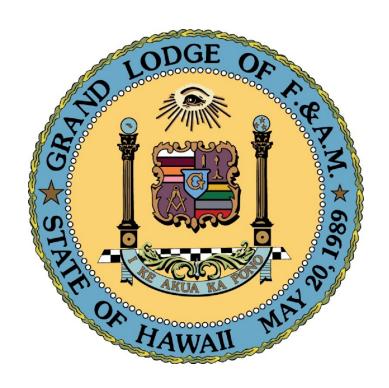
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The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii held its Annual Communication on Thursday, April 16th, Friday April 17th and Saturday April 18th A.D 2015, A.L. 6015, at the Waikoloa Marriott Beach Resort in Kona, on the Big Island of the State of Hawaii.

#### SPECIAL SESSION OF GRAND LODGE

Assembling under the authority of Grand Master's Edict 2014-11, Most Worshipful Richard B. Huston opened the Special Session at 1:00 pm by proclamation for the purpose authorizing the change of location of our 2015 Annual Communication to Kona Hawaii

The first order of business was to ascertain that a quorum was present. The Grand Secretary announced the findings of the Credentials Committee reported which were as follows:

- 7 Elective Grand Lodge Officers Present
- 7 Past Grand Masters Present
- 8 Lodges Represented

This represented the necessary quorum of at least 50% (8 of 11) of the chartered lodges as required by Hawaii Masonic Code Section 156.

Most Worshipful Richard Huston them entertained a motion to move the location of our 2015 Annual Communication to Kona, Hawaii. Most Worshipful Brother Tony

Ligaya so moved and Most Worshipful Brother Monty Glover seconded the motion. After little discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Most Worshipful Richard Huston declared the special session closed and the Grand Lodge officers retired to prepare for the official opening of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii's regular session of their 2015 Annual Communication.

#### FORMAL GRAND LODGE OPENING

At 1:20 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 Richard B. Huston, 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 Roy T. Ota of the National Sojourners gave the Toast to the Flag.

# FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

He then directed the Grand Secretary to give another Credentials Committee report for this session. The Grand Secretary then reported no change from the Special session earlier which was....

- 7 Elective Grand Lodge Officers Present
- 7 Past Grand Masters Present
- 8 Lodges Represented

and that a quorum to do business was still present. The following is an official list of those that answered during the call of the roll.

#### **Elected Officers**

Most Worshipful Richard B. Huston	Grand Master
Right Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr	
Right Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser	Senior Grand Warden
Right Worshipful Albert B. Alvarez	
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 Present	
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The report by the Committee on Credentials showed that 8 lodges had representation present at that time so the Grand Secretary officially reported that there were 7 Elective Grand Lodge officers present, 7 Past Grand Masters Present and 8 lodges present of the 11 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.

# **2014 Appointed Grand Lodge Officers**

Very Reverend Randolph V.N. Albano	Grand Chaplain
Worshipful Robert A. Schultz	Grand Orator
Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan	Grand Marshal
Worshipful Keith N. Isaacson	Grand Standard Bearer
Worshipful Stewart H. Enger	Grand Sword Bearer
Worshipful Michael J.W. Lopez	Grand Bible Bearer
Worshipful Karvel C. Rose	Senior Grand Deacon
Worshipful Manuel V. Aquino	Junior Grand Deacon
Worshipful Christopher A. Stowe	Senior Grand Steward
Worshipful Bernardo C. Baldueza	Junior Grand Steward
Honorable Stephen D. Carroll	Grand Historian
Honorable Lee D. Gordon	Grand Organist
Worshipful Robert M. Shimamoto	Grand Pursuivant
Honorable James R. Steinwandt	Grand Tiler
Grand Lodge Inspector	s
Grand Lodge Inspector Worshipful Garry Graham	<b>s</b> Hawaiian Lodge
Grand Lodge Inspector Worshipful Garry Graham Worshipful Darryl E. Lajola	<b>s</b> Hawaiian Lodge Honolulu Lodge
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Of note: Listed are the 2014 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 Dennis S.A. Ing	
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander	
Most Worshipful Charles L. Wegener	
Most Worshipful Monty J. Glover	
Most Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya	2012
Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II	

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 Richard B. Huston 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:

#### SITTING GRAND MASTERS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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 Mike Manning

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arizona

Most Worshipful Sam Roberts

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington

Right Worshipful Robert Bateman

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Most Worshipful John Cooper II

Personal Representative to Most Worshipful Russ Charvonia

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California

Most Worshipful Ed Bousquet

Personal Representative to Most Worshipful R. Michael Wick

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon

Most Worshipful Fredric Collins

Personal Representative to MW Marvin D. Abueg

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan

Most Worshipful Mike Salazar

Personal Representative to MW Derek Sprague

Grand Master of Demolay International

Right Worshipful Carl Lindstrom

Personal Representative to MW Douglas Teninty

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska

Worshipful Nicolas Lopez

Personal Representative to MW Edwin Sepulveda-Millan

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico

Worshipful Glenn Melling

Personal Representative to MW Philip Durell

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of BC & Yukon

Worshipful John Rowe

Personal Representative to MW Wilson Wilder

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky

Worshipful John Wade

Personal Representative to MW Edward George Nicholas Paul

Patrick

Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England

After their introduction by our Grand Marshal, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master proceeded west of the altar to greet them. Upon returning to the East, Most Worshipful Richard B. Huston thanked them for coming by leading the craft in a battery of  $3 \times 3$ .

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

#### 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. Alooooohhaa!

As I always claim, one of the most significant parts of an Annual Communication is the remembrance of all the faithful departed in our Masonic family. To pray to Almighty God for the repose of their souls and to thank the Great Architect of the universe, "for giving them to us, their families and friends, to know and to love as companions on our earthly pilgrimage".

As we come to remember our brothers, we also remember and begin to reminish their aspirations, legacies and dreams for the growth and development of our Masonic family in Hawaii. By doing this "exercise of reminishing", it boils down into just one legacy, aspiration or we may call it, a "dream".

Recalling the address of our Grand Master during his installation last year, he said at the very outset, "I want to thank each and every one of you for showing your support during this Annual Grand Lodge installation of Officers and sincerely hope that we as Masonic family, will continue to support one another.... And it is to that end that I announce my theme, "Taking care of family". He further elaborated, .... "in our Masonic virtues, we are taught that one of our God given responsibilities is to be a good husband, father, son .....a good man who takes good care of his family and, continue to strive to be a good man in the society and, accepts that responsibility without question."

I am reminded of a story of two families who went to have their children baptized in a Christian Church. At the service the Minister asked the first family, what name do you give to this child? The dad answered, "Celpon" Father, because my wife's name is Celia and my name is Ponciano. There was a complete silence with solemn smiles. Then the Minister asked the other family the same question and the dad answered, "Charger", Father; my wife's name is Charmaine and my name is Roger.

Pondering upon the given names in the story and the story itself, gives us a very significant meaning in our Masonic family. Obviously, in a family there is unity between a husband and a wife; two people committed to one another to do all things for the betterment and advancement of their family. The name "Celpon" is simply a 'cell phone' per se, that we use for communication in our everyday life. We communicate to one another, developing great and wonderful relationships in doing our responsibilities for the family. Most importantly is our constant communication with the Master of the Universe so that He may continually provide the light that we needed as we continue to search for the true meaning of brotherly love, relief and truth. The "Charger" reminds us that we all need someone to connect with to have strength, courage and direction in the performance of such moral duties and obligations. No Man is an island! We need to be united with one another and look to our brothers in this Masonic family in re-charging our intellectual, physical and even spiritual batteries.

Ultimately, we seek for that true and great light who is the Great Architect of the universe and in whom we put our trust for ultimate and maximum re-charge. Isn't that this scenerio is typical and basic to all mankind, and to all organizations? This is a picture of a genuine cooperation and working together in unity for the sake and for the furtherance of our Masonic family. We need to 'accept the responsibilities built-in in every endeavor without questions' and much ado.

At present, we have a big concern and I suggest that we should see it as a challenge which boils down into a legacy, aspiration and dream for every officer and every regular mason in HI. Are we going to build our own home or just keep on throwing our monies and resources away? We need a home! and today is the time to start working on it. We must accept the responsibilities that go with it; let us acknowledge the fact that we have all the possible resources! Indeed this is a Grand challenge, with Grand responsibility for a Grand Masonic family in Hawaii. As one big family, united with one another both living and our departed brethren and with the grace of our Almighty God we can do it, and we will succeed.

In the Holy Book where you and I, and every mason took their obligation; from the book of the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 61 verses 1 to 3, gives us an outline of the moral obligations for every good man in his family, society and community. "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn...." I am confident that our brethren who have gone before us, some of whom, we are about to remember, are among us and are with us in this legacy, aspiration and dream. We hear, loud and clear their voices, "Yes, go for it! We are one (united) with you in this dream."

As your Grand Chaplain, I encourage each and every one to continually pray for all members of our Masonic families remembering both the living and the dead. Pray without ceasing that we may always be united in mind, soul and body as we accept and do our moral obligations thereby achieving such "dream" for our Masonic family in Hawaii.

And now as we open this year's Grand Communication, may I request everyone who are able to, to please stand as we pray for the souls of our faithful departed brethren. (Soft religious music is played, while the names are read).

Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting Father, Great Architect and Master of the universe: we commend into your loving care all our brethren who have finished their course in this transitory life and who have been raised into that celestial habitation where there is no death nor suffering but joy and happiness forever.

#### We pray for our brothers:

John W. Brydges	Jeffrey J. Sarver	Paul Angeloff
Clifford J. Moniz	Norman R. Williams	Lee H. Taylor
Harley G. Holderbaum	Lemmuel P. Brown	Robert G. Nygren
Ronald C. Bailey	Howard F. Mosher	Thomas Di Benedetto
Steven M. Rosen	Arlin K. Hedge	Melvin Q.H. Chang
Frank W. Kem	Robert N. Herkes	Donald D. Giles
Lew G. Brown	Bruce H. Bonnell	Carl W. Scheer
George M. Chung	Herbert M. Sanders	Air'rian N. Edwards
Edward L. Ashlock	Feliciano A. Dona	Ernest Y. Yamane
Arthur H. Shaw, Jr.	Norman E. Ipson	Thomas N. Johnston

Grant to them eternal rest Oh God and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, who is the great architect and master of the universe, rest in peace.

We also remember before you Oh God, all who are bereaved, that you may continue to surround them with your love and to behold them in their times of sadness and sorrows, in all trials and tribulations of this life so that by casting all their cares in you they may receive the consolation of your love. 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.

## **RESORATION OF CHARTER - Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie**

For the next order of business, Most Worshipful Huston spoke on the trials and tribulations that Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie has had over the last couple years which had resulted having their charter suspended and being placed under dispensation in order to continue operation until they regained their functionality.

While he indicated that he will save most of his comments for later in the afternoon, he did however bring to the floor a motion to codify his Grand Master's edict 2014-12 that restored Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie's charter to them effective January 30, 2015.

Most Worshipful Monty Glover PGM so moved, Honorable Steve Carroll seconded the motion, motion passed.

# **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 2014-2015 Annual Budget.

	BUDGETED	<b>ACTUAL</b>
INCOME		
Affiliations	400.00	300.00
Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)	200.00	204.00
Dispensations (\$25 per dispensation)	250.00	125.00
GW Memorial Found.(\$5 per initiate)	300.00	340.00
Grand Lodge (\$20 per new initiate)	1,200.00	1,360.00
Masonic Charities of HI (\$15 Initiate)	900.00	1,020.00
Per Capita Tax (\$25 per member)	45,100.00	43,025.00
Donations/Other Income	10,000.00	8,745.28
TOTAL INCOME	\$58,350.00	\$55,119.28
EXPENSES		
Annual Communications		
Supplies	500.00	1,445.86
Travel (to Kona for AnCom)	5,200.00	2,976.22
Grand Master's Dinner	4,000.00	-0-
Conferences:	7,000.00	-0-
Conf. of Grand Master's Reg.	300.00	300.00
Conf. of Grand Master's Dues	250.00	250.00
Western Conference (We hosted)	1,500.00	1,237.23
Conf. of Grand Secretary's Dues	100.00	-0-
George Washington Memorial Found	500.00	500.00
Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics:	200.00	200.00
Pins	1,000.00	799.00
Grand Lodge Neckties	500.00	579.43
Plaques/Mementos	200.00	-0-
Masonic Education	1,000.00	-0-
Masonic Services Association Dues	300.00	500.00
Name Badges	300.00	259.57
Office Supplies		
Admin. Supplies (Postage, etc.)	1,000.00	2,017.02
Copier/Computer Supplies	1,000.00	744.77
Software Development	500.00	-0-
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	1,500.00	314.00
Photography and Printing	750.00	695.19
Rental (Office & SRC)	10,500.00	10,663.32
Secretary's Honorarium /\$1,000 month	12,000.00	12,000.00
Secretary's Leadership Conf.	1,000.00	428.92
Tax Preparation Fee	600.00	600.00
Telephone	2,000.00	2,388.70
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NET INCOME	(\$7,454.00)	\$1,247.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$65,804.00	\$53,871.37
Misc. Expenses/Donation/ROLLS	2,000.00	987.81
Exec. Com. Meeting Refrehsments	650.00	252.73
Youth Groups	600.00	-0-
Website	1,200.00	1,200.00
Treasurer's Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 or 23.4%)	13,654 .00	11,531.60

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 Brother Marty P. Alexander, PGM to deliver the Grand Secretary's annual report.

Most Worshipful Sir and Esteemed Brothers all,

We are in our 6<sup>th</sup> year of using our standardized membership program called ROLLS. While yes we have been happy with this system and yes our lodge secretaries are comfortable with it and can use it to extract much needed information to help their lodges succeed, but we are having a little difficulty in communicating with the programmers at Barkers Point.

While the program is running smoothly at this point, the programmer has not been very responsive on new tweaks that would help us progress as a jurisdiction as there has been very little if any communications from him. Ironically, that is one of the reasons why we selected his company in the beginning. We will be looking for input from our secretaries to ascertain if they are satisfied with our current system or if a change might be needed. If a change is desired, we will considering other options along with related costs to take our membership program to the next level.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COUNT**

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

For the period covering January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 we started off the year with 10 chartered lodges and 1 lodge under dispensation. But as you have all heard by now, Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie has had their charter restored and we now have 11 chartered lodges once again. There is also an

addition of new authorized Square and Compass Club formed on Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands..

One of our main goals is to spread Freemasonry whenever and wherever we can, The Kwajalein Square and Compass Club is just the start as we endeavor to assist them in becoming a lodge under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and with the intent of granting them their own fully accredited charter.

Now, for some yearly statistics. We started the year with 1,785 members and ended the year with 1,721 members. We had..

68 Newly Raised Master Masons

15 New Affiliates, and

8 Members were either reinstated or restored

For a total of 91 new members. We did however have

98 Suspensions

12 Dimits

1 Resignations,

1 Expulsion, and

43 Brothers who joined the Celestial Lodge Above

For a total of 155 who left our craft for one reason or another.

This left us with an overall decrease of 64 memberships.

This was the largest decrease we have had in membership in recent history. "Why" you might be wondering? Sadly, last year hit us extremely hard with the number of Brothers who entered the Celestial Lodge Above as well as our suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues increased by almost 60%.

91 new members is a wonderful thing for our Fraternity but to paraphrase a saying that I heard just a few months ago at the Western Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges, "We have to shut the back door".

In order to stop the bleeding, we have to figure out a way to not only keep our newer members around long enough so that they understand the value of Freemasonry but also keep our long-standing Brothers excited and involved. Many thousands of hours by thousands of people have been put into searching for an answer. I don't know that there is a single solution but what I do know is, is that if we don't make this one of our priorities the faucet will continue to trickle.

#### MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Mandatory background checks continue to prove to be very effective in protecting our application process as 8 more felons were discovered this year during the application phase because of it.

#### RECOGNITONS REPORT

We had four (4) requests for recognition this past year:

The Grand Lodge of Montenegro
The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Paraguay
The Confederation of French Masonry
The Grand Lodge of Albania

#### Montenegro

The Grand Lodge of Montenegro was consecrated on May 12, 2007 by the United Grand Lodges of Germany. Their consecration was performed by the United Grand Lodges of Germany, the Grand Lodge of Serbia, the Grand Orient of Italy, and the Grand Lodge of Austria all of whom are recognized. The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America has researched this request and have found that the Grand Lodge of Montenegro meets the standards for recognition as well.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, will you entertain a motion to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of Albania.

Most Worshipful Huston opened the floor for such a motion, Most Worshipful Monty Glover PGM so moved, Honorable Steve Carroll seconded the motion, motion passed.

#### **Paraguay**

The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Paraguay has sent a request for recognition but as they are already recognized, they were sent documentation to support that.

#### Confederation of French Masonry

Regarding the Confederation of French Masonry. We already recognize a Masonic authority in France which is the Grand Lodge Nationale of France (or GLNF) and unless a treaty is established between a jurisdiction that is already recognized and one that wants to be recognized within the same geographically territory we are unable to extend recognition to the jurisdiction requesting recognition. As there is not so treaty between the GLNF and the Confederation of French Masonry, we are unable to extend recognition to the Confederation of French Masonry and as such.

#### Albania

At the beginning of the discussion on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Albania, Most Worshipful Monty Glover made note that we had already approved of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Albania a previous motion that was made. Upon further discussion it was agreed that it was mistakenly said "Albania" instead of "Montenegro". To correct this, a new motion was made to

recognize the Grand Lodge of Montenegro, and rescinding recognition from the Grand Lodge of Albania until the soon to be held discussion regarding them.

Most Worshipful Monty Glover PGM so moved, Honorable Steve Carroll seconded the motion, motion passed.

Now moving onto the discussion regarding the recognition request by the Grand Lodge of Albania.

The Grand Lodge of Albania was consecrated on October 14, 2011 in Tirana by the Grand Orient of Italy which is recognized by this jurisdiction. It is composed of three lodges previously warranted by the Grand Orient of Italy. It has adopted the Ritual and Book of Constitution and the Principles for Grand Lodges Recognition accepted by the United Grand Lodge of England. The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America have researched this request and have found that the Grand Lodge of Albania meets the standards for recognition.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, will you entertain a motion to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of Albania.

Most Worshipful Huston opened the floor for such a motion, Most Worshipful Monty Glover PGM so moved, Honorable Steve Carroll seconded the motion, motion passed.

#### LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

The Secretaries' Workshops of the past have been expanded and evolved into what we now call Leadership Workshops. We held our first one last this last year and we feel it was not only a great turnout but a great success. We had nothing but great feedback from the participants.

It was not the old stuffy 6-8 hour workshop given by 1 person droning information into your ears. The workshop had several different presenters speaking on a variety of topics. There were also take-home resources as well to review at their convenience. And to add to all that, there was awesome meals provided by Brother Douglas Crum who turned out to be a chef extraordinaire. Our next one promises to be even more diverse and better attended.

This year we hope to not only build upon the number of participants but also add more topics. Please watch for information coming out soon, on the when and where's of it.

#### SECRETARIES MANUAL

Another one of our goals last year was to develop a Lodge Secretaries' manual. The intent of this manual was to place as much information together in one place

for our secretaries instead them needing to look through various sources for answers.

This was accomplished and it has been placed in the hands of our secretaries.

Most Worshipful Sir, this concludes the Grand Secretary's report for this year.

Most Worshipful Huston opened the floor for a motion to accept the Grand Secretary's annual report, Most Worshipful Monty Glover PGM so moved, Honorable Steve Carroll seconded the motion, motion passed.

#### GRAND LECTURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Grand Lecturer doesn't usually submit an annual report, unless something unusual occurs with respect to ritual work during the term. On February 15, 2015, we finally issued a Manual of Ritual Floorwork, and I want to be sure that our members are aware of its uses and purposes.

The Manual is actually an outline of floorwork, consisting of text descriptions and diagrams. It was developed by the Ritual Committee over three years, and was actually completed about a year ago. Most of the past year was devoted to determining what should be left out. Why? Because although it contains no secret work, and although its esoteric work is coded, the impact of any Degree will be lost on any candidate who reads it. If he sees this outline there might be no need for him to witness the Degree.

So we produced only 30 copies: — one for each of our 11 Inspectors, 1 for each Officers Coach. The other 8 may be checked out by individual officers for 5 days, or borrowed from an Officers Coach or Inspector up to five days. We expect that officer or member to borrow the outline to work on a specific area of ritual. No copying is permitted.

The main problem with ritual in our jurisdiction is consistency and uniformity. There is often a difference of opinion between the Officers Coach and Inspector. (Some still believe that the Master selects the Officers Coach, which of course is not true. He is appointed by the Inspector, although he usually consults with the Master. Thus, the final word on ritual in the lodge is the Inspector.

Perhaps differences of opinion on ritual will be finally resolved by the issuance of this outline. I hope so. At least it gives our Inspectors some ammunition to support his authority. That is our intention, and we hope to see greater uniformity and fewer disputes in the future.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Grand Lecturer

### **VIDEO PRESENTATION - George Washington Masonic National Memorial**

Most Worshipful Huston called for a little break in the day's business by showing a video presentation on the George Washington Masonic National Memorial that detailed the history of the memorial and the need for assistance for its care and maintenance as well. A DVD of the presentation was made available for all the lodges.

#### **DEPUTY GRAND MASTER PRESENTS 2015 BUDGET**

The Grand Master then called upon Right Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr. to present the 2015-2016 Grand Lodge Budget which had been previously circulated to the members of the Finance Committee.

INCOME	
Affiliations (approx. 20 per year) x \$20	\$400.00
Degrees (avg. 200 per year) x \$1	\$200.00
Fast class (est. 45 x \$100)	\$4,500.00
Dispensations (Approx. 10 per year) x \$25	\$250.00
NEW APPLICATION FEES - approx. 60	
George Washington Memorial Foundation x \$5	\$300.00
Grand Lodge x \$20	\$1,200.00
Hawaii Masonic Charities x \$15	\$900.00
Donations	\$2,000.00
Per Capita 1721 members - $1721 \times $25 = $43,025$	\$43,025.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$52,775.00
EXPENSES	
Annual Communications	\$3,000.00
Conferences	
Conference Of Grand Master's Registration	\$300.00
Conference of Grand Master's Dues	\$250.00
Conference of Grand Master's Secretary's Dues	\$100.00
World Conference of Grand Masters	\$400.00
George Washington Memorial Foundation	\$500.00
Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics	
Pins	\$900.00
Plaques/Mementos	\$500.00
Grand Lodge Ties	\$240.00
Masonic Education	\$1,000.00

Masonic Services Association Dues	\$300.00
Name Badges	\$300.00
Office Supplies	
Administrative Supplies - postage, etc.	\$1,000.00
Copier Supplies - Computers	\$1,000.00
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	\$750.00
Photography and Printing	\$800.00
Rental (Office and SRC)	\$2,500.00
ROLLS Application Support	\$500.00
Secretary's Honorarium (\$1,000.00 per month)	\$12,000.00
Secretary's Workshop/Leadership Workshop	\$800.00
Tax Preparation Fee	\$600.00
Telephone	\$300.00
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 of 23.4% of Revenue	\$12,000.00
Treasurer's Expense	\$1,200.00
Website	\$1,200.00
Youth Groups	\$600.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,600.00
TOTAL EXPESES	\$44,640.00

NET INCOME \$8,135.00

After a brief discussion, it was regularly moved Most Worshipful Monty Glover PGM and seconded by Honorable Stephen Carroll to accept the 2015 – 2016 budget as presented. Motion was carried.

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

Most Worshipful Richard B. Huston then vacated the Grand East so that he could deliver his State of the Craft Address with the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr., occupying his seat.

Aloha and Welcome!!

There are so many people that I need to thank for their support and hard work over the past 12 months that I am afraid if I tried to recognize them all, I would no doubt forget someone. That said, I want to thank all of you here today, for showing your support not only to me for the past year, but to the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, and to Masonry in general. Or, perhaps I should say to Masonry in particular. Because that's what we are really all about. Masonry. Our love of it, and for it, the way it has changed our lives and the lives of those around us. The fraternity, the brotherhood, how great is it. Well the Great Architect of the Universe knew it, that's why he and our ancient brethren have passed it down and given it to us.

This past year has been no different for me, the experience, the lessons, the things I have done and the things I have had to do. And some of the things I didn't Mostly good, some of it not. I came into my year with a strong determination to do what I could to improve Masonry in Hawaii and Masonry in General and for our brethren in particular. I had plans, ideas, and thoughts. The beginning 3 to 4 months seemed promising and I was on a high. Now, I don't want to sound like the last 8 to 9 months weren't promising or that I wasn't on a high, but realization began to set in as we hit those proverbial "speed bumps" in the road. I soon learned that there is a little thing called "issues" that I really hadn't been cognizant of or perhaps chose to ignore as I planned my year. I'm sure that my brother Grand Masters, and all Past Grand Masters before me have realized this at some point and time during their term. My primary reason for stating this up front, is that if there is anything I can pass on to my successor, Right Worshipful Mike, I would say, "Be Prepared". Come into this magnificent and honorable position with the love of Masonry in your heart and mind, which I know you possess, and be mindful of those little speed bumps.

That said, have I had a good year? Will I look back on the past 12 months with pride? Fond memories? Have I had an outstanding journey? Have I hit the pinnacle of my Masonic Journey? Yes. Tomorrow night, following installation, I will be able to look myself in the mirror, and with a smile on my face and a tear in my eye, I will tell that image in the mirror, "you done good". And I can do so with the utmost humility, deepest honor and strongest pride for having served the Brethren of this great jurisdiction, and the words are simply not there to express my gratitude to each and every one of you.

I would like to mention a few of the accomplishments that this year's executive board, and your grand lodge has accomplished. First, and foremost, would the members of Lodge Le Progres d'Le Oceanie please stand. brothers, from all of the members of this jurisdiction, we are proud to say to you, that after 4 years, welcome back as a fully chartered and voting blue lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction. For the benefit of those of you that may not know, Lodge Le Progres d' Le Oceanie is one of the oldest, most honorable lodges of this jurisdiction. It is sometimes referred to as the Lodge of Kings as it boasts King Kamehameha IV and King David Kalakaua as members, and past Masters. In recent years, however, the lodge began experiencing issues from within, and as time passed it continued on a downward decline eventually resulting in their Charter being arrested. They did continue to operate as a lodge under dispensation and oversight by the Grand Lodge until February of this year, when I proudly returned their charter due to the hard work and dedication of its brethren, many of whom are here with us today. And I would be completely remiss if I did not mention and recognize Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing. Early in my year, during an executive board meeting, as we discussed some of the issues that did not seem to be going anywhere within Lodge Le Progres, I looked across the table at MW Dennis and told him I was giving him full power and authority to go in, take Lodge Le Progres over, and help those brethren see the light and the path to help guide them back to take their rightful place as a premier lodge in this jurisdiction, and he did. Thank you MW Sir.

Unfortunately, I am not able to introduce a representative of the next significant accomplishment, as they were not able to attend due to work, and travel. However, in December of 2014, the Grand Lodge of Hawaii chartered a new square and compass club on Kwajalein Island, part of the Marshall Islands. We have a core of dedicated Master Masons there, most Past Masters and Master Masons of mainland jurisdictions, who solicited us for membership and permission to charter a lodge. We jumped at the chance and after I spoke with several of the Grand Masters of our mainland jurisdictions, we moved forward with the charter of a Square and Compass Lodge. I was not able to schedule a visit to Kwajalein like I had planned to do, to meet these brothers and inspect their meeting place, but I know it's on Right Worshipful Baker's agenda of things to get done.

Brother Grand Secretary – please send a letter to the President of the Kwajalein Square and Compass Club, Worshipful David Saunders, and his brethren, welcoming them into this jurisdiction on behalf of this Annual Communication. Please add my regards and those of Most Worshipful Mike Manning, Grand Master of Arizona, whose jurisdiction WB Saunders belongs to and with whom I have had many discussions with concerning Kwajalein.

One idea I put forth which resulted in the formation of a new committee was the "Emergency Action Committee". This jurisdiction has always responded to people in distress or need following a major accident or natural disaster. We were able to provide necessary relief in the way of food, water, other types of supplies and at times labor for cleanup or assistance. But, it was always after the fact, we were never organized or prepared ahead of time. With this committee, chaired by the Junior Grand Warden, we have set aside funds, some equipment such as 5 gallon water jugs, and the Jr. Grand Warden has at his disposal, groups of volunteers to react ahead of time, or during a natural disaster or major accident. His committee consists of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and the Junior Wardens of all 11 blue lodges in this jurisdiction, who can act as his go to guys to form these action groups, consisting of lodge members, who can stock supplies, form work groups of volunteers to assist, and be ready to assist the neighborhoods and communities to include assisting at shelters. Again, prepared and ahead of time.

Before I end, I want to relate to you one decision or action which I did spontaneously, without consult of even the Executive Committee. I tell it to you now, only because it was a bitter sweet decision that I could make as a Grand Master that I am certain not many of my peers have encountered, or should ever have to encounter. But it is a decision that will definitely remain as a significant part of my year. I had a friend, Jeff, he and his wife Nancy and Karen and I had developed a close friendship with them over the four years we knew them. Jeff was a self-employed contractor and an excellent handyman who could do it all. He did major remodeling projects around my house and from there, our friendship continued to grow. During this time, he would occasionally talk to me about Masonry, having been exposed to it by other clients, he was always inquiring about this or that, asking questions until finally that one all important question, "How do I become one". And of course, he was on his way. I sponsored Jeff into Hawaiian Lodge, where he quickly became comfortable and enjoyed socializing with the brethren, especially those who were just starting out as he was. Jeff was killed in a tragic accident right across the island in Hilo, on March 13th, doing what he loved doing, woodworking. My wife and I accompanied Nancy to Hilo from O'ahu to take possession of his belongings, to see the accident site, and as most wives would need to do, to see her husband. When the mortuary staff wheeled Jeff into the chapel on a gurney, Karen and I stood silently with Nancy while she spent the time she needed to with him. I then stepped up, took him the right hand, and with the power in me vested, and by my hand, raised Brother Jeffery J. Sarver, an Entered Apprentice Mason, to a Master Mason in good standing of Hawaiian Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii, posthumously. As I said, a bitter sweet experience.

I do want to take this time to thank those who have been significant in helping me during my term as Grand Master. First of course, and most important, the person without whom I could not have succeeded without her support, encouragement and understanding, who would smile proudly when I would address her as the First Lady of Masonry for the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, my wife Karen. Thank you honey. The two most important accomplishments in my life was a career in the United States Army, and my journey in Masonry culminating

in this past Grand Lodge year, and you have always been there, next to me, for both.

To the Brethren of Hawaiian lodge, what can I say? You guys rock!! Under the leadership of WB Kevin Purdue and the current Master WB Chris Kaminaka, you and your team were always there, regardless of the task, you were there to assist and support. Thank you. And I will be back in lodge, sitting in the columns with the other "old" guys mumbling coherently, "That's not the way we used to do it"!!

To MW Dennis Ing, MW Tony Ligaya, WB Bob Schultz, WB Wilson Camagan, Past Masters all of Hawaiian Lodge, thank you for your leadership, counseling guidance, but most of all, your friendship.

To the all members of the Grand Lodge, and most especially the executive committee, RW Mike Baker, RW Andy Geiser, RW Albert Alvarez, and Mr. IRS himself, the treasurer Honorable Albert "Bert" Alarcon. All things were possible and made easier with your dedication, love of Masonry and devotion to this great Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you!

And no, as a member of the Executive Committee, I did not forget the Grand Secretary, MW Marty Alexander. Marty, you have served this jurisdiction with Masonic love, devotion and sincerity for 5 years as Grand Secretary, and this past year has been no different. Your support, guidance and counsel has contributed in no small part, to the success of this past year. And again, the words just aren't there to express my sincere thanks, only a Thank You Sir, for all that you have done, and all that you will do for Masonry in this jurisdiction.

Lastly, to my counter parts in the Western Conference of Grand Lodges, and your officers. Not only did you play a significant role in how I handled my jurisdiction by your example, but Karen and I have formed fast and deep friendships with you and your "First Ladies" that will continue in the years to come. Thank you!

And with that, and with a lot of emotion, pride and even relief, I bid each and every one of you a very fond Aloha, and Mahalo.

Rick Huston Grand Master of Hawaii It was regularly moved Most Worshipful Monty Glover PGM and seconded by Honorable Stephen Carroll to accept the 2015 – 2016 budget as presented. Motion was carried.

When Most Worshipful Huston 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 9 am sharp Saturday morning.

----- END OF FRIDAY'S BUSINESS SESSION -----

### SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION APRIL 19st, 2015

The Most Worshipful Richard B. Huston, Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii called the Grand Lodge of Hawaii from refreshment and resumed labor at 9:00 am.

For the first order of business for the day, Most Worshipful Huston called upon Most Worshipful John Cooper, Past Grand Master from the Grand Lodge of California for his presentation on Civility. This presentation was also given at the Conference of Grand Master of North America in Vancouver, BC Canada in February of this year.

After Most Worshipful Cooper finished his presentation, the floor was then opened to our Hawaii Masonic Family of organizations who had been invited to give a presentation or talk on their organization.

Those giving presentations and representing their organizations today were as follows

A&A Scottish Rite - Orient of Hawaii and Guam: Honorable Loren Holmberg KCCH representing Illustrious Kenneth Berry, Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

Honolulu York Rite Bodies - Most Worshipful Monty Glover, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar in Hawaii.

DeMolay International - Most Worshipful Dennis Ing, who is the Deputy to the Executive Officer for Northern California and Hawaii, and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of DeMolay International.

International Order for Rainbow for Girls - Worshipful Chris Kaminaka presented a video that was personally produced by our local Rainbow girls.

Aloha Shriners - Honorable Lee Gordon who is the Chief Rabban for our Aloha Shriners and is also on the board of directors for our Honolulu Shriners Hospital for Children.

### 2015 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS SYNOPSIS

After our Masonic Family Presentations were completed, Most Worshipful Huston called upon Most Worshipful Dennis Ing PGM, chairman of our jurisprudence committee to present the proposed resolutions for this year.

The Following is a synopsis of the legislation presented along with the voting outcomes. 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.

- PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01
- Adoption of a Social Media Policy
- Required: Majority Received: 98% (48-1) Result: Passed
- PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02
- Modifying Requirements To Join Concordant/Appendent Bodies
- Required: 2/3 Received: 51% (25-24) Result: Failed but Carryover
- PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03
- Permits Officers Coach To Use The Cipher In a Tiled Meeting
- Required: 2/3 Received: 44.9% (22-27) Result: Failed
- PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04
- Filing a law suit against the Grand Lodge or a Constituent Lodge/s
- in this Jurisdiction constitutes a Masonic Offense
- Required: 2/3 Received: 83.7% (41-8) Result: Passed
- PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05
- Changing the number of Black Cubes required in a ballot to reject an applicant
- Required: 2/3 Received: 26.5% (13-36) Result: Passed
- PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06
- Adding Emergency Action Committee To List of Standing Committees And
- Removing Unused Committees From The Same List.
- Required: 2/3 Received: 91.8% (45-4) 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 Richard B. Huston again thanked all of the brethren for their support throughout the year.

#### GL of Washington Presentation on Electronic Balloting

Most Worshipful Huston indicated that he had just 2 more presentations before we began with the election of our 2015 officers

First up was Most Worshipful Sam Roberts with the Grand Lodge of Washington who had a presentation on electronic balloting as this year we will be looking into adopting electronic balloting for our own jurisdiction The Grand Lodge of Washington has already adopted this form of balloting and it is quickly spreading across the United States.

After Most Worshipful Sam Roberts, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington completed his presentation, the floor was then tendered over to Right Worshipful Brother John Wade who gave a slide presentation on the history of the Grand Lodge of England.

When all presentations had been completed, Most Worshipful Rick Huston asked if any brother had anything to bring before this Grand Lodge as it was time for the election of the 2015 Grand Lodge Officers as it was now time for the election of officers.

He reminded us that our code states that the election of officers shall be the last item of business at our Annual Communication, so once we start the election process, no other items of business may be presented.

## **ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

The following Grand Lodge officers were then elected to serve this Grand Lodge for the year 2015 – 2016 Grand Lodge year.

Grand Master	Michael P. Baker Sr.
Deputy Grand Master	Andrew L. Geiser
Senior Grand Warden	Albert B. Alvarez
Junior Grand Warden	Wilson S. Camagan
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 12:45 am, Most Worshipful Huston 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 Frank M. Condello II PGM as Installing Officer; Most Worshipful Lyle G. Phillips PGM as Installing Master of Ceremonies, and Very Reverend Randy V.N. Albano as Installing Chaplain. The 2015 Grand Lodge officers were installed as follows:

# Grand Lodge Officers 2015 – 2016.

Grand Master	Michael P. Baker Sr
Deputy Grand Master	
Senior Grand Warden	
Junior Grand Warden	
Grand Treasurer	•
Grand Secretary	
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Grand Charlein	<b>O</b> ,
Grand Chaplain	•
Grand Orator	•
Grand Marshal	
Grand Standard Bearer	O .
Grand Sword Bearer	
Grand Bible Bearer	Scott M. Waracka
Senior Grand Deacon	James D. Stephens
Junior Grand Deacon	Edde T. Kanai
Senior Grand Steward	Christopher A. Acosta
Junior Grand Steward	Richard O. Banser Jr.
Grand Historian	Stephen D. Carroll
Grand Organist	Lee D. Gordon
Grand Pursuivant	Herman K. Wllson
Grand Tiler	James R. Steinwandt
Grand Lodge Inspectors	
Worshipful Garry Graham	Hawaiian Lodge
Worshipful Seth A. Connell	
Worshipful Donald W. Traller	•
Worshipful J. Daniel Miller	_
Worshipful Michael D. Janovsky	•
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Worshipful Raymund L. Liongson	Ko'olau Lodge
Worshipful Darryl E. Lajola	Leeward Lodge
Worshipful Dustin T. Verity	Lodge le Progres D' le Oceanie
Worshipful Gerardo F. Biala Jr	Pearl Harbor Lodge
Worshipful Alexander A. Escasa	Schofield Lodge

After the installation of the 2015 – 2016 Grand Lodge officers, our newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr. addressed the assembly, to wit;

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

Aloha everyone!

There have been over Twenty-Two Thousand books written on Masonry (pause) and I'm pretty sure over four times that many articles. I would also have to believe that there have been thousands of long and boring speeches concerning our Craft. Let me assure you that this speech will not be long! Additionally, it will not be about the precepts, structure, philosophy, moral or ethical lessons inculcated in Masonic tradition and practices.

Today I want to talk about men. Men who happen to be Masons.

First and foremost, we must look at one of the striking commonalities among the brethren. What had struck me before becoming a Mason, and after having been raised, is that, the vast majority of Masons are very successful men. Not only in their occupation or business, but in their personal lives and in the communities in which they live. They are confident in their abilities and comfortable in their own skin.

On the flip side, and even more striking, is our vast diversity. We range in age from the very young, just starting out, to the retired, and to the very old. We have every race, creed and nationality and considering we are worldwide we speak over a hundred different languages. We differ greatly in social/economic

status. We have brethren that are less fortunate financially and brethren that are fabulously wealthy. We are blue collar, white collar and in some cases Roman collar. And yes, although there are no atheists among us, nearly every religion on earth is represented in the Masonic Brotherhood. Our political views are just as expansive; from conservatives just a little to the right of Attila the Hun, to liberals who think Karl Marx just didn't go far enough! We even differ in our hobbies and interests.

So what you have is a group of very successful and confident men that can have an expansive diversity in many other areas. Although drawn together in the practice of Freemasonry, conflicts do arise. In some Lodges those conflicts have become very serious and extremely destructive to the Peace and Harmony of the Lodge.

This is common in workplaces and in many organizations. It may start with a joke, a snide remark, an insult or even gossip. And it can escalate into a small war. If you want to see this in action you just need to visit any community service group. It even happens in churches! To make matters worse we now have social media were people get zapped online.

Here is my concern! Masons, for the most part, have always stood apart from the outside world. However, it would seem that we are becoming more like them and less like us.

Historically, Masons have been greatly admired and held in high esteem. We were, and many of us still are, sentinels of civility. What other organization recruits new members simply by being a good example? And, what's to become of us if we continue to be more like them ... and less like us?

The lesson to be learned here comes from my mother. She said, "You get what you look for. If you look for the bad in people you'll find it. If you look for the good you'll find that too. Always look for the good!" Seems mothers always have good advice!

I am very proud to be a Mason and extremely honored to be Grand Master, however I am equally proud of my efforts to be as civil, as polite and as kind as I can be. It is my hope that we, as Freemasons here in Hawaii, can also be a Legion of Gentlemen, garnering that respect and admiration I believe we rightfully deserve.

So my brethren it is my humble request that we all endeavor to look only for the good in one another, to be kind and civil with each other and promote harmony, not only in each and every Lodge, but also outside of the lodge.

In Kindergarten there was that category on your report card that said, "Works and plays well with others!" If you did so extremely well, instead of a grade next to that category, you would get a little gold star.

I hoping that this year each and every one of us can earn that little gold star!

Thank you Mike Baker GM

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

The Past Grand Masters presented were as follows:

2002	Most Worshipful Lyle G. Phillips
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 Richard Huston 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 Baker then acknowledge our visiting dignitaries by having them rise and introduce themselves along with any brothers that might be traveling with them.

After presentations were completed, Most Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr. then closed the 2015 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii by proclamation.

Respectfully Submitted

Marty P. Alexander PGM, Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Hawaii F&AM



# **APPENDIX**

2015 Resolutions W/ Jurisprudence Reports & Results – Full Form
2014 List of Lodges, Lodge Pillars and Membership Counts
List of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii
2015 Annual Communication Credentials Committee Report

# Resolutions presented At the 2015 Annual Communication With Jurisprudence Committee Reports And Voting Results

#### GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01 Adoption of a Social Media Policy

Required: Majority Received: 98% (48-1) Result: Passed

Social Media has become a huge part of our day-to-day lives not just in Hawaii but across the Nation and the World. There are many venues for us to utilize the Internet to communicate with one another. Email, Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, etc.... The majority of it is harmless socializing and banter but sometimes whether accidental or intentional, something can be written that is not only harmful to someone or some group and many a times to ourselves. The thing is, once you put it out there, it becomes permanent somewhere and we can't get it back!

We have a responsibility as Masons to conduct ourselves accordingly when representing Masonry whether it be in person, in a meeting and yes, even on the Internet. The public should know our stance on what is acceptable Masonic behavior as well. We should not have members placing unfavorable notoriety on our honorable Fraternity just because they are in the comforts of their home or workplace.

As evident with Most Worshipful Richard Huston's Edict 2014-01 which was tweaked throughout the year, it helped to calm down much of the controversial on-line media issues we had been having for several years by having a guideline of on-line use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Lodge adopt a Social Media Policy, which be set forth in the Appendix as follows:

#### Policy regarding Social Media and Hawaii Freemasons

The Grand Lodge of Hawaii recognizes that social media has grown exponentially in recent years and has a goal of supporting the regular and extensive use of it. We know that many Brethren regularly connect by Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other means. We as Masons must be mindful that our individual postings not only reflect our own character but that of Freemasonry across this Grand Jurisdiction. Therefore, the following shall constitute the official policy of the Grand Lodge, respecting the use of internet social media:

#### **Social Media Policy**

- A Mason shall conduct himself with the same courtesy he would in front of the general public.
- A Mason should be aware that his postings are a permanent record; therefore, his conduct may influence the world with a positive or negative opinion about him personally and about the organizations to which he belongs.

- A Mason shall never use disparaging comments, profanity, etc. when posting; including, but not limited to, graphic, video, and audio recordings.
- Masonic pages are to be supportive of the organization and its members, promote upcoming events, discuss past events, video sharing, and discussion of times of fellowship and promotion of Masonic bodies.
- A Mason shall not use social media to obtain personal advantage in promoting political, religious or business activities by targeting other Masons.
- A Mason shall not use social media to contact other Grand Jurisdictions unless he is a member of that jurisdiction. Remember that all official intrajurisdictional communication is, by Masonic protocol, conducted by and between Grand Lodge offices.
- No discussion or other information regarding an application, background, or investigation of an applicant is ever appropriate or condoned.
- There shall never be any discussion regarding the ballot on a candidate.
- Nothing shall ever be written or discussed relative to the business of a Lodge or of any discussions/actions which have occurred behind tiled doors.
- Information about lodge activities must comply with the Grand Lodge regulations already in place for them (for example no reference to alcohol or games of chance).
- Masons shall advise a Brother if something he has posted is improper within the framework of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, etc.
- Ultimately, the actions of a Mason online should promote the highest standards of morality and integrity. He should always be mindful of the penalties as described in the Hawaii Masonic Code relating to trial, suspension, and/or expulsion for any un-Masonic behavior. Posting a comment related to the fraternity and then posting a disparaging comment about a social or political stance can easily be misconstrued by readers that your stance is representative of Masonry and all Masons. Remember that the public and members of the Masonic Fraternity are reading your posts online. Masons are encouraged to be a positive and proactive force for projecting Freemasonry in the world!

Dated: November 03, 2014

Marty Olexander

Respectfully submitted,

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Proponent

#### REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2015-01 Adoption of a Social Media Policy

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2015-01 has been referred, reports as follows:

The Grand Secretary, who is a Past Grand Master, proposes that the Grand Lodge adopt a formal policy regarding Masonic activity on the internet, particularly making entries, posting or communicating on Facebook, Linked-In, Twitter or similar sites. The policy would be set forth in the Appendix to the Code, but would not carry the force of an ordinance or regulation.

The policy would prohibit entries which are defamatory, derogatory or abusive against a Mason, a Masonic body or Masonry in general. It would also prohibit the disclosure of "secret" or confidential information within the meaning of our Masonic obligations and the Code. The proposal is similar to an edict issued by Grand Master Huston during his term.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. As it does not intend to amend the HMC, it requires only a majority vote passage.

Dated: January 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Chair

Monty J. Glover, PGM, Member

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Grand Secretary, Member

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02 Modifying Requirements To Join Concordant/Appendent Bodies

Required: 2/3 Received: 51% (25-24) Result: Failed but Carryover

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: November 03, 2014 Respectfully submitted,

Marty P. Alexander, PGM

Marty alexander

Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

# Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2015-02 Modifying Requirements To Join Concordant/Appendant Bodies

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2015-02 has been referred, reports as follows:

HMC '2635 prohibits a Mason from applying for membership in, or being initiated into any organization requiring a person to be a Mason, unless he has given "satisfactory evidence, by strict examination in open Lodge, that he is proficient and qualified in the Candidate's Lecture of the Degree of Master Mason". The proponent, who is the Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Master, proposes to replace this requirement with a "waiting period" of three months from the time the applicant has received his Master Mason=s Degree. In other words, he must wait three months after receiving his Third Degree before he can apply for membership in the Scottish Rite, York Rite or the Shrine. The proposed resolution would also allow the waiting period to be waived by the Master of the Lodge of which the applicant is a member, on a case-by-case basis.

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

Dated: January 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Chair

Monty J. Glover, PGM, Member

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Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Grand Secretary, Member

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03 Permits Officers Coach To Use The Cipher In a Tiled Meeting

Required: 2/3 Received: 44.9% (22-27) Result: Failed

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

WHEREAS, a qualified officers coach is essential to the proper instruction and delivery of our ritual work in our lodges, and

WHEREAS, the ritual cipher of this jurisdiction is widely used and referred to during independent and lodge instructional practices, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: November 04 2014 Respectfully submitted,

Marty P. Alexander, PGM

Marty alexander

Proponent

#### REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

# Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. <u>2015-03</u> Allowing Ritual Cipher to Be Used In A Tiled Meeting

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution <u>2015-03</u> has been referred, reports as follows:

The Grand Secretary, who is a Past Grand Master and a Grand Lodge Inspector, proposes to expand the use of our ciphered ritual as follows: (1) by allowing it to be used by the Officers Coach during a tiled meeting; and (2) by allowing "any qualified Past Master selected by the Master" to use the cipher during a tiled meeting if the Officers' Coach is not present.

Currently, HMC §2689 permits only the Officers Coach to use the cipher, and prohibits its use during meetings, except during practices. Currently, the Officers Coach is selected by the Inspector for the lodge (not the Master), although he usually consults the Master.

The proponent argues that California has expanded the use of the cipher in this fashion.

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

Dated: January 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Chair

Monty J. Glover, PGM, Member

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Grand Secretary, Member

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04

### Filing a law suit against the Grand Lodge or a Constituent Lodge/s in this Jurisdiction constitutes a Masonic Offense

Required: 2/3 Received: 83.7% (41-8) Result: Passed

WHEREAS every Master Mason is charged to "Preserve unsullied the reputation of the Fraternity..." and that this should be their constant care. It should be considered a violation of this charge to file a law suit against the Grand Lodge or any Lodge within it's jurisdiction as it airs the Fraternities "Dirty Laundry" in a public forum.

WHEREAS the Fraternity provides for its own system of redress should a member have issue with either the Grand Lodge or a Lodge in the jurisdiction via the filing of Masonic Charges.

THEREFORE let it be resolved that section §3309 be added to the Hawaii Masonic Code as follows:

§3309. The filing of a law suit naming the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and/or any of it's constituent Lodges shall be considered a Masonic Offense and is punishable by expulsion from the Craft without trial.

Dated: October 19, 2014 Respectfully submitted,

Monty J. Glover, PGM

Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

# Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2015-04 Lawsuits Against Grand Lodge/Constituent Lodges A Masonic Offense

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2015-04 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent, who is a Past Grand Master, believes that bringing an action in the civil courts against the Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge is un-Masonic conduct. He argues that we are a closed fraternity with its own system of settling disputes and correcting wrongs, and any member should be limited to those remedies. If he is not satisfied with the remedies provided within the Masonic system and wishes to institute a civil lawsuit, then he should leave the fraternity.

Accordingly, this proposal would make the bringing of a civil lawsuit against the Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge would in itself constitute a Masonic offense and member to immediate expulsion, without trial. This would thus enable the Grand Master to expel the member summarily.

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

Dated: January 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Chair

Monty J. Glover, PGM, Member

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Grand Secretary, Member

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05 Changing the number of Black Cubes required in a ballot to reject an applicant

Required: 2/3 Received: 26.5% (13-36) Result: Failed

WHEREAS; in the past there have been several incidents where applicants for the Degrees have been rejected because no objection was raised, received a favorable report form the investigating committee and yet they were black balled by a single cube. Often it later comes out, or is known beforehand, that this may have been the result of a personal conflict with the applicant or a personality conflict, and

WHEREAS; Hawaii Masonic Code §2646a states "While it is a Masonic offense to cast a blackball from improper motives, a member may not be questioned with regard to the nature of his vote or his reasons for casting it." but yet the code does not really provide any method for insuring the ballot box is not abused and leaves the Master with no option to reject a qualified applicant because one person doesn't like him, and

WHEREAS; Some jurisdictions have started modifying their Masonic code to allow for multiple Black Cubes usually with anything more than one cube being a rejection and one Black Cube only being constituted a "Unanimous" ballot.

THEREFORE let it be resolved that §2650 and §2654 of the Hawaii Masonic Code be amended as follows:

2650. UNANIMOUS BALLOT. A Lodge shall have but one ballot for the three degrees, the ballot shall be secret, and it shall require a unanimous vote of the members present to elect for the degrees or for affiliation. Except for the three officers whose duty it is to examine the ballot box, no one is entitled to know the number of votes cast for or against an applicant. If all members of the Lodge have voted and no negative vote appears the ballot is unanimous regardless of the fact that one or more members failed to deposit a ball at the time he voted.

§2650a. For the purposes of balloting on candidates a single black cube in the ballot will still constitute a unanimous ballot.

§2654. CORRECTION OF POSSIBLE MISTAKE. If but one two cubes appears in the ballot box the Master, without declaring the result, shall at once order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be the last; but in no case, after one ballot has been had, shall any discussion be permitted in the Lodge before the second ballot is had, nor shall the second ballot be postponed to another meeting of the Lodge.

Dated: October 19, 2014 Respectfully submitted,

Monty J. Glover, PGM Proponent

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

## Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2015-05 Two Cubes to Prevent Mistakes

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2015-05 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent, who is a Past Grand Master, points out that single black cubes have been found in ballot boxes even though there were no objections prior to balloting and where the applicant has received full and favorable reports from investigating teams.

The proponent suggests that in many cases, these black cubes may be cast for improper motives for personal reasons and are not Masonically motivated.

This proposal would add a new section (§2650a) to the Code, which would define a "unanimous" ballot as containing no more than one cube. In other words, a single black cube would no longer constitute the rejection of the applicant by ballot. The proposal would also amend §2654 by allowing the Master to order re-balloting (to eliminate a possible mistake) if there are no more than two cubes in the ballot box.

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

Dated: January 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Chair

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Grand Secretary, Member

Monty J. Glover, PGM, Member

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06

### Adding Emergency Action Committee To List of Standing Committees And Removing Unused Committees From The Same List.

Required: 2/3 Received: 91.8% (45-4) Result: Passed

The proponent of this Resolution seeks to amend the list of Standing Committees to reflect the current needs of our Masonic community.

WHEREAS, the needs of our jurisdiction has evolved since our inception in 1989, and

WHEREAS, many of our currently list standing committees are no longer being used, and

WHEREAS, many of our Standing Committee responsibilities have already been combined with the duties of other Grand Lodge Officers duties,

To wit:

Committee on Public Schools - Although we support public schools as a basic purpose, Grand Lodge doesn't do anything in this area. This is a lodge function. If Grand Lodge is going to sponsor a public schools activity, it can be assigned to a special committee, rather than a standing committee which doesn't do anything; and

Committee on Charters - Same reasoning as public schools. This is not an everyday or even every year occurrence. If we need to review a new charter or dispensation, or revise old charters, the Grand Master can assign a special committee like our current project in Kwajalein.

Committee on Grand Lodge Week Activities - We no longer have a Grand Lodge Week, other than our Annual Communication and these preparations are already being arranged by the Grand Lodge Executive Committee so there is no need for a standing committee.

Committee on Trial Review – Again, this is not an everyday or even every year occurrence and while its functions are very important, they can easily be combined with that of the Jurisprudence Committee especially when taking into account the size of our jurisdiction

Committee on Travel Allowances – this is already covered under the function of the Committee on Finance and by having it is only duplicative in efforts.

Committee on By-Laws – The functions of this committee are already covered by the Committee on Jurisprudence and historically have the same members anyways; and

Committee on Review of Proceedings – a change of name to Committee on Foreign Jurisdictions is proposed to combine the duties of that committee along with that of Foreign Recognitions as well; and

Committee on Memorial Service – It does not function year round and is covered by the Grand Chaplain's duties; and

Committee of Masonic Information and Responsibility – This committee has never actually existed but was never eliminated from the list of Standing Committees when we formed our jurisdiction; and

Committee on Policy and General Purposes and Committee on Long Range Planning – There is a lot of overlap between these two committees and while the functions of each are important they should be combined and called "Policy and Long-Range Planning" to prevent duplication of efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that certain sections of the Hawaii Masonic Code amended, added or deleted as follows:

#### §1202. STANDING COMMITTEES.

a. The following standing committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at each Annual Communication just before the close thereof, viz: On Jurisprudence, on Policy and Long Range Planning General Purposes, on Temple Properties, on Public Schools, on Charters, on Grand Lodge Week Activities, on Long-Range Planning, on Finance, on Trial Review, on Credentials, on Travel Allowances, on By-laws, on Review of Proceedings Foreign Jurisdictions, on Masonic History, on Memorial Service, and on Masonic Information and Responsibility on Emergency Action. The duties of such committees shall continue during the year thereafter, and shall cease at the close of the next succeeding Annual Communication except as to members of committees whose terms do not end with the close of that Annual Communication.

**§1204. COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.** The Committee on Jurisprudence shall report to the Grand Lodge its recommendations as to the legality of decisions and dispensations issued by the Grand Master, Life Membership resolutions, and other matters referred to said Committee; and whether proposed amendments to the Hawaii Masonic Code will accomplish the purpose of the proponents and the legal effect of the proposed amendments. It shall also review the records of trials held in constituent Lodges and examine each application for restoration and report to the Grand Lodge its recommendations as to action to be taken thereon.

When appropriate, it shall prepare legislation to accomplish the recommendations or decisions of the Grand Master, officers of Committees or Boards of Grand Lodge, and shall report to Grand Lodge thereon with its recommendations.

**§1206.** COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSES LONG RANGE PLANNING. The Committee on Policy and General Purposes Long Range Planning shall consider and report upon such matters as may be referred to it, which may include such matters not referable by express provision of existing law to some other committee or may properly be termed mere matters of policy, and as to which it is deemed that the reference to such committee is advisable. Upon referral it shall report whether any action taken or proposed is consistent with the general purpose and policies of the Grand Lodge.

It shall also, among other things: (a) conduct an annual review of the Grand Lodge long-range strategic plan and formulate and recommend any necessary amendments thereto; (b) determine and recommend in writing to the Grand Master such specific objectives during the current Masonic year and for the next three years as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and intent of the long-range strategic plan; (c) determine time-lines and such measurements ("critical success factors") by which the Grand Lodge may determine whether or not the long-range plan and the specific objectives are successful; and (d) present at the Annual Communication a report of its findings and recommendations. This Committee shall consist of the Deputy Grand Master, who shall act as the chair, and the Senior Warden of every Lodge. It shall meet within thirty (30) days after the close of the Annual Communication and at least once every ninety (90) days thereafter.

§1210. LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE. The Long-Range Planning Committee shall, among other things: (a) conduct an annual review of the Grand Lodge long range strategic plan and formulate and recommend any necessary amendments thereto; (b) determine and recommend in writing to the Grand Master such specific objectives during the current Masonic year and for the next three years as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and intent of the long-range strategic plan; (c) determine time-lines and such measurements ("critical success factors") by which the Grand Lodge may determine whether or not the long-range plan and the specific objectives are successful; and (d) present at the Annual Communication a report of its findings and recommendations. This Committee shall consist of the Deputy Grand Master, who shall act as the chair, and the Senior Warden of every Lodge. It shall meet within thirty (30) days after the close of the Annual Communication and at least once every ninety (90) days thereafter.

§1212. COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The Committee on Public Schools shall develop and promote methods of increasing interest in and support for the public schools among the craft and the public.

§1214. COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS. The Committee on Charters shall conduct an investigation, including examination, of the records and proceedings of organizations seeking Lodge status, and report its findings and recommendations to the Grand Master. During the period Lodges are under dispensation it shall counsel with said Lodges and examine the records and proceedings of said Lodges. Prior to the close of the next Annual Communication the committee shall examine the records and proceedings of said Lodges, reporting its findings and recommendations to the Grand Lodge.

**§1216.** COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE WEEK ACTIVITIES. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Grand Lodge Week Activities to attend to all entertainment during Grand Lodge Week as directed by the Grand Master.

§1220. COMMITTEE ON TRIAL REVIEW. The Committee on Trial Review shall review the records of trials held in constituent Lodges and shall also examine each application for restoration and report to the Grand Lodge its recommendations as to action to be taken thereon.

§1224. COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL ALLOWANCES. The Committee on Travel Allowances shall verify the travel allowances at the rates fixed by the Grand Lodge for the officers or elected representatives from each Lodge and other members of the Grand Lodge who are in attendance at an Annual, Special or Quarterly Communication and entitled to travel allowance.

§1226. COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS. The Committee on By-Laws shall examine the record of action taken by constituent Lodges to amend their by laws and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication for its action.

§1228. COMMITTEE ON REVIEW OF PROCEEDINGS FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS. The Committee on Review of Proceedings Foreign Proceedings shall review the Proceedings of other jurisdictions with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal accord and review all requests for recognition from jurisdictions not already recognized by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and report to the Grand Master and file copies of its reviews with the Grand Secretary.

§1232. COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL SERVICE. The Committee on Memorial Service shall present, during the Annual Communication, a fitting memorial service for members of the Grand Lodge, or other distinguished Master Masons of this jurisdiction, who were called from their earthly toil during the preceding year.

§1240. COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY ACTION. The Committee on Emergency Action shall have the responsibility of assessing, preparing and initiating disaster relief to areas, that have been, or will be struck by severe acts of nature, major accidents or any other situation or occurrences where the lives and welfare of individuals and communities are or will be affected and shall be chaired by the Junior Grand Warden with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary as members.

Dated: November 04 2014 Respectfully submitted,

Marty Olexander Marty P. Alexander, PGM

Proponent

#### REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

#### Grand Lodge of Hawaii Proposed Resolution No. 2015-06

#### Renaming, Combining, Adding and Deleting Certain Standing Committees

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2015-06\_ has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent points out that the activities of the Grand Lodge have evolved to the point where a number of standing committees have become obsolete, and other functions have been assumed or undertaken by more than one committee or by constituent lodges. Therefore, he proposes the Grand Lodge standing committees be limited to the following:

<u>Jurisprudence</u>, whose duties will also include those currently assigned to the Committee on Trial Review and the Committee on By-Laws;

<u>Policy and Long Range Planning</u>, whose duties will combine those now assigned to the Committee on Policy and General Purposes and the Committee on Long Range Planning;

<u>Temple Properties</u> (no change)

Finance (no change)

Credentials (no change)

Review of Foreign Jurisdictions, whose duties include those currently assigned to the Committee on Review of Proceedings (foreign proceedings) and the ad hoc committee on foreign jurisdictions (applications for recognition);

Masonic History (no change)

<u>Emergency Action</u>, a new committee formed this term by a Grand Master's edict, to prepare for natural disasters and emergencies requiring assistance to our members and to the community.

For the reasons described above, the following standing committees would be deleted: Memorial Service; Masonic Information and Responsibility; Public Schools; Charters; Grand Lodge Week Activities; Long-Range Planning; Travel Allowances; and By-laws.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. It requires a 2/3 vote of the Grand Lodge for passage.

Dated: January 27, 2015. Respectfully submitted.

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Dennis A. Ing, PGM, Chair

Monty J. Glover, PGM, Member

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Grand Secretary, Member

# Lodges constituted under the Grand Lodge of Hawaii January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

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

Grand Master Richard B. Huston
Deputy Grand Master Michael P. Baker Sr.
Senior Grand Warden Andrew L. Geiser
Junior Grand Warden Alber B. Alvarez

Membership: 1784 Additions: 91 Losses: 154 Total: 1721 (-63)

Annual Membership Count Since Electronic Age

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

2014 (1721) -63

#### Hawaiian Lodge - Chartered May 20, 1989

Membership Count Beginning: 453 Additions: 15 Losses:41 Ending: 427 (-26)

Worshipful Master Kevin R. Perdue

Senior Warden Christopher Kaminaka

Junior Warden Angelito Santos

#### Honolulu Lodge - Chartered May 20, 1989

Membership Count Beginning: 214 Additions: 23 Losses:17 Ending: 220 (+26)

Worshipful Master Mark P. Leo

Senior Warden Stephen D. Carroll

Junior Warden Dave Lusk

#### Kauai Lodge - Chartered May 20, 1989

Membership Count Beginning: 40 Additions: 0 Losses: 2 Ending: 38 (-2)

Worshipful Master Billy J. Magruder III

Senior Warden Paul J. Zina

Junior Warden Herman K. Wilson

Kilauea Lodge - Chartered May 20, 1989

Membership Count Beginning: 75 Additions: 8 Losses: 8 Ending: 75 (+0)

Worshipful Master Richard O. Banser Jr.
Senior Warden Samuel M. Hansford
Junior Warden Donald M. Millard

Kona Lodge - Chartered May 20, 1989

Membership Count Beginning: 84 Additions: 9 Losses: 9 Ending: 84 (+0)

Worshipful Master J. Daniel Miller Senior Warden Benjamin D. Spencer Junior Warden Robert L. Brogan

Ko'olau Lodge - Chartered May 20, 1989

Membership Count Beginning: 82 Additions: 1 Losses: 10 Ending: 73 (-9)

Worshipful Master Scott-Michael K. Waracka

Senior Warden Seth A. Connell Junior Warden Dustin T. Verity

Leeward Lodge - Chartered May 2, 2003

Membership Count Beginning: 183 Additions: 7 Losses: 25 Ending: 165 (-18)

Worshipful Master Jay Oliver B. Bajuyo Senior Warden Manuel V. Aquino Junior Warden Arnold C. Sarinas

Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie - Chartered May 20, 1989

Membership Count Beginning: 226 Additions: 3 Losses: 9 Ending: 220 (+6)

Worshipful Master Timothy K.S. Yuen
Senior Warden Robert K. Kapanui
Junior Warden Jared A. Namumnart

Lodge Maui - Chartered May 20, 1989

Membership Count Beginning: 103 Additions: 6 Losses: 3 Ending: 106 (+3)

Worshipful Master Edward T. Kanai Senior Warden Vincent L. Gusman Junior Warden Stewart H. Enger

Pearl Harbor Lodge - Chartered May 20, 1989

Membership Count Beginning: 169 Additions: 6 Losses: 23 Ending: 152 (-17)

Worshipful Master Mike Maklary
Senior Warden James R. Davis
Junior Warden Wilfred K.C. Lam

Schofield Lodge - Chartered May 20, 1989

Membership Count Beginning: 155 Additions: 13 Losses: 7 Ending: 161 (+6)

Worshipful Master Dado C. Lajola Senior Warden Tony J. Sasser Junior Warden Bryan W. Dean

### Past Grand Masters - Grand Lodge of Hawaii

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

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

### FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE 2015 Grand Lodge of Hawaii Annual Communication

Location: Waikoloa Marriott Beach Resrot - Kona, HI (Big Island)

Date: April 16 - 18, 2015

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren all:

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

There were represented in this Grand Lodge Communication:

Lodges Represented: 10

Registered Voters Count is:

Lodge Masters: 10
Lodge Senior Wardens: 9
Lodge Junior Wardens: 9
Past Masters Reps: 5
Grand Lodge Officers: 7
Past Grand Masters: 7

Total Registered Votes: 53 Voting Members Present 39

Non-Voting Members: 63

Total GL of Hawaii Members Present: 102

Visiting Brothers from other jurisdictions: 55