account such issues as efficiency, cost, privacy, etc.

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

Respectfully submitted, Dennis A. Ing, PGM, *Chair*

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, *Grand Secretary, Member* Monty J. Glover, PGM, *Member*

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII F&AM PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – 04 Application Requirements for Those in the Military

Required: 2/3 Received: 35% (18-34) Result: Failed

Since military personnel are not legal residences according to the State of Hawaii, it would provide those who have a desire to become Masons to join the Fraternity. Military personnel have no way of knowing when they will be deployed and will give them an additional six (6) months to complete their degrees if so deployed. It would also benefit the lodges in this jurisdiction. With the change to residence requirement for military personnel, 2514c would no longer be necessary.

According to the Hawaii Masonic Code, each lodge must vote on the dispensation at its stated meeting prior to submitting to the Grand Master for approval. At the current time, Grand Lodge requires a background check on all applications for any problems that would show reasons for rejecting an applicant. This proposal eliminates the residential requirement of six months for military personnel. This proposal also eliminates the need for a Lodge to vote on a dispensation for a waiver from the Grand Lodge on the six (6) month requirement.

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

Delete Section 2614c: 2614c. A dispensation granted to receive the application of a member of the armed forces of the United States renders the qualifications of residence unnecessary. After the application is received, pursuant to dispensation, it cannot be withdrawn except as otherwise specifically provided herein.

§2620. UNIFORMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES - RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS. A member of any uniformed service of the United States, whose duty station is at a facility or in a vessel having an officially designated home port, may apply and receive the degrees of Masonry in any Lodge having jurisdiction of the location of such facility or home port If the member has resided at such facility or been attached to such vessel for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of his application, no special dispensation is necessary; if not, a dispensation from the Grand Master is required. Uniformed Service of the United States includes the U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. may immediately apply for membership in any Lodge in the jurisdiction of Hawaii without having the six (6) month residence requirement as required for civilians.

Dated: November 05, 2013. Respectfully submitted. Mike Maklary, P.M., Master, Pearl Harbor Lodge *Proponent*

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2014-04 Eliminating Residency Requirement for Military Applicants

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2014-04 has been referred, reports as follows:

Applicants for the Degrees are required to be Hawaii residents for at least six months. This requirement is eased somewhat for military applicants, who need only show that they have been attached for at least six months to a vessel whose home port is in Hawaii or to a facility located in Hawaii, regardless of the applicant's actual residency or physical location. The lodge may also apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation to waive all residency requirements.

This proposal would eliminate entirely the residency requirement for military applicants, as long as they can show their duty station is a vessel home-ported in Hawaii or a facility located in Hawaii. There would be no time requirement at all, so that the military applicant is eligible (all other requirements being met) as soon as he has been assigned to the vessel or facility.

The proponent argues that if this proposal is adopted, an investigation of the applicant would still be required, including a criminal background check (if the latter requirement is adopted).

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

Respectfully submitted, Dennis A. Ing, PGM, *Chair*

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, *Grand Secretary, Member* Monty J. Glover, PGM, *Member*

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII, F&AM PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 05 To Allow Multiple Candidates During Degree Work

Required: 2/3 Received: 46% (24-28) Result: Failed

Over the last 20+ years, this Masonic jurisdiction has had a chance to settle in and discover what works and what does not work for us. One of the issues that we have tried to conform to is that of not conferring degrees on multiple candidates at the same time. We have learned that with the size of our jurisdiction and of our lodges in particular, performing all the required degree work puts a huge strain on our lodges and it's officers as they work hard to attend meetings and the several practices each month, work on their own individual proficiencies and keep an active lodge social calendar as well as maintenance days.

As our human resources are not as vast as we would hope and much of the degree work is being performed by mostly the same people time after time, our Code should be amended as to offer some relief to these Brothers so that the demand on their time is not so overwhelming.

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

1. Section §2632 is amended as follows

§2632. RESTRICTIONS ON CONFERRING DEGREES. No Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall confer any degree of Masonry on Sunday; nor shall it confer degrees upon more than five candidates at any one meeting; nor shall it confer more than one degree upon any one candidate at any one meeting; nor shall it confer any of the degrees upon more than one three candidates at a time (and if more than one, under such conditions as shall be specified by the Grand Lecturer); nor shall it confer more than five degrees in any one day. Nothing herein shall constitute a waiver of any proficiency requirements, and nothing in this provision shall be construed as part of a Grand Master's One-Day Class.

Dated: November 2, 2013 Respectfully submitted, Marty P. Alexander, PGM Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2014-05 Allowing Up to Conferrals on Up to Three Candidates at a Time

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2014-05 has been referred, reports as follows:

HMC §2632 provides that a lodge may confer a Degree on only one candidate at a time This has been interpreted not to apply to the lecture (or charge), which can be given to up to five candidates at a time.

The Grand Secretary, who is the proponent and a Past Master of Lodge Maui, believes that restricting the conferral to one candidate at a time is too time-consuming and burdensome on smaller lodges, which have limited facilities and personnel. These lodges might not have a lodge room available, or they may not be able to assemble all their officers to confer the same Degree on separate nights. At present, a dispensation is required for multiple conferrals.

This proposal would allow a lodge to obligate up to three candidates at a time, under ceremonies prescribed by the Grand Lecturer, presumably following the ritual as closely as possible. (Admittedly, this might be somewhat complex when applied to the second section of the Third Degree, but other jurisdictions have apparently been able to accomplish this.) No dispensation would be required.

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

Respectfully submitted, Dennis A. Ing, PGM, *Chair*

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, *Grand Secretary, Member* Monty J. Glover, PGM, *Member*

GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII, F & AM PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2014-06 (EMERGENT) To Require Lodge Books and Records to be Kept at the Lodge Office

Required: 2/3 Received: 63% (33-19) Result: Failed

The HMC does not specify the physical location where Lodge records must be stored. Often these books have been kept at a location other than Lodge premises by the Secretary, Treasurer, other officer, accountants, etc. As a result, it has sometimes been difficult to gain access to these records, and some of them have even gone missing.

Lodge books and records are essential in proper administration and management. They are also valuable in preserving the history of the Lodge. They should be readily available to the Lodge (and the Grand Lodge), and we should guard them against loss or destruction.

I have determined that there is an immediate need to protect Lodge books and records from possible loss and to make them conveniently accessible to the proper Lodge officers, and that therefore an emergent resolution should be adopted.

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED that the following provisions of the Hawaii Masonic Code be amended as follows [new material underscored, deleted material stricken]:

1. HMC §2548 shall be amended by inserting a new subsection 6th (which is from HMC §2552 concerning what books should be kept by the Secretary) and renumbering subsequent subsections as follows:

§2548. DUTIES OF SECRETARY. It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

1st. To record all proceedings at each meeting proper to be written, under the direction of the Master, and to transcribe the same in a minute book to be kept for that purpose, and at the next stated meeting to submit the minutes so transcribed to the Lodge for approval or correction, and after the same are so corrected and approved, to present the same to the Master for his signature.

2nd. To present to the Lodge at each August Stated Meeting, a financial statement (called the "Semi-Annual Financial Report") of income and expenditures, assets and liabilities for the six months ended on the preceding June 30th, and at each February Stated Meeting a similar financial statement (called the "Annual Financial Report") for the twelve months ended on the preceding December 31st, and to submit a copy thereof to the Grand Secretary within 15 days of the lodge's stated meeting.

3rd. To prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or of any part thereof, to the Grand Lodge, when required.

- **4th**. To collect and receive all moneys due to the Lodge and pay them over to the Treasurer.
- **5th**. To keep the seal of the Lodge and to affix the same, with his attestation, to all papers issued under its authority or in obedience to all the requirements of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.
- 6th. To keep the following books of the Lodge, in such forms as may be provided:
- (1) A Record Book, in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge, proper to be written, after the same shall have been approved;
- (2) A Book of By-Laws, for the signatures of the members in the order of their admission, in which he shall see that each member at once signs his name in full;
- (3) A Roll Book, in which he shall record, upon pages alphabetically arranged, the full name or names of all belonging to the Lodge; the dates of their initiation, passing, raising, or affiliation; the name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated last were members; the age and occupation of each when received; and the dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration;
- (4) A Register, to be kept in the Tiler's room, in which all members shall record their names, and the names, numbers, and locations of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge. All entries shall be in ink or other permanent writing.
- (5) Such account Books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the receipts of the Secretary, and his payments to the Treasurer; and shall preserve the Books of Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed Proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order.
- **67th**. To transmit to the Grand Secretary, immediately after each election in the Lodge, a certificate thereof.
- **78th**. To transmit and verify membership information and activity on a current basis to the Grand Secretary, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Secretary.
- **89th**. To transmit to the Grand Secretary with the annual financial report, a statement of the number of life members borne on the roll, the amount of the fund thus created, and the manner in which said fund is invested.

910th. To transmit to the Grand Secretary with the annual membership returns the names, dates of initiation, passing and raising, and the dates of death of all permanent members of Grand Lodge as are enumerated in Section 8 of the Constitution.

1011th. To report to the Grand Secretary, immediately after their occurrence, all rejections for the degrees, member additions and status changes and degrees conferred in such form or manner as provided therefor by the Grand Lodge.

1112th. To verify to the Grand Secretary in the manner prescribed by him that the lodge has filed all required State and Federal reports and returns in a timely manner, within 30 days after the filing thereof.

2. The provisions of HMC §2552 shall be inserted in HMC §2548 as described above, and all of HMC §2552 shall be reworded as follows:

§2552. PHYSICAL LOCATION OF LODGE BOOKS. All books and records of the lodge required to be kept by the Treasurer, Secretary and (if applicable) its Masonic temple association must at all times be properly stored in a secure location in the lodge office; provided, that they may be removed temporarily for the following reasons: (a) while being used during a meeting or for purposes of reproduction, display or instruction; (b) the Treasurer (and equivalent officer for the Masonic temple association) may remove the check register or equivalent account book if and while necessary to write checks; (c) upon the written consent of the Grand Master, subject to the conditions, if any, specified in such consent. Promptly after such temporary removal, the books and records must be returned to their secure location in the lodge office. The Secretary shall keep the following books of the Lodge, in such forms as may be provided:

1st. A Record Book, in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge, proper to be written, after the same shall have been approved;

2nd. A Book of By-Laws, for the signatures of the members in the order of their admission, in which he shall see that each member at once signs his name in full;

3rd. A Roll Book, in which he shall record, upon pages alphabetically arranged, the full name or names of all belonging to the Lodge; the dates of their initiation, passing, raising, or affiliation; the name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated last were members; the age and occupation of each when received; and the dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration;

4th. A Register, to be kept in the Tiler's room, in which all members shall record their names, and the names, numbers, and locations of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge. All entries shall be in ink or other permanent writing.

5th. Such account Books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the receipts of the Secretary, and his payments to the Treasurer; and shall preserve the Books of Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed Proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order.

This proposed emergent resolution, requiring a two-thirds vote for consideration, and a two-thirds vote for passage is dated: , 2014.

FRANK M. CONDELLO II, *Grand Master* Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2014-06 (Emergent) To Require Lodge Books and Records to be Kept at the Lodge Office

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2014-06 (Emergent) has been referred, reports as follows:

This proposal will require all lodge books and records in the custody and care of the Treasurer, Sccretary and Masonic temple association to be kept in a secure location in the lodge office. Presently, the HMC does not specify where such books must be stored. The legislation would allow copies of the books and records to be made (and presumably used off premises), and would also allow removal from secure storage for limited purposes and reasons.

The Grand Master, who is the proponent, asserts that lodge and temple association books and records have been lost, and are sometimes inaccessible to the lodge. And if this has not already occurred, there certainly is a great possibility that books and records will be lost or made inaccessible. Proper administration and supervision of a lodge is impossible without careful maintenance and safeguarding of its books and records. Moreover, a lodge's books and records often contain historical information, which may be priceless.

In recent years at least three constituent lodges have reported that they are unable to find minute books and two lodges are missing account books. The Grand Master believes that the HMC should make it mandatory for a lodge's books and records to be stored in a secure place, and that we cannot wait another year to adopt this requirement. He therefore contends that this matter should be brought before the Grand Lodge immediately as an emergent resolution.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As the proposal has been submitted as an emergent resolution, the Grand Lodge must first, by a 2/3 vote, agree that it is an emergent matter. Then, since the proposal intends to amend the HMC, it requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis A. Ing, PGM, *Chair*

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, *Grand Secretary, Member* Monty J. Glover, PGM, *Member*

Grand Master's Edict 2013-02 Re: Expulsion of Benjamin Bishop From Freemasonry

Required: 2/3 Received: 100% (50-0) (2 abstained) Result: Passed

My Brothers All,

I come to you at this time with a heavy heart but a clear conscience. It is always a sad day in Masonry when we lose a member for any reason but under these circumstances this loss is a necessary one to preserve the integrity and honor of our Fraternity.

One of our members, Benjamin Bishop was arrested last year in March of 2013 by the FBI on charges relating to espionage.

The clear conscience I come to you with is that we held our ground that any person, whether a Masonic Brother or not, is inncocent until proven guilty. While the evidence mounted, all we had to rely on for information was either heresay or television and newspaper reports.

That all changed last Thursday, March 13th, 2014 when Benjamin Bishop changed his plea to guilty and entered into a plea agreement with the US Attorney's Office.

He voluntarily entered a plea of guilty to 2 counts:

Count 1: Willfully Communicating Information Related to the National Defense to a Person Not Entitled to Receive it; and

Count 2: Willfully Retaining Information Related to the National Defense.

Both of these counts are felonies. As part of the plea agreement he waived his right to appeal. Both counts carry up to 10 years maximum in prison. He will be sentenced in June 2014.

Now that he has plead guilty to these charges, our course of action is clear

IT IS THEREFORE MY DIRECTION that from this day forward, Benjamin Pierce Bishop who was born on August 8, 1953 and was raised a Master Mason on October 23, 2001 be hereby **EXPELLED** from Freemasonry and that he is deprived of all the rights and privileges of our Order. Further, all Masons and Lodges are prohibited from holding any Masonic intercourse with him forever, unless he be restored by this Grand Lodge

This edict is to be read at your next stated meeting.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii March 17, 2014

Attested:

Frank M. Condello II, Grand Master

Grand Master

Marty P. Alexander PGM

Grand Secretary

Lodges constituted under the Grand Lodge of Hawaii January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

Grand Lodge of Hawaii - Constituted May 20, 1989

Grand Master Frank M. Condello II
Deputy Grand Master Richard B. Huston
Senior Grand Warden Michael P. Baker
Junior Grand Warden Andrew L. Geiser

Membership: Additions: 112 Losses: 104 Total: 1785 (+8)

Annual Membership Count Since Electronic Age

(* Calendar year totals not Grand Lodge year)

2008 (1699) +/- ? 2009 (1740) +41 2010 (1748) +47 2011 (1807) +59 2012 (1777) -30 2013 (1785) +8

Hawaiian Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989

Worshipful Master Michael J. Lopez
Senior Warden Kevin R. Perdue
Junior Warden Angelito H. Santos

Membership: Additions: 20 Losses:4 Total: 453 (+16)

Honolulu Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989

Worshipful Master Diamond M. Robinson

Senior Warden Mark P. Leo

Junior Warden Stephen D. Carroll

Membership: Additions: 15 Losses: 19 Total: 212 (-4)

Kauai Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989

Worshipful Master Christopher A. Stowe Senior Warden Billy J. Magruder Junior Warden David Mason

Membership: Additions: 2 Losses: 1 Total: 42 (+1)

Kilauea Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989

Worshipful Master Donald M. Millard, Jr.
Senior Warden Richard O. Banser
Junior Warden Robert M. Shimamoto

Membership: Additions: 3 Losses: 11 Total: 78 (-8)

Kona Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989

Worshipful Master J. Daniel Miller Senior Warden Robert F. Self

Junior Warden Benjamin D. Spencer

Membership: Additions: 14 Losses: 5 Total: 84 (+9)

Ko'olau Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989

Worshipful Master Seth A. Connell

Senior Warden Scott-Michael Waracka

Junior Warden Dustin T. Verity

Membership: Additions: 2 Losses: 5 Total: 84 (-3)

Leeward Lodge - Constituted May 2, 2003

Worshipful Master Percival A. Sudiacal Senior Warden Jay Oliver B. Bajuyo Junior Warden Oscar M. Romero

Membership: Additions: 11 Losses: 4 Total: 182 (+7)

Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie U.D. - Constituted May 20, 1989,

but currently operating under dispensation

Worshipful Master RW Richard B. Huston - Appointed by Grand Master

Senior Warden None Installed Junior Warden None Installed

Membership: Additions: 6 Losses: 13 Total: 226 (-7)

Lodge Maui - Constituted May 20, 1989

Worshipful Master B.H. Gerard Eiting VIII

Senior Warden Edward T. Kanai Junior Warden Robert W. Martin

Membership: Additions: 8 Losses: 12 Total: 103 (-4)

Pearl Harbor Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989

Worshipful Master Mike Maklary
Senior Warden Bruce H. Bonnell
Junior Warden Wilfred K. Lam

Membership: Additions: 15 Losses: 15 Total: 167 (+/- 0)

Schofield Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989

Worshipful Master Darryl E. Lajola Senior Warden Dado C. Lajola Junior Warden Tony J. Sasser

Membership: Additions: 15 Losses: 11 Total: 156 (+4)

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

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE 2014 Grand Lodge of Hawaii Annual Communication

Location: Scottish Rite Cathedral

Date: April 18/19, 2014

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren all:

The Credentials Committee, having attended to its duties, herein presents its credentials report for this Grand Session.

There were present, in this Grand Lodge Communication:

Lodges Represented: 10

Registered Voters Count is:

Lodge Masters: 10 Lodge Senior Wardens: 10 Lodge Junior Wardens: 10 Past Masters Reps: 7 Grand Lodge Officers: 7 Past Grand Masters: 8

Total Registered Votes: 52 Voting Members: 45

Non Voting Members: 65

Total GL of Hawaii Members Present: 110

Visiting Brothers from other jurisdictions: 48