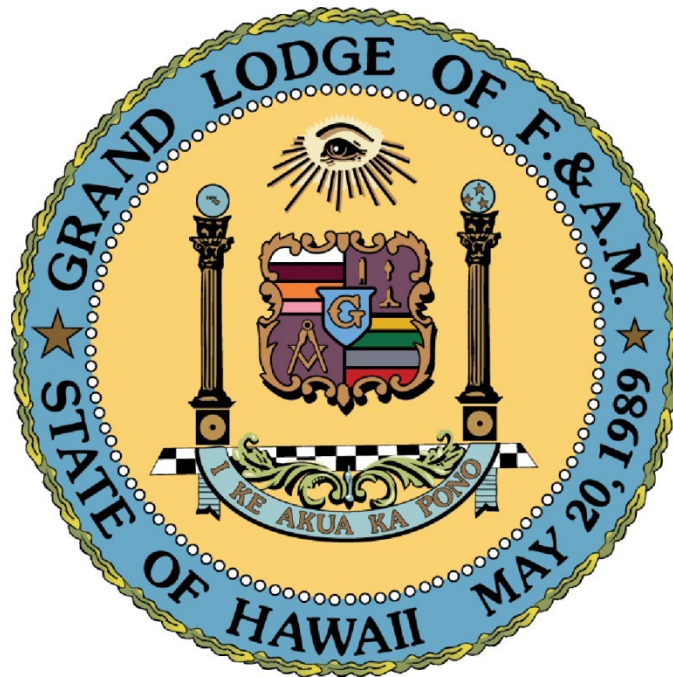


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The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii held its Annual Communication on Friday April 15th and Saturday April 16th A.D 2016, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral located at 1611 Kewalo St., Honolulu, Hawaii.

**FORMAL GRAND LODGE OPENING**

At 1:00 pm, the Grand Marshall, Worshipful Mark P. Leo ,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 Michael P. Baker Sr., Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii opened the Grand Lodge of Hawaii in ample form. The flag was presented by the National Sojourners. The Colors were then posted, and Worshipful Brother John J. Brown of the National Sojourners gave the Toast to the Flag.

**FRIDAY BUSINESS SESSION  
APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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.

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

**Elected Grand Lodge Officer**

Most Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr..... Grand Master  
Right Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser .....Deputy Grand Master  
Right Worshipful Albert B. Alvarez ..... Senior Grand Warden  
Right Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan .....Junior Grand Warden  
Honorable Alberto Alarcon .....Grand Treasurer  
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander, PGM .....Grand Secretary  
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM..... Grand Lecturer

**Past Grand Masters Present**

Most Worshipful A. Lee Skinner..... 2003  
Most Worshipful Oscar M. Jayme ..... 2004  
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing ..... 2008  
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander..... 2009  
Most Worshipful Monty J. Glover ..... 2011  
Most Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya..... 2012  
Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II. .... 2013  
Most Worshipful Richard B. Huston ..... 2014

At the end of the roll call, the credentials report was as follows:

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

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.

**2015 Appointed Grand Lodge Officers**

Very Reverend Randolph V.N. Albano ..... Grand Chaplain  
Worshipful A. Lee Meyerson ..... Grand Orator  
Worshipful Mark P. Leo ..... Grand Marshal  
Worshipful Douglas E. Crum ..... Grand Standard Bearer  
Worshipful Robert F. Self ..... Grand Sword Bearer  
Worshipful Scott M. Waracka ..... Grand Bible Bearer  
Worshipful James D. Stevens ..... Senior Grand Deacon  
Worshipful Edde T. Kanai ..... Junior Grand Deacon  
Worshipful Christopher A. Acosta ..... Senior Grand Steward  
Worshipful Richard O. Banser Jr. .... Junior Grand Steward  
Honorable Stephen D. Carroll ..... Grand Historian  
Honorable Lee D. Gordon ..... Grand Organist  
Worshipful Herman K. Wilson ..... Grand Pursuivant  
Honorable James R. Steinwandt ..... Grand Tiler

**Grand Lodge Inspectors**

Worshipful Garry Graham ..... Hawaiian Lodge  
Worshipful Seth Connell ..... Honolulu Lodge  
Worshipful Donald W. Traller ..... Kauai Lodge  
Worshipful J. Daniel Miller ..... Kilauea Lodge  
Worshipful Michael D. Janovsky ..... Kona Lodge  
Worshipful Raymund L. Liongson. .... Ko’olau Lodge  
Worshipful Darryl Lajola ..... Leeward Lodge  
Worshipful Dustin T. Verity ..... Lodge le Progres D’ le Oceanie  
Worshipful J. Daniel Miller ..... Lodge Maui  
Worshipful Gerardo F. Biala Jr. .... Pearl Harbor Lodge  
Worshipful Alexander A. Escasa..... Schofield Lodge

Of note: Listed are the 2015 appointed Grand Lodge officers and Lodge Inspectors but all were not necessarily present for this Annual Communication:

**INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND MASTERS 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 A. Lee Skinner.....	2003
Most Worshipful Oscar M. Jayme .....	2004
Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing .....	2008
Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander.....	2009
Most Worshipful Monty J. Glover .....	2011
Most Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya.....	2012
Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II. ....	2013
Most Worshipful Richard B. Huston .....	2014

After their introduction by our Grand Marshal Worshipful Brother Mark P. Leo, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master proceeded west of the altar to greet them. Upon returning to the East, Most Worshipful Michael P, Baker Sr. led the craft in a battery of 3 x 3 to thank them for their attendance and past service.

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 visiting Grand Masters or their personal representatives to retire so they could be properly received which were as follows:

Sitting Grand Masters

- MW Carl Lindstrom, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska
- MW Norihiro Inomata, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan
- MW Donald Stapleton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon

Grand Master Personal Representatives

- MW Russ Charvonja, Personal Representative to
- MW David M. Perry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California

MW Mike Salazar, Personal Representative to MW Steven E. Crane, Grand Master of Demolay International

RW Jim V. Mendoza, Personal Representative to MW Donald G. Munks, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington

WB Nicolas Lopez, Personal Representative to MW Edwin Sepulveda- Millan ,Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico

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 Michael P. Baker Sr. thanked them for coming by leading the craft in a battery of 3 x 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 as follows:

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

*Good morning! I wish to tell everyone of how impressed I have been for the Masonic/Christian Funeral service held in this Cathedral not too long ago. Both services were presided by the Very Reverend John B. Connell, Past Grand Chaplain whom I succeeded. The services were truly impressive. May I say that, basically there is not much difference between a Masonic and a Christian funeral. It was beautiful and it was done in all 'decency and in order'. Congratulations, to Worshipful Masters Scott Waracka, Seth Connell, Wilson Camagan, Very Reverend John B. Connell and all those who helped organized and worked for such beautiful funeral services.*

*Death, reminds us of innumerable significant things in our being a Mason. We continually see and think of the great light that comes from above -the "Celestial or the Divine Light" in which every mason will always seek and manifest in their everyday life whether in thought, word and deed. The Holy Writings that is in our midst at the Altar, continue to remind us, "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works...."*

*I would like to share you an Asian story, about LIGHT that tells of the cultural, values and traditions among Asians most especially the Filipinos. This story will enrich us in our journey as we seek that light and continue to manifest its brightness in this fragile earth. It involves meditation, contextualization and indigenization which is immensely significant in one's everyday spiritual and social intercourse, for the building up and furtherance of our brotherhood being the oldest and the best of all fraternities in existence.*

*In some remote areas in the Philippines houses are built with very simple, humble and indigenous materials. The four posts of a house are hard woods. It must be remembered that during the administration of our late brother Howard William Taft, as Governor in the Philippines in 1905, these hard woods: narra, molave and yakal were exported in this country. The roof of the house is made of cogon grasses or nipa. Oh, with this roof, it is guaranteed that there are no leaks; no drippings of water especially if it's not raining! Walls are made of bamboo and so with the flooring, made of splitted bamboos about an inch wide and when laid and fastened, there is a centimeter gap in between, giving a natural air conditioning system in the house. Usually there is only one or two rooms with just a partition, made of bamboo.*

*The first floor of the house is the ground where animals are kept. Some are tied up like the water buffalo or carrabao which is a great helper in the farm. There are also pigs, goats, dogs, chicken and other animals. Paraphernalia needed in everyday living are also kept there. The second floor, is definitely where the family stay, safe from floods and other dangers. With only a room or two, the father and mother would be in one corner and the children perhaps seven or nine or more (average number of children), are all arranged like sardines in a wider space.*

*One night, the house was shaking and so someone among the kids said, "an earthquake!" In a minute the oldest among the children shouted, "Turn on the lights!" Usually there is only one or two or three light bulbs with just one switch. Gradually, the quake stopped. After a few minutes, again it was quaking hence, the oldest child again shouted, "Turn on the lights". The quake, stopped..... Three times the light were turned on and the quaking of the house stopped!*



*Meditating upon this story, the four posts signify the four corners of the world in which we and all creaturely beings, live. The roof signifies the protection and salvation of our Father in heaven, who is the Great Architect and Master of all things in the universe. That, as brothers we are one family cemented by brotherly love, relief and truth who live in all simplicity and humility in that humble house. The earthquake signifies to us of the storms, problems and concerns in life whether in our own families or in our lodges. The three shouts to “turn on the lights” remind us of the three great lights in masonry which exist by our Altar and reminds us still of what we most desired after the removal of our blindfolds during our initiations in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.*

*What caused the shaking of the house was when the carabao that was tied-up underneath, was scratching itself on one of the posts. As soon as the animal heard the voice and have seen the light, it stopped from what it was doing, thus the quaking of the house stopped. Animals as we know, have been created just a little lower than human beings. And, if animals would see the light and they stop from what they are doing, how much more to us human beings who have been created higher than the animals? The darkness of the night signifies the works caused by the absence of that celestial light but, that darkness does not and will not overcome the light.*

*With the theme of our Most Worshipful Grandmaster Michael P. Baker, the basic meaning of **civility** is, to know the true light, to live in that light and to reflect and share that light among all brethren and other creaturely beings. As it is written in that Holy Book in our midst to which with open palms we placed our hand and took our obligation, says, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works.....”*

*There is no doubt that our beloved brethren who have answered the summons of our Almighty Father, while living among us have known, lived and manifested that light. Every one of us is encouraged by their examples to go out in simplicity and humility into the four corners of the world, to sow the seeds of brotherly love, relief and truth thereby illuminating the darkness of this world. As we remember them at this opening of the An-Com let us continue to live in that light that they have shared and manifested to us, for such light will lead us to follow them in that celestial habitation where the same perpetual light will continue to shine upon us all.*

*At this time, to those who may be able to, may I now ask you to please stand and let us pray for our departed brothers.*

*Almighty and ever living Father, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord and with whom the souls of all the departed are in perfect harmony with the Master and Great Architect of the Universe. We give you praises and thanksgiving for the good examples of all our brothers, who now find joy and felicity in that celestial abode where there is no grief, sorrow nor pain but eternal joy and happiness in that everlasting life. We remember now before you, Oh Almighty Father:*

<i>Lester V. Swenson</i>	<i>Jeffrey P. rose</i>
<i>Marvin Cloves</i>	<i>Christopher J. Halford</i>
<i>Melville L. King</i>	<i>Louie Ondo</i>
<i>John G. Mills</i>	<i>David E. Hill</i>
<i>Alfred Tagupa</i>	<i>John Ponsen</i>
<i>David T. Kavanaugh</i>	<i>Richard S. Lester</i>
<i>Carlin G. Robinson</i>	<i>Leo C. Wittner</i>
<i>James S. Korczyk</i>	<i>Donald T. Hidani</i>
<i>Wilbert Ho</i>	<i>Donald Wilson</i>
<i>Onorio Balantac</i>	<i>Phillip Jund</i>
<i>George A. Barnard, III</i>	<i>Judson G. Banks</i>
<i>Louis R. Maurina</i>	<i>Arthur G. Chenoweth</i>
<i>John W. Gill</i>	<i>Virgilio B. Mercado</i>
<i>Robert E. Dietrich</i>	<i>Thomas TW Chun</i>

*Into your hands, Oh merciful and loving Father we commend to you their spirits. May your perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest, forever in peace. Amen.*

## 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 2015-2016 Annual Budget.

	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Fast Class (\$75 per candidate) 100	\$4,500.00	\$7,000.00
Affiliations	460.00	540.00
Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)	200.00	206.00
Dispensations (\$25 per dispensation)	250.00	200.00
GW Memorial Found.(\$5 per initiate)	300.00	365.00
Grand Lodge (\$20 per new initiate)	1,200.00	1,460.00
Masonic Charities of HI (\$15 Initiate)	900.00	1,095.00
Per Capita Tax (\$25 per member)	43,025.00	43,400.00
Donations/Oyher Income	\$2,000.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$52,775.00</b>	<b>\$54,966.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Fast Class	0.00	1,784.28
Annual Communications	3,000.00	2,408.66
Conferences:		
Conf. of Grand Master's Reg.	300.00	300.00
Conf. of Grand Master's Dues	250.00	
Western Conference	400.00	-0-
Conf. of Grand Secretary's Dues	100.00	-0-
GWashington Memorial Foundation	500.00	-0-
Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics:		
Pins	900.00	1,041.00
Grand Lodge Neck Ties	240.00	-0-
Plaques/Mementos	500.00	-0-
Masonic Education	1,000.00	-0-
Masonic Services Association Dues	300.00	300.00
Name Badges	300.00	319.31
Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,391.56
Copier/Computer Supplies	1,000.00	646.35
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	750.00	378.00
Photography and Printing	800.00	800.00
Rental (Office & SRC)	2,500.00	7,197.50
ROLLS Application Support	500.00	300.00
Secretary's Honorarium /\$1,000 month	12,000.00	12,000.00
Secretary's Workshop	800.00	351.04
Tax Preparation Fee	600.00	600.00

Telephone	300.00	230.40
Travel (Greater of \$12,000 or 23.4%)	12,000 .00	18,678.77
Treasurer's Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00
Website	1,200.00	1,611.48
Youth Groups	600.00	600.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,600.00	577.98
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$44,640.00</b>	<b>\$52,716.28</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$8,135.00</b>	<b>\$2,249.67</b>

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,*

### **MEMBERSHIP COUNT**

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

*For the period covering January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 we started off the year with 11 chartered lodges and I am proud to report that number didn't change. All lodges are current in their per-capita payments and are authorized to have representation at this Annual Communication.*

*We also have an authorized Square and Compass Club on Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands who meet on an irregular basis as it is difficult for them to gather as the Masons there come from many different islands.*

*Now for some membership statistics. We started the year with 1,711 members and ended the year with 1,733 members.*

*We had.*

*71 Newly Raised Master Masons  
24 New Affiliates, and  
13 Members were either reinstated or restored*

*For a total of 108 new members. We did however have*

*45 Suspensions  
16 Dimits  
3 Expulsions, and  
22 Brothers who joined the Celestial Lodge Above*

*For a total of 86 who left our craft for one reason or another.*

*This left us with an overall increase of 22 memberships. .... Not a big climb but a climb none-the-less. Our jurisdiction has seen an increase in membership in the last 5 of 7 years.*

*In my report last, I suggested that we needed to stop the bleeding as even though we were bringing in many new Masons each year, we were suffering a huge loss due to suspension for non-payment of dues.*

*I don't know what you did, but this year was the least amount of suspensions we have had in 3 years. Congratulations to all the lodges but let's not stop there, let's keep chipping away at that number. The bleeding hasn't stopped but we have a nice Band-Aid on it right now.*

*A full membership report including individual lodge membership counts will be published along with the proceedings of this Annual Communication when they come out.*

### **RECOGNITIONS REPORT**

*We had one (1) request for recognition this past year and it came from The **Grand Lodge of Estonia**.*

#### **GL of Estonia**

*The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Estonia was consecrated on May 18, 1999. Currently their Grand Lodge consists of twenty-one warranted Lodges. They have adopted their Ritual and Book of Constitutions from its parent, the Grand Lodge of Finland. who is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. They have also adopted "The Basic Principles for Grand Lodge Recognition" accepted by the United Grand Lodge of England.*

*The Grand Lodge of Estonia is currently recognized by: United Grand Lodge of England (03/08/2000), Grand Lodge of Scotland (02/03/2000), and all together by 71 Grand Lodges from Europe, United States, Commonwealth, South America and Asia.*

*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 Estonia meets the standards for recognition as well.*

*And finally, the information they have submitted shows that they meet the requirements for recognition that are outlined in our own Masonic Code Section 100d stating that .....*

*Any grand body seeking recognition as a Sovereign Grand Lodge (in English speaking countries):*

- 1. Must be regularly formed by subordinate Lodges which trace their origin to regular and legitimate Ancient Craft Masonry;*
- 2. Must hold undisputed sway as the acknowledged supreme power in Ancient Craft Masonry in the territory in which it claims jurisdiction, must not render allegiance or obedience, in any sense whatsoever, to any other*

*Masonic power or Supreme Council, must recognize the exclusive jurisdiction of all other Grand Lodges in their respective territories, and must not presume to project its authority or sovereignty into the territory of any other Grand Lodge;*

*3. Must continue its authority and the exercise thereof to the three degrees of the Craft or Symbolic Masonry; and*

*4. Must recognize and support the Ancient Landmarks which include, particularly, the Three Great Lights and belief in God and the immortality of the Soul.*

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

*[It was regularly moved and seconded to recognize the Grand Lodge of Estonia. Motion was carried.]*

### **LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS**

*We continue to show increased attendance at our annual Leadership Workshops.*

*For the last 2 years, we have held them at the recently renovated Makiki Temple and we thank the Honolulu Masonic Temple Association for access to their beautiful library to hold these workshops in.*

*We have placed a small registration fee for the workshops in which the money is used to provide those in attendance with the tools to help them be successful back in their own Lodges.*

*Just a reminder for when another one is offered, the workshops are not only open to Lodge Officers but to any member of our jurisdiction who is considering taking a more active role in the future of their lodge.*

### **SECRETARIES MANUAL**

*Last year, we met a long standing request to create a Lodge Secretaries manual to aid our Lodge secretaries. While I am pleased to say that it has been completed, implemented and distributed, I don't see a lot of secretaries actually using it. To our disappointment, too many are still repeating mistakes or overlooking procedures. I can only assume that it is because you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.*

### **GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES PROGRAM**

*At an Executive committee meeting last year, it was decided to discontinue participation in the Grand Lodge Representatives program as*

*many jurisdictions have already ceased supporting it as well over the past years and many more are doing the same.*

*There just hasn't been any value to a program that is not being utilized for what it is intended for and where the title of the position has become nothing more to most than an honorary title for their resume'. We will however continue to support all appointments currently in place but at this time, we will not be making any new appointments when vacancies occur.*

### **FEDERAL/STATE FILINGS**

*There is a growing concern, not just in our jurisdiction but across the country as well, that many of our lodges are not completing the proper State and Federal Filings every year as mandated by state and federal laws. We received a report from the Internal Revenue Service that several of our lodges have lost their non-profit statuses.*

*This should concern all of us not just the local lodge itself. If a lodge loses their status, they can be possibly flagged for a deeper audit. When this happens, it flags the IRS to possibly check not only into that lodge in particular but possibly check laterally into other lodges who fall under the same parent EIN. As we are all under the same parent EIN of the Grand Lodge this affects ALL of us.*

*The answer to this is we have to collectively make sure that our lodge's administrators are doing their due diligence in completing ALL of our duties. I believe we tend to place too heavy of weight on our leaders being ritual proficient only and not enough effort into making sure they are administratively proficient. With that being said, I am sure we could place a little more importance on increasing management skills as well. Running a lodge today might seem easy on the surface but running a successful lodge is a lot more than just doing degree work.*

*This year's report only includes the fact that some of our lodges have lost their status without naming names, but to give fair notice, next year's report will be more specific. Give the Grand Lodge a call if your lodge needs help with its filing or regaining its non-profit status. While the Grand Lodge cannot give tax advice, we can sure help you find the right help.*

*Most Worshipful Sir, this concludes the Grand Secretary's report for this year. Most Worshipful Sir, thank you for your time.*

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



## DEPUTY GRAND MASTER PRESENTS 2016 BUDGET

The Grand Master then called upon our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser, to present the 2016-2017 Grand Lodge Budget which had been previously circulated to the members of the Finance Committee.

### INCOME

Affiliations (\$20 ea.)	\$300.00
Degrees (\$1 ea.)	\$200.00
GM's One-Day class (est. 75 x \$100 ea. )	\$7,500.00
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 1800 members - 1800 x \$25 = \$43,025	\$45,000.00
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TOTAL INCOME	\$57,650.00

### EXPENSES

Annual Communications	
Supplies	\$1,500.00
Travel	\$2,000.00
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
Western Conference	\$1,500.00
Executive Committee Meeting Refreshments	\$275.00
George Washington Memorial Foundation	\$500.00
Grand Master's One-Day Class	1,100.00
Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics	
Pins	\$900.00
Plaques/Mementos	\$500.00
Grand Lodge Ties	\$750.00
Masonic Education	\$800.00
Masonic Services Association Dues	\$300.00
Name Badges	\$300.00
Office Supplies	
Administrative Supplies - postage, etc.	\$1,200.00
Copier Supplies - Computers	\$575.00
Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel	\$750.00
Photography and Printing	\$750.00



## **MASONIC CHARITIES OF HAWAII**

The Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Brother Monty J. Glover, Past Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii and the chairman of our Masonic Charities of Hawaii for their annual report.

*Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, Honorable Sirs and Brethren all,*

*The Board of Directors for the Masonic Charities of Hawaii submit the following annual report:*

*The voting members of the Masonic Charities of Hawaii met at Honolulu Masonic Temple on February 11, 2016 for the purpose of electing and seating a new board of directors. Present in person or by proxy were 13 voting members establishing a quorum. After nominations for the six open director slots were closed and the votes tallied the following directors were elected.*

*Lee Gordon  
Mark Leo  
Gerhart Walch  
Monty Glover  
David Gomes  
Dustin Verity*

*The Newly elected Board Members then held an organizational meeting on February 25 to elected the officers and the following were elected:*

*Monty Glover – President  
Mark Leo – Vice President  
Dustin Verity – Treasurer  
Lee Gordon – Secretary  
David Gomes – Director  
Gerhart Walch – Director*

*The Board has discussed many possible directors for the MCH and is currently researching the possibility of implementing the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program here in Hawaii. They will also be pursuing grants from federal, state and city sources to fund this program once they have received by-in from the State Board of Education. We will also be continuing on our Child ID activities, looking at possible upgrades to all the systems, as well as looking at even more opportunities to be of service to our communities but most especially the young and aged population.*

*We will also be establishing accounts for each Lodge under the 501c3 umbrella of the MCH where members may make donations that can be utilized for approved charitable activities and for which the donor may receive taxable advantages should they be allowed the deduction.*

*The Board would like to thank the Grand Lodge for it's continued support and we look forward to accomplishing great things.*

*Fraternally,  
Monty J. Glover, PGM  
President  
Masonic Charities of Hawaii*

## GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

*Aloha! Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, Honorables, Worshipfuls, and brethren all; The 2015-2016 Grand Lodge term started out at a breakneck pace. I visited eleven lodges in the first three months of my term, carrying a message of "Civility."*

*It was received with open arms by my Island Brothers. It would seem that the message of peace and harmony was taken to heart. I am proud to report there have not been any Masonic Charges filed this year. That alone can be considered a successful year.*

*This year I empowered our Masters of the Blue Lodges to take command and run their lodges without interference from the Grand Lodge. I also extended the open hand of the GL to help in any way that we can to meet their needs.*

*We have increased our numbers significantly due to the combined efforts of our hard working brothers in all eleven lodges. We successfully offered two Grand Masters One Day Classes, increasing our numbers in excess of 75 new Master Masons. With the attrition rate of the Craft ever increasing in our more senior brothers who leave us to move to the mainland for family and health reasons we are proud to announce a positive increase in membership by about sixteen new brothers.*

*I have traveled to the mainland three times during my term of office. Attending the California Annual Communication last October, was a privilege and a learning experience. I again returned to San Francisco, in November, for the World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges. What an experience it was to sit together with brothers from around the globe and discuss the profound effect that Freemasonry has had on, and still has, on the world at large. I even had the privilege to have my picture taken with the George Washington Bible. Lastly, I traveled to Madison Wisconsin to represent the Grand Lodge of Hawaii at the Western Conference of Grand Masters and the Conference of Grand Masters of North America that hosts the largest gathering of Grand Masters in the world.*

*With installations, executive committee meetings, visitations, sojourning and special events, youth groups events, concordant bodies events, a Grand Master's schedule is enough to fill a calendar and then some. But not to worry, after this weekend they will probably say "Mike Who?"*

*None of the above would have possible without the special talents of my Grand Lodge executive committee.*

*The Grand Secretary, MW Marty Alexander PGM has been my knight in shining armor. His expertise in protocol and planning has been invaluable to our success this year.*

*Most Worshipful Dennis Ing PGM, Grand Lecturer, was largely responsible for the planning of the two Grand Masters Fast Classes we offered in July and March.*

*Most Worshipful Monty Glover PGM was instrumental in reviving the Masonic Charities Committee. We are finally able to expand our ability to put the Masonic Charities Committee to work on other projects other than just Child ID. The possibilities are endless.”*

*Right Worshipful Andy Geiser DGM, served as my proxy when I have been unavailable to travel to Oahu. I am confident the Craft will be in capable hands for the ensuing Masonic Year. RW Andy, I wish you all the success and good fortune that I have experienced on my journey to the Grand East. Just remember to stop and smell the roses on your way to achieving your goals this year, and that no man walks alone. You have the love and support of nearly 1800 brothers behind you.*

*Honorable Alberto Alcoran, Grand Treasurer, I thank you for keeping me apprised of the finances of the Grand Lodge.*

*RW Albert Alvarez, Senior Grand Warden, your positive attitude and willingness to roll up your sleeves shows that you will continue to be an important asset of the executive committee.*

*RW Wilson Camagan, JGW, your expertise in Masonic protocols has been invaluable to me. Your wiliness to accept any challenge set before you shows leadership qualities necessary to become Grand Master in the future.*

*There are a group of unsung Heroes who rarely receive recognition in the jurisdiction. They are the Grand Lodge inspectors. They represent me at the lodge level and keep the wheels of the Craft well oiled. Thank you my brothers. It is a thankless, but rewarding job that is essential to the success of our blue lodges. Again thank you Worshipfuls.*

*To my loyal Grand Lodge Appointed Officers, I truly appreciate your sacrifice of time this year. It was impressive, on my visitations, to see the many officers in the sidelines. Sometimes greater in number than the lodge’s brethren.*

*To all the brothers that work in the background for the satisfaction of a job well done, I say thank you. Such are the Wages of a Master Mason.*

*Living on the Big Island has not been without its challenges. The price of a round trip ticket on Hawaiian Airlines is nearly as expensive as a*

*trip to the mainland and back. This impacted my budget heavily. Therefore I chose to spend my budget mostly in Hawaii rather than abroad.*

*Even though we bore the brunt of the increases of air travel, somehow we managed to come in under budget. We even had a little wiggle room to cover unexpected expenses from this Annual Communication.*

*You would think a year would be enough time to have accomplished all the goals I intended for this year, but before I knew it, here we are back at the Grand Lodge Annual Communications again.*

*In closing I thank my Brethren for the opportunity afforded me as your Grand Master, God Bless and Mahalo!*

*Michael P. Baker Sr.  
Grand Master of Hawaii*

It was then regularly moved and seconded to accept the Grand Master's message. Motion was carried.

When Most Worshipful Baker 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.

## **SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION APRIL 16<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

The Most Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr., Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii called the Grand Lodge of Hawaii from refreshment and resumed labor at 9:00 am.

### **GRAND ORATION**

*Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, and Masons all. Aloha kakahiaka kākou. Good morning to us all. It is indeed an honor to stand before you who are representatives of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known. As we tell our candidates, a brotherhood which extends into every far flung corner of the Earth. I have experienced this brotherhood traveling in foreign countries and being welcomed with open arms by my Masonic Brothers.*

*A question which plagues all Lodges is one of membership attrition. In many Lodges, especially in difficult economic times, more members are lost through death, demits and non-payment of dues than are gained by the addition of new members. Yet Freemasonry is a unique organization. It is different from all other fraternal organizations. Others may be formed to perform charitable functions or convene for fellowship, or both. But we are different. I am sure we have all heard that classic definition of Freemasonry: that it is a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. No other fraternal organization is like that and no other fraternal organization has existed for as long as we have. As a result of our system of morality, we perform charitable functions and enjoy fellowship, but that is not our main purpose.*

*In the Farmer's Almanac for 1823 published at Andover, Mass., the following was printed under the heading, "Character of a Freemason":*

*"The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. Other men are honest in fear of punishment which the law might inflict; they are religious in expectation of being rewarded, or in dread of the devil, in the next world. A Freemason would be just if there were no laws, human or divine except those written in his heart by the finger of his creator. In every climate, under every system of religion, he is the same. He kneels before the universal throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received and humble solicitation for his future protection. He venerates the good men of all religions. He disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, because they cannot be indulged without injuring his neighbor or himself. He gives no offense, because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is certain he cannot discharge, because he is honest upon principal."*



*So we have long been recognized as an unique group of men, but does that suffice to draw new blood into the organization? It is quite evident that our system of morality alone does not provide the impetus to bring in new members. That system of morality must be accompanied by fellowship. A Lodge must be a place where Brothers enjoy each other; and I mean all Brothers, not just the ones in a particular social or class conscious clique. So the modern Mason needs to be someone who is not only morally upright but goes out of his way to greet fellow Masons and those who might wish to become Masons in the most friendly way possible. Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Baker has made it the theme of his tenure which he calls CIVILITY.*

*The question then becomes: how is such a person produced? What must happen in order for a man to become the Mason who can accomplish that? I think we have all been through that process if we only pause and contemplate that which has happened. In order to be such a person. there may have been a transformation; a moment when the ordinary man becomes a Mason. What I offer you as an explanation is my view, which may differ from another Mason's view, since we have no dogma so that any way of thinking is entirely individual.*

*I contend that that moment occurs when, in the third degree we are symbolically killed, buried, and eventually raised from the grave. When we are brought from the grave by the strong grip of the lion's paw, hopefully we left some things in that grave; burdens that we no longer carry through life.*

*Man appears to be unique in the animal world, for most of his life he knows that he will die. That realization of mortality is always there. That is a reason why the candidate must be symbolically killed and buried, only to rise again. As is so eloquently stated in the third degree lecture: we should emulate the Grand Master Hiram Abif so that we are prepared to welcome death, not as a grim tyrant but as a kind messenger sent to translate us from this imperfect to that all perfect, glorious, and celestial Lodge above where the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe forever presides. We must know that death is coming, fear it not and accept that we have a better place to go. That is a big step in being able to become a better person and so convince the world by our acts.*

*However, there is still something else we left in that grave. In order to be a true Master Mason we must leave behind desire for worldly possession and position. You must leave behind the wishes of your ego so that you may become a part of society and creation as a whole. The two are related because when you stop fearing death, you then realize that the work you do for others is more important than self aggrandizement. As Robert Lomas states in "Turning the Hiram Key": "a real Master Mason is one who has made the great act of self-denial, who has died the death of the ego and experienced the transformation it involves. It leaves you with no dread of death, for you have already been*

*to your own funeral, and you know it is an inevitable complement to life. This freedom from fear of the future leaves you unfettered and able to make full use of your talents to build a structure, in your works, which will survive your physical death.”*

*That is, my brethren, to this person who stands before you, the secret to which the degrees allude and consequently the secret to building a successful Lodge. It is not easy, but the death of the ego will, in fact, allow for the transformation which we must experience. It is the only way that we can meet upon the level, act by the plumb and part on the square.*

*The death of the ego will be the most difficult thing you have ever done in Masonry. In our working life ego is extremely important. Success depends on it. To advance you must truly believe that you are better than your competition. You must not be afraid to demonstrate that ego. However, in the Lodge one's ego is actually a detriment. If the ego is there, working on the level is not possible, since ego says that the playing field is not level. It is not important, in Lodge, that a person has been successful or honored in his chosen profession. What is important is that he is an upright, honorable person who relates to everyone in Lodge as a true brother, not just as the ritual states, but truly in one's heart.*

*Civility is not a new concept. Allow me to cite what have become known as George Washington's 110 Rules of Civility. He did not write them but rather copied them as an exercise in penmanship at the age of 16. They were originally composed by French Jesuits in 1595. You can Google them to get the complete list, but I do want to stress a few of them. Rather than use the language of 1595 I will relate them in modern terms.*

- 1. Treat everyone with respect.*
- 3. Be considerate of others. Do not embarrass others.*
- 6. Pay attention to what others are saying.*
- 7. Don't relish another's misfortune even if he is your enemy.*
- 44. When a person does his best and fails, do not criticize him.*
- 45. When you must give advice or criticism, consider the timing, whether it should be given in public or private, the manner and above all be gentle.*
- 46. If you are corrected, take it without argument. If you were wrongly judged, correct it later.*
- 47. Do not make fun of anything important to others.*
- 50. Do not be quick to believe bad reports about others.*
- 58. Always allow reason to govern your actions.*
- 63. A person should not overly value his own accomplishments.*
- 67. Do not detract from others nor be overbearing in giving orders.*

*89. Do not speak badly of those who are not present.*

*110. Don't allow yourself to become jaded, cynical or calloused.*

*Civility is the only way we make the Lodge a welcoming place. We have seen this occur in my Lodge. Every member, candidate or visitor who walks through our door is warmly greeted and royally entertained. No person is left to sit alone, contemplating whether this is truly a place where he belongs. As a result our numbers have been constantly growing and visitors return year after year. I firmly believe that the secret to solving the attrition problem has been in our ritual all along. We must do more than memorize the ritual. We have to actually think about what we are saying and doing in our ritual. If we do that the attrition problem will disappear.*

*So that is my assignment for you; should you choose to accept it. This oration will self-destruct in 10 seconds.*

*Mahalo for your attention.*

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Next, Most Worshipful Baker called upon Most Worshipful Kenneth Nagel, Past Grand Master from the Grand Lodge of California and a Board of Director for the George Washington Nation Masonic Memorial for a special presentation as Most Worshipful Nagel would be unable to attend this evenings Installation and Awards Banquet. At that time, Most Worshipful Nagel presented our Grand Master with an appreciation plaque from the George Washington Nation Masonic Memorial for his support of the memorial as well updating us on the history and events of the memorial.

## **2016 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS SYNOPSIS**

The Grand Master then called upon Most Worshipful Monty Glover 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. The full form of each proposed resolution was distributed to each lodge and is also on record in the Grand Lodge Office as well. A copy of each proposed resolution as well as the jurisprudence committee's recommendation of each is included in the Appendix of these Proceedings for reference.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02 - Carryover  
Proficiency Requirement to Join a Cncordant Body**  
Required: 2/3 Received: 45% Result: Failed

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01**  
**\$1 Assessment for the George Washington National Masonic Memorial**  
Required: 2/3 Received: 91% Result: Passed

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02**  
**Electioneering for Jr. Grand Warden's Station**  
Required: 2/3 Received: 87% Result: Passed

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03**  
**Notice of Application to Lodges**  
Required: 2/3 Received: 98% Result: Passed

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04**  
**Authorization of a Plaint Text Cipher**  
Required: 2/3 Received: 30% Result: Failed

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05**  
**Formation of a Jr. Grand Warden Recommendation Committee**  
Required: 2/3 Received: 5% Result: Failed

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06**

**Change Proposed Resolution Submission Deadlines**

Required: 2/3 Received: 87% Result: Passed

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07**

**Dissolution of Lodge Properties**

Required: 2/3 Received: 42% Result: Failed

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08**

**Masonic Charities of Hawaii References in HMC**

Required: 2/3 Received: 89% Result: Passed

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09**

**Allowing Multiple Candidates During Obligation**

Required: 2/3 Received: 54% Result: Failed

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10**

**Clarification Regarding Notices Of Suspension**

Required: 2/3 Received: 83% 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 Baker again thanked all of the brethren for their support throughout the year and asked if any brother had anything to bring before this Grand Lodge as it was time for the election of the 2016 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.

So the Election process began with the following results

### **ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

The following Grand Lodge officers were then elected to serve this Grand Lodge for the year 2016 – 2017 Grand Lodge year.

Grand Master .....	Andrew L. Geiser
Deputy Grand Master .....	Albert B. Alvarez
Senior Grand Warden .....	Wilson S. Camagan
Junior Grand Warden .....	Alexander A. Escasa
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 11:55 am, Most Worshipful Baker 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 2016 – 2017.**

Grand Master .....	Andrew L. Geiser
Deputy Grand Master .....	Albert B. Alvarez
Senior Grand Warden .....	Wilson S. Camagan
Junior Grand Warden .....	Alexander A. Escasa
Grand Treasurer .....	Alberto P. Alarcon
Grand Secretary .....	Marty P. Alexander, PGM
Grand Lecturer .....	Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM
Grand Chaplain .....	Randy V.N. Albano
Grand Orator .....	Raymund L. Liongson

Grand Marshal .....	Damien P. Donavan
Grand Standard Bearer .....	Douglas E. Crum
Grand Sword Bearer .....	Alvin E. Walker II
Grand Bible Bearer .....	Robert F. Self
Senior Grand Deacon .....	Edde T. Kanai
Junior Grand Deacon .....	Robert K. Kapanui
Senior Grand Steward .....	Christopher A. Acosta
Junior Grand Steward .....	Jonathan P. Cross
Grand Historian .....	Stephen D. Carroll
Grand Organist .....	Lee D. Gordon
Grand Pursuivant .....	Herman K. Wilson
Grand Tiler .....	James R. Steinwandt

**Grand Lodge Inspectors**

Worshipful Jay Oliver Bajuyo .....	Hawaiian Lodge
Worshipful Seth A. Connell .....	Honolulu Lodge
Worshipful Donald W. Traller .....	Kauai Lodge
Worshipful J. Daniel Miller .....	Kilauea Lodge / Maui Lodge
Worshipful Michael D. Janovsky .....	Kona Lodge
Worshipful Garry Graham .....	Ko’olau Lodge
Worshipful Michael J. Lopez .....	Leeward Lodge
Worshipful Dustin T. Verity .....	Lodge le Progres D’ le Oceanie
Worshipful Mark P. Leo. ....	Pearl Harbor Lodge
Not Installed at this time .....	Schofield Lodge

After the installation of the 2016 – 2017 Grand Lodge officers, our newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser addressed the assembly, to wit;

**GRAND MASTER’S ADDRESS**

*I believe Freemasonry is the most relevant, powerful, influential Institution in the History of the World. More than any other profession, Freemason’s are the most ignorant.*

*A. Men in other professions know their Craft.*

*A1. The typical profession requires a knowledgeable progression, meeting benchmarks etc... for advancement. At times Masonry does not.*

*B. There is nothing more common in a Masonic Lodge than ignorance of the Craft. No knowledge of its history, whether new or ancient.*

*Too many Masons have no comprehension of the esoteric meanings or symbols. Yet these same Masons are often the first and most obstinate Brothers when engaging those much wiser and informed/educated.*

*Why is it in Masonry that we find so much ignorance? If we attempt to hire someone to do something outside of their skill set he declines, but too many men believe that once raised he has all the knowledge necessary and therefore have no need to study. They already know it all. The Body of Freemasonry can be divided into 3 basic classes.*

*1. The guy who joins for mercenary motives. He wants the ring, privilege etc... After they get, or don't get, what they want they essentially become Non-Affiliates. Drift away. There's no hope for this type. They're dead trees, let them fall, they're worthless and incapable of improvement.*

*2. Join for the right motives. Opposite of type number 1. They understand the meaning in ritual and ceremony. Inquisitive, open-minded. They seek counsel of older more experienced Mason's, they read, seek knowledge. They serve.*

*Types 1 and 2 are the bookends, the extremes. Between them is type number 3, which comprises most of Freemasonry.*

*3. Type 3 joins with good intentions, it stops there. Once raised they think they are then Masons. No further inquiry, that getting the ring is the end of it.*

*Men in all 3 classes have motive and ambition but not a thirst for knowledge. They surprisingly know so little about the Craft yet aggressively pursue higher degrees. These members are not only drones, for they are wasps. They repel the worker bees, discourage growth of new initiates, set a bad example. They stunt the development of a healthy lodge and new members.*

*During the ensuing Masonic year we will pursue Light and Knowledge and I will lead that effort.*

*Andrew L. Geiser, Grand Master, April 16, 2016.*

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



The Past Grand Masters present were as follows:

2004	Most Worshipful Oscar M. Jayme
2008	Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing
2009	Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander
2010	Most Worshipful Charles L. Wegener
2011	Most Worshipful Monty J. Glover
2012	Most Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya
2013	Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II
2014	Most Worshipful Richard B. Huston
2015	Most Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr.

At that point, it was discovered that Most Worshipful Baker. 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 Geiser then acknowledge our visiting dignitaries by having them rise an introduce themselves along with any brothers that might be traveling with them.

After presentations were completed, Most Worshipful Andrew Geiser then closed the 2016 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii by proclamation.

Respectfully Submitted

*Marty Alexander*

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



# **APPENDIX**

**2016 Resolutions W/ Jurisprudence Reports & Results – Full Form**

**2015 List of Lodges, Lodge Masters and Membership Counts**

**List of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii**

**2016 Annual Communication Credentials Committee Report**

**Resolutions presented  
At the 2016 Annual Communication  
With Jurisprudence Committee Reports  
And Voting Results**

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02  
2015 CARRYOVER**

**Required Vote: 2/3    Result: 45% - Failed**

**Modifying Requirements To Join Concordant/Appendent Bodies**

Our jurisdiction has always had the requirement of a 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.

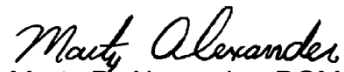
How do we get rid of this chronic issue, let's say we amend the requirements to something that is more reasonable to keep track of. Something that we at the Blue Lodge level can more successfully monitor. Something that may make the need for a Grand Master's Decision to straighten things out every few 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 in his lodge master's 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 waive the requirements of becoming an elective lodge officer in this jurisdiction.

Dated Originally Submitted: November 03, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marty F. Alexander, PGM  
Proponent

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**  
**Grand Lodge of Hawaii**  
**Proposed Resolution No. 2015-02 - CARRYOVER**

**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 Carry-Over Resolution 2015-02 has been referred, reports as follows:

This resolution was brought before the Grand Lodge last year in 2015 and failed in a 25 yes to 24 no vote (51%) as it requires a 2/3rd vote (66.6%) for passage as it attempts to change a section(s) of the Hawaii Masonic Code. But while the resolution failed to pass, it did however receive a 51% favorable vote which according to our Masonic code allows the resolution to be brought up again the following year for consideration as a carry-over resolution so it is hereby resubmitted for your consideration.

Currently, our Hawaii Masonic Code §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 a minimum of 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. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge for passage.

Dated: January 11, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01**

**Required Vote: 2/3    Result: 91% - Passed**

**Provides for a \$1 per member annual assessment for the  
George Washington Masonic National Memorial**

This Resolution seeks to provide a permanent per capita assessment of \$1.00 per member for the support of George Washington Masonic National Memorial in addition to the regular per-capita.

**WHEREAS**, more than 100 years ago, Masons from throughout the United States had a vision to build a magnificent, durable memorial to forever honor the memory and legacy of the Father of our Country, Worshipful Brother George Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorial was constructed in the 1920's and has become an important destination for Masons as well as the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorial operates with the financial support of American Masons whose unified support perpetuates this symbol of veneration for our first and greatest president; and

**WHEREAS**, over half of the Grand Lodges in the United States have adopted resolutions to provide annual contributions to the Memorial of at least \$1 per year per Mason; and

**WHEREAS**, the Masons of Hawaii are proud to support this Masonic Memorial and wish to help ensure its future.

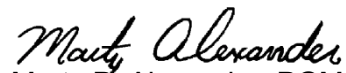
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section §1704 (3rd) of the Hawaii Masonic Code be added as follows:

**§1704. CONTRIBUTIONS OF LODGES.** Each Lodge, whether chartered or under dispensation, shall pay with its Annual Returns the following Contributions:

**3rd.** For each member carried on the roll of each lodge as of January 1st of each year, the additional sum of \$1.00 will be added to the per-capita of each membership for the support of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Dated: October 13, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marty F. Alexander, PGM  
Proponent

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2016-01**

**Provides for a \$1 per member annual assessment for the  
George Washington Masonic National Memorial**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2016-01 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to provide a permanent annual assessment of \$1.00 per member for the support of George Washington Masonic National Memorial in addition to the regular per-capita no matter if that amount changes or remains the same.

Currently, our Hawaii Masonic Code does not provide for jurisdictional support for the Memorial other than what is collected from application or degree fees.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Dated: January 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02**

**Required Vote: 2/3    Result: 87% - Passed**

**Electioneering regarding the office of Junior Grand Warden**

It has become common place for the Grand Master each year to issue an Edict that would allow brothers who desire to be nominated for the office of Junior Grand Warden to submit a statement of declaration to the Grand Lodge before the actual nomination on the floor at an Annual Communication. The intent of this resolution is to codify this practice in our Hawaii Masonic Code instead of having the need to create a Grand Master's Decision each year.

This Resolution will serve to avoid aggressive (and sometimes undignified) campaigning and to promote elections based on qualifications rather than politics. As well, early notification will aid Lodges and the voting membership to make a more informed decision rather than just doing our best to decide primarily on the basis of name recognition alone or without any background information.

It will also create a fair environment in which all statements will be distributed together and to give to our lodges ample time for their consideration but does not exclude anyone from being nominated from the floor which is everyone's right

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section §2074a of the Hawaii Masonic Code be added as follows:

§2074a. Any candidate for Jr. Grand Warden may submit to the Grand Lodge a one-page, typewritten statement not to exceed 500 words containing his qualifications and experience only. All personal declarations will be reserved for their nomination speech on the floor of the Annual Communication during their allotted time. Statements submitted will be reviewed for proper content.

All statements will be distributed together and to give to our lodges ample time for their consideration, all declarations must be received by the Grand Secretary by no later than 45 days before each Annual Communication. Either mail, e-mail or hand delivery will be acceptable. This does not exclude floor nominations during the Annual Communication.

Any person nominating a candidate from the floor of an Annual Communication shall be limited to the following statement: "Most Worshipful, I hereby nominate (name of candidate) for the office of Jr. Grand Warden" and then be seated without further elaboration. It will be up to the candidate to give their own speech on their behalf which will consist of no more than five (5) minutes indicating why he is running for office, and that he will serve, if elected.

Dated: October 13, 2015  
Respectfully submitted,

  
Marty F. Alexander, PGM  
Proponent



**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2016-02**

**Electioneering regarding the office of Junior Grand Warden**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2016-02 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by adding **§2074a**, which would allow for Past Masters running for the office of Jr. Grand Warden to submit to the Grand Lodge a document outlining their experience and qualifications for the position. This "Masonic Resume" would then be distributed to all voting members of the Grand Lodge and Lodges for their review. This written statement, alone, would be exempt from the Electioneering section of the HMC. It does not allow for any individual to independently send out any information regarding a Brother seeking the office or requesting support thereof.

This is already an established practice through Grand Master's dispensation each year and would eliminate the need to issue such dispensations should the resolution pass.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Dated: January 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03**

**Required Vote: 2/3    Result: 98% - Passed**

**Notice of Application to Lodges**

The intent of this resolution is simply a housekeeping measure. Section §2636 was changed a few years back to direct a Lodge Secretary to send notification of an application for degrees to the Grand Secretary and then it would be the Grand Secretary's responsibility to send notification to all other Lodge Secretaries. The resolution at the time did not address changes to other parts of the Hawaii Masonic Code that it affected thereby creating conflicts.

This resolution seeks to change that part of the code which states ...

Excerpt of §2618. "a Lodge shall notify any other Lodge or Lodges within ten (10) miles of its place of meeting"


to match that of the most recent change ...

Excerpt of §2636. "the Secretary shall send a notice of the application by email to the Grand Secretary, who shall thereafter send notice of the application by email or facsimile machine, or regular mail to the Secretaries of all Lodges (including the Lodge which received the application.)"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that part of Section §2618 of the Hawaii Masonic Code be amended as follows:

§2618 Within ten days after the receipt of the application, ~~a Lodge shall notify any other Lodge or Lodges within ten (10) miles of its place of meeting~~ the Secretary shall send a notice of the application by email to the Grand Secretary, who shall thereafter send notice of the application by email or facsimile machine, or regular mail to the Secretaries of all Lodges (including the Lodge which received the application) of any applications it may receive for degrees or affiliation.

Dated: October 13, 2015  
Respectfully submitted,

  
Marty R. Alexander, PGM  
Proponent

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2016-03**

**Notice of Application to Lodges**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2016-03 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by modifying §2618, to be more in line with changes previously made to the HMC regarding notification of applications for degrees to all Lodge Secretaries. This is a "Housekeeping" resolution to ensure the integrity and consistency of our Hawaii Masonic Code.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Dated: January 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04**

**Required Vote: 2/3    Result: 30% - Failed**

**To authorize a singular “plain text“ cipher**

Through the years, portions of the verbiage or floor work of our ritual often get either changed or interpreted differently from time to time. This causes an inconsistency in our ritual as to how it is practiced and presented in our lodges. It also leads to confusion, not only from our new members but also the experienced one as to what to believe as there is conflicting information coming from different credible sources that say different things.

I am sure many of you have even witnessed occasions where this has happened. For example, a Grand Lodge Inspector might visit or give a school of instruction and then once gone, the officers coach might give conflicting information because that’s not how “he was taught”.

I have always thought, it is not our job to interpret ritual but simply to enforce it. Changes being made without codification and just because it “makes sense” is not authorized and should not be allowed. How can this be done, when subjectivity creeps in on many occasions?

By establishing consistency through having a plain text ritual in the possession of the Grand Lodge that can be used as a factual reference instead of subjective interpretations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a section be added to the Hawaii Masonic Code as follows:

**§2689b.** The Grand Lodge and each lodge in this jurisdiction is authorized to have in its possession, one (1) plain text copy of the Hawaii Masonic Ritual (published and distributed by the Grand Lodge), for reference (excluding all secret words, passwords, signs and grips) and shall be kept in a secure location as determined by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge who shall be solely responsible for its care and keep. If that Worshipful Master does not accept that responsibility, then that copy of the plain text cipher shall be returned to the Grand Lodge until such time as the next Worshipful Master is willing to accept that responsibility.

DATED: November 6, 2015

  
Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Alexander PGM, *Proponent*

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2016-04**

**To authorize a singular “plain text“ cipher**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2016-04 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by adding §2689b to the HMC allowing for a single plain text copy of the Hawaii Masonic Ritual, excluding all Signs, Tokens and Words, to be held by the Grand Lodge, and each constituent Lodge to be kept, under the responsibility of the Lodge Master, in a secured place. Should a Lodge Master refuse to accept a copy of the plain text cypher it would be held at the Grand Lodge until such time as subsequent Master/s request it.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Dated: January 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII**  
**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05**  
**Required Vote: 2/3    Result: 5% - Failed**  
**Formation of Junior Grand Warden Recommendation Committee**

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii was formed in 1989. While it was not easy back then to accomplish this, it was even more difficult to select the right brothers to help lead and administrate our fraternity. As we grow older, the administration of our jurisdiction only grows more complex each year.

As we progress, albiet sometimes ever so slowly, it is becoming more important that the selection of our future leaders is assisted by preplanning as well as through our traditional way of nomination from the floor. This way, possible candidates for future Gand Lodge leaders can be interviewed to help determine the eligibility and experience of a brother who is considering this important position of service to our fraternity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section §1202 of the Hawaii Masonic Code be amended to include the listing of this committee as follows:

**§1202. STANDING COMMITTEES.**

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, on Temple Properties, on United States Constitution Observance, on Finance, on Credentials, on Foreign Jurisdictions, on Masonic History, on Masonic Education, on Ritual, on Masonic Code, on Investments, ~~and~~ on Emergency Action, and on Junior Grand Warden Recommendation. 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.

**NOW ALSO THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section §1242 of the Hawaii Masonic Code be added to specify the function and responsibilities of the Junior Grand Warden Recommendation Committee as follows:

§2142. COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN RECOMMENDATION.

The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, and the Past Grand Masters shall constitute the committee to recommend to Grand Lodge a member for election as Junior Grand Warden. The Grand Master shall call and preside at meetings of the committee, but shall not vote except in cases of tie votes. In such case whereas a member of the committee is unable to attend, he may nominate or vote by proxy. A majority vote of those present in person or by proxy shall be necessary to select a recommendee.

Notice of the selected recommendee will be distributed to all lodges in this jurisdiction together with any other declarations of nomination that have been submitted so that all have an equal amount of time for the jursidcition to consider their nominations. The nomination of said recommendee shall be made on the Grand Lodge floor by the Grand Secretary.

Dated: November 6, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

*Marty Alexander*

Marty P. Alexander, PGM Proponent

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2016-05**

**Formation of Junior Grand Warden Recommendation Committee**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2016-05 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by amending §1202 to include the formation of a standing committee on Jr. Grand Warden Recommendation and adding §2142 to the HMC describing the members of the committee, their duties and method of reporting. This committee would report out each year, by the Grand Secretary, their recommended candidate for the office of Jr. Grand Warden and would constitute a nomination for that office.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Dated: January 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06**

**Required Vote: 2/3    Result: 87% - Passed**

**Change Deadlines For Resolution Submission**

The Hawaii Masonic Code currently states that, except for "Emergent Resolutions", members of our jurisdiction have up until 160 days prior to an upcoming Annual Communication to submit any desire proposed resolution for consideration that year. This seems a very long time in advance to submit legislation as many times topics may not come up or changes not be relevant until a little closer to the actual communication. 160 days - that's almost 6 months! That is a very long time away.

This resolution proposes to give our jurisdiction more time to submit proposed legislation for each year's Annual Communication so that it may be more relevant and timely. It proposes to do so without taking away from the last deadline for the amount of time the Lodges have to the final review. Instead, it only shortens the amount of time used in Grand Secretary and Jurisprudence Committee preparation time.

In summary, the amount of time given the Grand Secretary in both of his instances to prepare/assemble his communications would be shortened to 15 days instead of 20 or 30 days and jurisprudence's preparation time shortened to 30 days instead of 50 days. Trust me, at least on the part of the Grand Secretary's preparation time, the process doesn't take that long and that extra time would best be served by giving the jurisdiction additional time for resolution submissions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that all applicable sections of the Hawaii Masonic Code be amended to reflect the following:

Sections of HMC §160 / HMC §500 / HMC §4000 regarding the amount of time for the jurisdiction to submit resolutions will be changed from  
~~160~~ 120 days prior to the upcoming Annual Communication

Section of HMC §1108(19th) regarding the amount of time the Grand Secretary will have to submit the resolutions to the Jurisprudence Committee will be changed from  
~~140~~ 105 days prior to the upcoming Annual Communication

Section of HMC §1204 regarding the amount of time the Jurisprudence Committee will have to return their reports to the Grand Secretary will be changed from  
~~90~~ 75 days prior to the upcoming Annual Communication

Section of HMC §1108 (19th a) regarding the amount of time the Grand Secretary will have to send the resolutions along with Jurisprudence reports to the lodges will remain unchanged at  
60 days prior to the upcoming Annual Communication

Dated: November 6, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

*Marty Alexander*

Marty P. Alexander, PGM Proponent



**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2016-06**

**Change Deadlines For Resolution Submission**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2016-06 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by amending §160, 500, 4000, 1108 and 1204 resulting in extending the time the members of the Jurisdiction have to submit a resolution for an upcoming Annual Communication and shorten the time the Grand Secretary and Jurisprudence committee has to receive, review and comment and distribute the Resolutions to the Lodges and voting members.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Dated: January 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07**

**Required Vote: 2/3    Result: 42% - Failed**

**Regarding Dissolution of Lodge Assets**

Currently our Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC) states that upon the surrender or forfeiture of a Lodge's Charter that all the Lodge's Assets "shall be disposed of as provided for." However, there is currently nothing in the HMC that expounds upon what "provided for" means or how these assets, except for Life Membership Funds covered in §2326, are to be disposed of.

Therefore, let it be resolved that §2122(a) be added to the Hawaii Masonic code as follows;

§2122(a) Upon the dissolution of a Lodge, the Grand Secretary, or his duly authorized representative, shall, in such manner as shall seem to him most judicious:

- A. Proceed at once to receive its funds on hand, except that of the Life Membership Fund if previously prescribed;
- B. Collect outstanding dues;
- C. Dispose of its jewels, furniture, and other property; and
- D. Place the proceeds thereof, after the payment of all just debts and necessary expenses, among the unrestricted funds of Grand Lodge.

Date November 6, 2015



Respectfully Submitted,  
Monty J. Glover, PGM Proponent

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2016-07**

**Regarding Dissolution of Lodge Assets**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2016-07 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by adding §2122(a) providing clear direction on how a Lodge's assets will be disposed of upon its dissolution. While this is a very important addition, it is really nothing more than a housekeeping measure designed to bring clarity to an incomplete section of the HMC.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Dated: January 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08**

**Required Vote: 2/3    Result: 89% - Passed**

**CHANGES TO REFERENCES REGARDING  
HAWAII MASONIC FOUNDATION AND MEMBERSHIP RESTRUCTURING**

**Whereas:** In 2009 the Grand Lodge of Hawaii established a 501(c)3 Corporation titled Masonic Charities of Hawaii to address a point in the Five Paddles of Progress. This also addressed the issue that the Hawaii Masonic Foundation of Hawaii was not an IRS recognized charitable organization and therefore any donations were not tax deductible. However our Hawaii Masonic Code was not updated to replace the Hawaii Masonic Foundation with the Masonic Charities of Hawaii nor were the membership definitions in section §1602 changed to reflect the bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that part of Article III, Article VIII - Of Fees, Section §1602 and §1604, §2316n and §2320 of the Hawaii Masonic Code along with the Five Paddles of Progress be amended as follows:

ARTICLE III

~~HAWAII MASONIC FOUNDATION~~ CHARITIES OF HAWAII

ARTICLE VIII - OF FEES

SECTION 1. The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows: For the three degrees, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars; for the degrees of Fellowcraft and Master Mason, when the first degree shall have been received in another Lodge, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars; for the degree of Master Mason, when the first and second degrees shall have been received in another Lodge, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars; and for affiliation the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars; except that the affiliation fee shall be \_\_\_\_\_dollars if the demit accompanying the application is issued by \_\_\_\_\_(Here insert "this Lodge" or "a Lodge of this jurisdiction," or any other special classification desired.) \$10 of affiliation fee is for Grand Lodge and \$10 for ~~Masonic Foundation~~ Masonic Charities of Hawaii.

§1602. APPOINTMENT AND POWERS. The ~~Trustees~~ Board of Directors of the ~~Hawaii Masonic Foundation~~ Masonic Charities of Hawaii, a charitable corporation, shall consist of 6 members

directors which shall not be the sitting Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden or Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge. which shall include the Grand Master as Ex Officio, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden and 5 members to be appointed by the Grand Master to serve for a term of one year from and after the close of the Annual Voting membership and terms of office for each director are to be in accordance with the bylaws of the Masonic Charities of Hawaii.

§1604. TITLE TO PROPERTY. The duly qualified Trustees shall be the Trustees of the ~~Hawaii Masonic Foundation~~ Masonic Charities of Hawaii, in which corporation shall be vested title to all property, real and personal, and rights of action, to which it may in any way become entitled.

§2316n. Charity to worthwhile organizations for the purpose of relief in local, national or international disasters and other humanitarian causes is permitted if approved by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. Therefore, donations to the Salvation Army, Red Cross, etc. are lawful. All donations must first be approved by the Grand Lodge of Hawaii or by recommendation of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. All donations are to be channeled through the Grand Lodge of ~~to Hawaii Masonic Foundation~~ Masonic Charities of Hawaii.

§2320. DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURES.

A Lodge may purchase a trowel for presentation to a candidate in the third degree and pay for same from the general funds of the Lodge. A Lodge may make a nominal contribution in honor of the Grand Master to the ~~Hawaii Masonic Foundation~~ Masonic Charities of Hawaii or to Masonic Youth Orders.

And the following point in the Five Paddles of Progress:

Formalize the establishment of the ~~Hawaii Masonic Foundation~~ Masonic Charities of Hawaii as a 501(c)(3) organization.

Date: November 6, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,



Monty J. Glover, PGM  
Proponent

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2016-08**

**CHANGES TO REFERENCES REGARDING  
HAWAII MASONIC FOUNDATION AND MEMBERSHIP RESTRUCTURING**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2016-08 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by amending part of Article III, Article VIII - Of Fees, Section §1602 and §1604, §2316n and §2320 of the Hawaii Masonic Code along with the Five Paddles of Progress to change the name of the corporation to Masonic Charities of Hawaii to be in alignment with the Official registered business name of the IRS approved 501c3 charity. It further amends the HMC as to the number of members of the Board of directors and who is not eligible to serve as a director. All other aspects of the Masonic Charities of Hawaii are contained within it's bylaws.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Dated: January 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII, F&AM  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09  
Required Vote: 2/3 Result: 54% - Failed**

**Failed but there was more than 50% so this resolution will be carried over to next year.  
To Allow Multiple Candidates During Degree Work**

Over the years, this jurisdiction has had a chance to discover what works and what does not work for us. One of the topics that seems to come up constantly especially among the smaller lodges is the need to be able to obligate more than 1 candidate at a time.

It is already being done through Grand Master's edicts to various lodges when requested by dispensation. There has been much debate on both sides of the "for it" or "against it" side of the fence and it is in the opinion of this proponent, that the time for this has come for this to be an accepted practice. The intent of this resolution is to codify this practice in our Hawaii Masonic Code instead of having the need to request a Grand Master's Decision each year.

Benefits from adopting this practice range anywhere from

- a. reducing the strain on our lodges (especially the smaller ones) and its officers as they work hard to attend meetings and the several practices each month;
- b. allow us as individuals more time to work on our own individual proficiencies;
- c. allow more time for lodge social events;

The list can go on but I have 1 more advantage to point out; ask yourself,.. how many candidates do we lose every year because they sit waiting a time with patience for their turn. The wait line in many lodges get so back logged that we lose some candidates simply because we cannot get to them quick enough. They don't understand and they leave.

But the main thing to remember when considering the adoption of this is that this will not be considered mandatory only an option. A lodge may still obligate 1 candidate at a time all it does is give the option if a lodge decides there is a need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Section §2632 of the Hawaii Masonic Code be amended as follows:

**§2632. RESTRICTIONS ON CONFERRING DEGREES.**

No Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall confer any degree of Masonry on Sunday; nor shall it confer degrees upon more than five candidates at any one meeting; nor shall it confer more than one degree upon any one candidate at any one meeting; nor shall it confer any of the degrees upon more than ~~one~~ three candidates at a time; nor shall it confer more than five degrees in any one day.

However, a singular degree may be conferred upon up to three candidates at a time under the following conditions: a) each candidate must be assigned their own Senior Deacon and altar setup and in case of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, their own Master/Past Master to raise them and b) it is understood that conferring degrees in this manner DOES NOT waive any proficiency requirements for any of the candidates.

Dated: November 7, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Proponent



**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2016-09**

**To Allow Multiple Candidates During Degree Work**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2016-09 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by amending §2632 to allow for the conferral of a single degree upon multiple, up to three, candidates at one time.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Dated: January 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member



**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII  
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10**

**Required Vote: 2/3    Result: 83% - Passed**

**Clarification Regarding Notices Of Suspension**

To start with, yes, I agree, all officers should be proficient and knowledgeable of the Hawaii Masonic Code especially that portion of the code that pertains their office. While there is much fodder for discussion on our Masonic Code, misunderstandings can occur when one part of the code speaks on a topic and we assume that there is nothing else to refer to in other sections on that same topic. And rightfully so, how are we supposed to look for something if we don't even know if it exists?

The intent of this resolution is to address one of the more commonly overlooked secretarial requirements by simply adding a reference in one section of the code to another. It does not change any of the intent of the code itself.

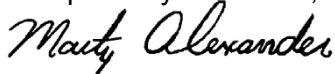
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that section §2814a of the Hawaii Masonic Code be added as follows:

**§2814. SECRETARY TO SEND NOTICE.** In case any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues during a period of twenty four months commencing at the time the dues become payable pursuant to the By-Laws, the Secretary shall notify him, either by registered letter or certified mail, with return receipt requested, deposited in the U. S. Post Office addressed to him at his last known address, or by actual service of notice, duly certified by the Tiler, that unless at the next stated meeting either his dues be paid, or sickness or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, he will be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

2814a. A notice of intent to suspend shall also be sent to other lodges as defined in section §2402 of the Hawaii Masonic Code.

Dated: November 7, 2015

Respectfully submitted,



Marty P. Alexander, PGM  
Proponent

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**  
**Grand Lodge of Hawaii**  
**Proposed Resolution No. 2016-10**  
**Clarification Regarding Notices Of Suspension**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2016-10 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by adding §2814a to direct Lodge secretaries to the proper section of the code regarding the notification of Lodge prior to suspending a member who holds membership in multiple Lodges. This is a housekeeping resolution intended to make the HMC more clear and does not change the actual requirements of how and when a Lodge must be notified.

The proposed legislation is in proper form and its subject is appropriate for the Grand Lodge to consider. The proposed resolution will accomplish the purpose of the proponent/s. As it intends to amend the HMC, it requires a two-thirds vote for passage.

Dated: January 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Monty J. Glover, PGM, Chairman  
Dennis S.A. Ing, PGM, Member  
Marty P. Alexander, PGM, Member

## **Lodges constituted under the Grand Lodge of Hawaii January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015**

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

Grand Master	Michael P. Baker Sr.
Deputy Grand Master	Andrew L. Geiser
Senior Grand Warden	Albert B. Alvarez
Junior Grand Warden	Wilson S. Camagan

Membership: 1711      Additions : 108    Losses: 86    Total: 1733 (+22)

#### Annual Membership Count Since Electronic Age

(\* Calendar year totals not Grand Lodge year)

2008 (1699) +/- ?	2009 (1740) +41	2010 (1748) +47
2011 (1807) +59	2012 (1777) -30	2013 (1785) +8
2014 (1721) -63	2015 (1733) +12	

### **Hawaiian Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989**

Membership Count    Beginning: 427    Additions: 18    Losses:17    Ending: 428 (+1)

Master	Wor. Chris N. Kaminaka
Sr. Warden	Bro. Anthony John A. Escasa
Jr. Warden	Bro. Guy Hess
Treasurer	Hon. Alberto P. Alarcon
Secretary	Wor. Eduardo L. Abutin
Sr. Deacon	Bro. David H. Gomes
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Dino J. Fernandez
Chaplain	Wor. Alexander A. Escasa
Marshal	Bro. Thomas B. Davis
Sr. Steward	Bro. Zakary J. Smith
Jr. Steward	Bro. Marlon A. Calventas
Tyler	Bro. Jose A. Ragiles
Organist	Bro. Raymond J. Beck Sr.

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**Honolulu Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989**

Membership Count    Beginning: 218    Additions: 11    Losses:10    Ending: 219 (+1)

Master	Wor. Dave Lusk
Sr. Warden	Hon. Owen H. Shieh
Jr. Warden	Bro. Joseph V. Bonin
Treasurer	Wor. Mark P. Leo
Secretary	Wor. Gilles R. Tisseraud
Sr. Deacon	M.W. Monty J. Glover
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Makoto S. Cameron
Marshal	Bro. Shea C. Mirafuentes
Sr. Steward	Bro. Jack R. Madriaga
Jr. Steward	Bro. Alvin E. Walker II
Tyler	Bro. James C. Chun

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**Kauai Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989**

Membership Count    Beginning: 38    Additions: 6    Losses: 1    Ending: 43 (+5)

Master	Wor. Christopher A. Stowe
Sr. Warden	Hon. Herman K. Wilson
Jr. Warden	Wor. David W. Mason
Treasurer	Wor. Major H. Inch
Secretary	Wor. Karvel C. Rose
Sr. Deacon	Wor. Donald W. Traller
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Danilo Sanchez
Chaplain	Wor. Donald W. Traller
Sr. Steward	Bro. Wallace J. Castillo
Jr. Steward	Bro. Franklin D. Tobias

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**Kilauea Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989**

Membership Count    Beginning: 75    Additions: 7    Losses: 2    Ending: 80 (+5)

Master	Wor. Donald M. Millard Jr.
Sr. Warden	Wor. Robert M. Shimamoto
Treasurer	Wor. Dwayne A. Glaspey
Secretary	M.W. Lyle G. Phillips
Sr. Deacon	Bro. Steven H. Jacquier
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Ragelio A. Marasigan
Chaplain	Wor. Nicolas Lopez
Marshal	Bro. Brian A. Hunt
Sr. Steward	Bro. Nicco T. Colprit
Jr. Steward	Bro. Gilbert O. Barbo Jr.
Tyler	Wor. Richard O. Banser Jr.
Organist	Wor. Cyrus H. Wilson

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**Kona Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989**

Membership Count    Beginning: 84    Additions: 3    Losses: 8    Ending: 79 (-5)

Master	Wor. Benjamin D. Spencer
Sr. Warden	Bro. Robert L. Brogan
Jr. Warden	Bro. Ramon Villasenor
Treasurer	Bro. Robert S. Foerster
Secretary	Wor. A. Lee Meyerson
Sr. Deacon	Bro. Chris M. Domino
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Troy D. Gibson Sr.
Chaplain	Bro. Gerald A. Akers
Marshal	Bro. Cory A. Akers
Sr. Steward	Bro. Joe E. Zapataoliva
Jr. Steward	Bro. Jesse Kunishige
Tyler	Bro. Nicco T. Colprit

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**Ko'olau Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989**

Membership Count    Beginning: 73    Additions: 2    Losses: 8    Ending: 67 (-6)

Master	Wor. Scott-Michael K. Waracka
Sr. Warden	Wor. Seth A. Connell
Jr. Warden	M.W. Charles L. Wegener Jr.
Treasurer	Wor. Dustin T. Verity
Secretary	Wor. Scott M. Waracka
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Allan R. Takeshita
Chaplain	Bro. Dennis W. Sachs
Sr. Steward	Bro. John A. Topliss III
Jr. Steward	Bro. Cole T. Sorensen

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

Membership Count    Beginning: 166    Additions: 29    Losses: 14    Ending: 181 (+15)

Master	Wor. Feliciano H. Dela Cruz Jr,
Sr. Warden	Bro. Arnold C. Sarinas
Jr. Warden	Bro. Rolando C. Resurreccion
Treasurer	Bro. David A. Floirendo
Secretary	Bro. Nomer F. Javier
Sr. Deacon	Bro. Roverdan G. DelaCruz
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Marvin T. Robles
Chaplain	Bro. Reuthea R. Yun
Marshal	Bro. Edwin C. Foster
Sr. Steward	Bro. Francisco V. Bada Jr
Jr. Steward	Bro. Romeo A. Garcia
Tyler	Bro. Alfredo M. Sarinas
Organist	Bro. Christopher L. Thomas

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**Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie - Constituted January 30, 2015**

Membership Count    Beginning: 214    Additions: 4    Losses: 14    Ending: 204 (-10)

Master	Wor. Timothy K.S. Yuen
Sr. Warden	Hon. Robert K. Kapanui
Jr. Warden	Bro. Jared A. Namumnart
Treasurer	Bro. Edward M. Slavish
Secretary	Hon. Douglas E. Crum
Sr. Deacon	Bro. Marshall Ness
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Michael K. Bennett
Chaplain	Bro. Richard W. Chadwick
Marshal	Bro. Jonathan P. Cross
Sr. Steward	Bro. Renson T. Madarang
Jr. Steward	Bro. Dennis Egge
Tyler	Bro. Dennis L. Miller
Organist	Bro. Nicolas Roche

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**Lodge Maui - Constituted May 20, 1989**

Membership Count    Beginning: 106    Additions: 13    Losses: 9    Ending: 110 (+4)

Master	Wor. Edward T. Kanai
Sr. Warden	Wor. Vincent L. Gusman
Jr. Warden	Wor. Stewart H. Enger
Treasurer	Bro. Paul E. Genereux
Secretary	M.W. Marty P. Alexander
Sr. Deacon	Bro. James D. Durham Jr.
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Timothy A. Jaworski
Chaplain	Bro. Domingo B. Gumpal
Marshal	Bro. Christopher J. Williams
Sr. Steward	Bro. Richard Timothy E. Torres
Jr. Steward	Bro. Nick L. Manzanillo
Tyler	Bro. Loren L. Holmberg

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**Pearl Harbor Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989**

Membership Count    Beginning: 150    Additions: 11    Losses: 2    Ending: 159 (+9)

Master	Wor. Mike Maklary
Sr. Warden	Wor. James R. Davis
Jr. Warden	Bro. Aaronkai P. Daguio
Treasurer	Wor. Bruce A. Holmberg
Secretary	M.W. Lee Skinner
Sr. Deacon	Bro. Christopher S. Tourtellot
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Jonathan P. Cross
Marshal	Bro. Dimitar P. Georgiev
Sr. Steward	Bro. Kyle C. Aquino
Jr. Steward	Bro. Branden J. Allen
Tyler	Hon. James R. Steinwandt

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**Schofield Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989**

Membership Count    Beginning: 161    Additions: 4    Losses: 1    Ending: 164 (+3)

Master	Wor. Tony J. Sasser
Sr. Warden	Wor. Clifford M. Jenkins
Jr. Warden	Bro. Gary R. Panion
Treasurer	Wor. James A. Sullivan Jr.
Secretary	Wor. Darryl E. Lajola
Sr. Deacon	Hon. Allan C. Acosta
Jr. Deacon	Bro. Douglas A. Raycher
Chaplain	Bro. Leon A. Bickford
Marshal	Bro. Jace D. Pennington
Sr. Steward	Bro. Jeffrey A. Martin
Jr. Steward	Bro. Kindu E. Delaleu
Tyler	Bro. Gilberto R. Garcia
Organist	Bro. Julius E. Dela Cruz



## Past Grand Masters - Grand Lodge of Hawaii

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

1989 *	William K. McKee, Jr.	Waikiki
1990 *	William K. McKee, Jr.	Waikiki
1991 *	William K. McKee, Jr.	Waikiki
1992 *	Ernest Y. Yamane	Hawaiian
1993 *	David K. Lindsey	Honolulu
1994	Frederick H. Overstreet	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
1995 *	Richard W.M. Dang	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
1996 *	Bennett K.C. Ing	Schofield
1997	Stuart M. Cowan	Pearl Harbor
1998 *	Paul D. Jones	Le Progres De L'Oceanie
1999	Randy T.S. Chang	Hawaiian
2000 *	Mason E. Teter	Kilauea
2001 *	Donald W. Wilson	Ko'olau
2002	Lyle G. Phillips	Hawaiian
2003	A. Lee Skinner	Pearl Harbor
2004	Walter L. Hager	Maui
2005	Raymond Wieckowicz, Jr	Ko'olau
2006 *	Bruce H. Bonnell	Pearl Harbor
2007	Oscar M. Jayme	Hawaiian
2008	Dennis S.A. Ing	Hawaiian
2009	Marty P. Alexander	Maui
2010	Charles L. Wegener Jr.	Ko'olau
2011	Monty J. Glover	Honolulu
2012	Antonio M. Ligaya	Hawaiian
2013	Frank M. Condello II	Honolulu
2014	Richard B. Huston	Hawaiian
2015	Michael P. Baker Sr.	Kona

**FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**  
**2016 Grand Lodge of Hawaii Annual Communication**

Location: Scottish Rite Cathedral 1611 Kewalo St. , Honolulu, Hawaii  
Date : April 15 - 16, 2016

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: 11

Registered Voters Count is:

Lodge Masters: 11  
Lodge Senior Wardens: 8  
Lodge Junior Wardens: 7  
Past Masters Reps: 4  
Grand Lodge Officers: 7  
Past Grand Masters: 9

Total Registered Votes: 46

Voting Members Present 41

Non Voting Members: 68

Total GL of Hawaii Members Present: 109

Visiting Brothers from other jurisdictions: 64