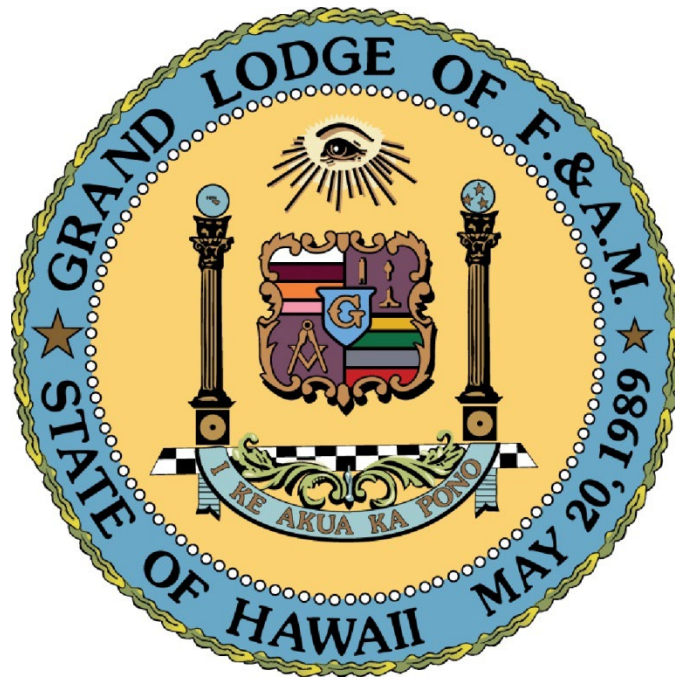


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The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii held its Annual Communication on Friday April 21st and Saturday April 22nd A.D 2017, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral located at 1611 Kewalo St., Honolulu, Hawaii.

**FORMAL GRAND LODGE OPENING**

At 1:00 pm, the Grand Marshall, Honorable Brother Damien P. Donovan, 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 Andrew L. Geiser, 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 21st 2017**

The Grand Master began by welcoming everyone for joining us for our Twenty Ninth 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 Officers**

Most Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser..... Grand Master  
Right Worshipful Albert B. Alvarez .....Deputy Grand Master  
Right Worshipful Wilson S. Camagan ..... Senior Grand Warden  
Right Worshipful Alexander A. Escasa.....Junior Grand Warden  
Honorable Alberto P. 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 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 Michael P. Baker Sr..... 2015

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

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

Therefore, a quorum of at least 50% of our chartered lodges was present as required by Hawaii Masonic Code Section 156 for the transaction of business.

**2016 Appointed Grand Lodge Officers**

Very Reverend Randolph V.N. Albano ..... Grand Chaplain  
Worshipful Raymund L. Liongson ..... Grand Orator  
Honorable Damien P. Donovan..... Grand Marshal  
Honorable Douglas E. Crum ..... Grand Standard Bearer  
Honorable Alvin E. Walker II ..... Grand Sword Bearer  
Worshipful Robert F. Self ..... Grand Bible Bearer  
Worshipful Edde T. Kanai..... Senior Grand Deacon  
Honorable Robert K. Kapanui ..... Junior Grand Deacon  
Honorable Allan C. Acosta ..... Senior Grand Steward  
Honorable Jonathan P. Cross ..... 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 Seth A. Connell  | Worshipful Donald W. Traller   |
| Worshipful J. Daniel Miller | Worshipful Michael D. Janovsky |
| Worshipful Garry Graham     | Worshipful Dustin T. Verity    |
| Worshipful Michel J. Lopez  | Worshipful Mark P. Leo         |
| Worshipful Kevin R. Perdue  | Worshipful Jay Oliver Bajuyo   |

**Of note:** Listed are the installed 2016 Grand Lodge officers and Lodge Inspectors but all were not necessarily present for this Annual Communication:

## INTRODUCTION OF PAST GRAND MASTER AND VISITING DIGINITARIES

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

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Most Worshipful A. Lee Skinner.....       | 2003 |
| 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 Michael P. Baker Sr. .... | 2015 |

After their introduction by our Grand Marshal, Honorable Damien Donovan, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master proceeded West of the altar to greet them. Upon returning to the East, Most Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser thanked them for coming by leading the craft in a battery of 3 x 3.

## **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. They were as follows:

### **Sitting Grand Masters**

MW Arthur Borland, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon  
MW Shinya Takeda, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan

### **Grand Master Personal Representatives**

RW WARREN SCHOEBEN, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington and Personal Representative of MW JIM V. MENDOZA Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington

RW ALLAN CASALOU Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California and the Personal Representative of MW JOHN R. HEISNER, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California.

Worshipful Brother THA KRIBBS Personal Representative of MW RICHARD L. SMITH, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri

Worshipful Brother NICOLAS LOPEZ, Personal Representative of MW JUSTO L. GONVALEZ, 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 Andrew L. Geiser thanked them for coming by leading the craft in a battery of 3 x 3.

The Grand Master then asked all other visiting Grand Lodge officers and Senior distinguished guests with us today to rise and introduce themselves. They were all greeted with a hearty round of applause.

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 introductions and 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 and Aloha!*

***“Please know that you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers...!”*** This is a very inspiring, uplifting and an all embracing-universal saying that could be incorporated or juxtapositioned in letters or greetings to friends and loved ones. Today, it is fitting that one of the reasons of our coming together for this Annual Communication is to remember and to pray for our brethren who have come this way and have gladly answered the calling from above. Hence, we say even to those who are now resting, ***“Please know that you continue to be in our thoughts and prayers”!***

*When we hold someone in our thoughts, we definitely are remembering that somebody, who may be dear to us and we cherish the memories that existed between us. The word, remember comes from the Greek word, “anamnesis”..... which is, “remembering of things from a supposed previous existence, often used with reference to Platonic Philosophy”. In other words, “remembering” is thinking and holding them in our hearts and lifting them up in prayers. Again, because of these brethren departed in this transitory life, we are here to continue in that precious gift of “brotherly love, relief and truth” –a legacy, that is pregnant with responsibilities for every Mason in this great, wonderful and oldest brotherhood of men.*

*Beholding them in our thoughts (memories), we enliven the relationship we had with them. We feel their presence; we see them in our midst; we hear their voices. They are here among us and so, together with them we continue to strive to do the good things that they have shown to us. What they had left, is both a task and a challenge for each of us, as we progress in our journey in this beclouded and fragile earth. From them, we learned many things even in their ups and downs. Yes, we have learned from them in many ways proving that education is not merely confined within the walls but indeed it is confined within the inner recesses of our beings especially when such knowledge is reciprocally shared with one another, to the rests of our brethren.*



*This is when Masonry becomes an institution, “making a man better” who, in return continues to travel seeking and sharing that light to all so that the world may be a safe and a better place to live in this and every generation to come.*

*During the administration of the Most Worshipful Andrew Geiser, the 26<sup>th</sup> Grandmaster of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii he said I quote, “The ensuing Masonic year will be marked by the collective pursuit of Light and Masonic knowledge. The coming year will see the full and complete implementation of the Master of Lecture and Master of Ritual Program”... (Message of MW Andrew Geiser, 28<sup>th</sup> AnCom. Program Bulletin).*

*“Certainly, perfection has not been reached in any science or art. Nor is Freemasonry a perfect institution. But Freemasonry and Freemasons must constantly strive toward what is good, ‘what is just, and what is honorable among all men’. A Master Mason however, knows in his heart what is right, ‘what is just and what is fair.’ Gaining that awareness is a part of the Masonic journey....and that my brothers this is the pure genius of Freemasonry. (Short Talk Vol. 95 March 2017, No 3).*

*I am confident that many of us have known if not all, many of our brethren whom we come to remember and pray for. Yet, even if we have never known them and have never come in contact with them, we know them by heart! because they did possess and we all have, -the light that comes from the Great Architect of the Universe in whom we put our trust and have our being! Analogously speaking, and as has been written several times in the Holy Book, “a good tree is judge by its fruits”.... I say and we say, all Master Masons come from one good tree.*

*As we remember our beloved decedents, in our thoughts and prayers, let us continue to live in that light that they have shared and manifested, for that same light will guide and show us the way to that celestial abode where the same perpetual light will continue to shine upon us all. Again as it is written in that Holy Book at the Altar in our midst, to which with open palms we placed our hand and took the Obligation, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is heaven”. (Mat. 5: 14-16)*

*Today, we remember and pray for the souls of 25 brethren of whom the youngest is 43 and the oldest is 98.*

*Earliest death- May 26, 2016*

*Youngest – 43*

*Born in Hawaii- 8*

*Latest death- March 3, 2017*

*Oldest- 98*

*Died in Hawaii- 11*

*(At this time may I please ask those who can stand, to please stand and to those who may not be able, to please remain seated).*

*“In the midst of life we are in death;  
of whom we may seek for succor,  
but of thee, O Lord,  
who for our sins are justly displeased?”*

*Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty,  
O holy and most merciful Savior,  
Deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.*

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
Shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer;  
But spare us, Oh Lord most holy, O God most mighty,  
O holy and merciful Savior,  
Thou most worthy Judge eternal.  
Suffer us not at our last hour.  
Through any pains of death, to fall from thee. (BCP p 484)*

*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 faithful departed are in perfect harmony with you, the Great Architect and Master of the Universe. We praise you and thank you for the good examples of all our brothers who now find joy and felicity in that celestial abode where there is no grief, pain or sorrow but eternal joy and happiness in that life everlasting. We remember before you, Oh Father the souls of:*

*Donald D. Isbell  
Donald F. G. Wilson  
David C. Baxter  
Samuel N. Kekaula, Jr.  
Charles L. Wegener, Jr.  
Sam Y. Q. Liu  
Sam W. Ward, Jr.  
James N. DeMoss  
Dean R. Tyler  
Carson R. Elliot  
Lawrence F. Chun  
Neil E. Clevenger  
Larry S. Sumida*

*Lewis West  
George S. McEldowney  
David H. Haynes  
Norman H. Shultz  
Robert A. Hoffman  
Albert G. Vaught, Jr.  
Elias E. Silva  
John R. Catalin  
James S. Norris  
Bernard A. K. Keopuhiwa  
Richard W. Decker  
Richard O. Banser, Sr.*

*Into your hands, Oh merciful and loving Father we commend the spirits of these brethren whom we love. 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 P. Alarcon, our Grand Treasurer for his Annual report on the Grand Master's 2016-2017 Annual Budget.

|  | <b>BUDGETED</b>    | <b>ACTUAL</b>      |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                              |                    |                    |
| Affiliations                               | \$300.00           | \$320.00           |
| Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)                | \$200.00           | \$259.00           |
| Dispensations (\$25 each)                  | \$250.00           | \$175.00           |
| G. Washington Memorial (\$5/application)   | \$300.00           | \$460.00           |
| Grand Lodge (\$20 per new initiate)        | \$1,200.00         | \$1,840.00         |
| HI Masonic Charity (\$15 per new initiate) | \$900.00           | \$1,380.00         |
| Per Capita Tax (\$25 per member)(1 ,800)   | \$45,000.00        | \$43,628.00        |
| Donation/Other Income                      | \$2,000.00         | \$0                |
| One Day Class (\$75 x \$100.00)            | \$7,500.00         | \$4,300.00         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                        | <b>\$57,650.00</b> | <b>\$52,362.00</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                            |                    |                    |
| Annual Communications:                     |                    |                    |
| Supplies                                   | \$1,500.00         | \$1,120.57         |
| Travel                                     | \$2,000.00         | \$608.10           |
| Conferences:                               |                    |                    |
| Conf. of Grand Master's Registration       | \$300.00           | \$0.00             |
| Conf. of Grand Master's Dues               | \$250.00           | \$250.00           |
| Western Conf. of Grand Lodges              | \$1,500.00         | \$137.25           |
| Con. of Grand Secretaries Dues             | \$100.00           | \$0                |
| G. Washington Memorial Foundation          | \$500.00           | \$2,237.00         |
| Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics:           |                    |                    |
| Pins                                       | \$900.00           | \$1,680.00         |
| Grand Lodge Neckties                       | \$750.00           | \$490.00           |
| Plaques/Mementos                           | \$500.00           | \$0                |
| Masonic Education                          | \$800.00           | \$8.57             |
| Masonic Services Association Dues          | \$300.00           | \$600.00           |
| Name Badges                                | \$300.00           | \$52.34            |
| Office Supplies:                           |                    |                    |
| Administrative Supplies                    | \$1,200.00         | \$1,387.19         |
| Copier/Computer Supplies/Printer           | \$575.00           | \$965.84           |
| Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel        | \$750.00           | \$378.00           |
| Photography and Printing                   | \$750.00           | \$554.97           |
| Rental (Storage/HMTA)                      | \$5,600.00         | \$5,783.34         |
| Secretary's Honorarium (\$1 ,000/month)    | \$12,000.00        | \$12,000.00        |
| Leadership Workshop                        | \$800.00           | \$20.52            |
| Tax Preparation Fee (Form 990)             | \$650.00           | \$650.00           |

|                                       |                    |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Telephone                             | \$350.00           | \$257.22           |
| Travel (Greater of \$13,500 or 23.4%) | \$13,500.00        | \$12,855.14        |
| Treasurer's Expenses                  | \$1,200.00         | \$1,200.00         |
| Website                               | \$1,200.00         | \$1,254.00         |
| Youth Groups                          | \$600.00           | \$0                |
| Exec. Committee Meeting Refreshments  | \$275.00           | \$725.08           |
| Rolls Hosting                         | \$300.00           | \$0                |
| One Day Class Expenses                | \$1,100.00         | \$1,191.66         |
| Miscellaneous (Donations)             | \$500.00           | \$571.95           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                 | <b>\$51,050.00</b> | <b>\$46,978.74</b> |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                     | <b>\$6,600.00</b>  | <b>\$5,383.26</b>  |

**FINANCIAL ASSET SUMMARY - as of April 21, 2017**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| First Hawaiian Bank (Checking)          | \$47,113.87         |
| Bank of Hawaii (Savings)                | \$6,679.64          |
| First Hawaiian Bank (Building Fund)     | \$35,638.32         |
| First Hawaiian Bank (Wealth Management) | \$424,651.50        |
| Net Investment Income (2016)            | \$6,026.94          |
| <b>Total Liquid Assets</b>              | <b>\$520,110.27</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**

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

*For the period covering January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 we started off the year with 11 chartered lodges and I am proud to report that number didn't change, well at least it didn't go down. All lodges are current in their per-capita payments and all are authorized to have representation at this year's Annual Communication.*

*The bad news is.... we had a record number of NPD suspensions this year.*

*We started the year with 1,726 members and ended the year with 1,661 members.*

*We had..*

*81 Newly Raised Master Masons  
16 New Affiliates, and  
14 Members were either reinstated or restored*

*For a total of 111 new members. We did however have*

*129 Suspensions  
17 Dimits  
2 Expulsions, and  
28 Brothers who joined the Celestial Lodge Above*

*For a total of 176 brothers who left our craft for one reason or another.*

*That left us with an overall decrease of 65 memberships. ....*

*We don't seem to have a problem with attracting new members, we just seem to have a problem keeping the ones we have. What's the answer? Maybe finding the answer to that question should be more of a focus for us in our lodges rather than all the effort many of us put into some of the frivolous & trivial bickering that is reported so often. I am just saying that*

*just maybe there are better ways to expend our energy in our lodges other than tearing each other down because of personality conflicts.*

*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**

*My Brother, first just a quick review of our Masonic Code Section 100d that outlines the requirements for recognition.*

- 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.*

*We have had 5 requests for recognition this year. Four (4) come from the same Geographical area of Brazil. The Grande Oriente do Parana', the Grand Oriente do Santa Catarina, the Grand Oriente do Rio Grande do Sul and the Grand Oriente do Mato Gross. After years of attempting to gain recognition individually, they have all finally recognized each other by treaties signed with each of their respective State Grand Lodges in August/September of 2016.*

*Each of these bodies have been recommended for recognition by the Conference of Grand Masters Committee on Information for Recognition. While that committee's ruling is only a recommendation and not a requirement, after all of their research and investigation they have issued a statement to wit: "It would be reasonable to assume that these grand orients are practicing regular Masonry."*

*As well, your Committee on Foreign recognitions have found that these jurisdictions meet the requirements for recognition that are outlined in our own Masonic Code Section 100d.*

*Most Worshipful Grand Master, will you entertain a motion to extend recognition to the The Grande Oriente do Parana', the Grand Oriente do Santa Catarina, the Grand Oriente do Rio Grande do Sul and the Grand Oriente do Mato Gross as separate Grand Lodges operating under treaty within the same geographical area.*

*It was Moved, Seconded to extended recognition to the above mentioned Grand Lodges. After discussion the motion was unanimously approved.*

*The next request for recognition comes from the Grand Lodge Nationale Malienne They too have been recommended for recognition by the Conference of Grand Masters Committee on Information for Recognition.*

*As well, your Committee on Foreign recognitions have found that these jurisdictions meet the requirements for recognition that are outlined in our own Masonic Code Section 100d.*

*It was Moved, Seconded to extended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Nationale Malienne. After discussion the motion was unanimously approved.*

### **ROLLS MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM**

*Our membership tracking system ROLLS has served us well for the past 7 years and has taken us to a level of lodge reporting and membership tracking that we were never able to experience previously with our old system Lodgeical. It has not only made our membership accounting more accurate and more accessible but it has also made our jobs as secretaries easier and requiring way less time.*

*However, we seem to be out growing the system's tech support. As well, the programmers of ROLLS have not kept up with today's Internet email requirements regarding spam and phishing. Companies like AOL, Roadrunner and Gmail are blocking emails that they call "are not RFC 5322 compliant."*

*After experiencing a breakdown in crucial communications over the past year resulting from this issue as well as the programmers not responding to our requests and inquiries, it is time to make a switch.*

*We have been considering other membership systems and after the smoke has settled, the company that stood apart from the others as far as features, expandability and of course cost and affordability is MORI.*

*The Lodge secretaries have had access to a live demo version of it for the last month in hopes they would get accustomed to its features and user interface as we will be activating MORI soon and switch away from the ROLLS system. Most of our membership database will imported into MORI but I am sure there will be a bit of work still required of our secretaries to not only fill in the blanks of information that is not able to be imported but also to fill in for the new fields of information that was not previously available in ROLLS.*

*My apologies ahead of time to our lodge secretaries for the increased work load BUT there will be training workshops coming soon to help us all adjust.*

*Just to give everyone a little information into the cost of MORI. They originally wanted \$10,000.00 for the data import and a cost of \$550.00 a month for its use. They slowly came down bit by bit until the cost that was settled on is \$0 for the data import and \$1.00 per member per year.*

*ROLLS costs us \$500.00 a year right now and with MORI, it will be approx. \$1,700.00. It might be an increase of \$1,200.00 a year but way less than the approx. \$6,000.00 a year that other companies are currently charging.*

*Also, MORI is an expanding company where ROLLS is shrinking in its customer base. ROLLS used to maintain 7 Grand Lodges but now I believe the number 3 or 4. With 2 more Grand Lodges (including us) joining MORI this year, they have a total of 15 users.*

- *Grand Lodge of Illinois*
- *Grand Lodge of New Mexico*
- *Grand Lodge of Maine (Home of ROLLS)*
- *Grand Lodge of Massachusetts*
- *Grand Lodge of Michigan*
- *Grand Lodge of New Jersey*
- *Grand Lodge of New York*
- *Grand Lodge of North Carolina*
- *Grand Lodge of Ohio*
- *Grand Lodge of South Dakota*
- *Grand Lodge of Wisconsin*
- *Grand Chapter OES of New York*
- *Grand Chapter York Rite of Massachusetts*
- *Grand Council of Massachusetts*
- *Grand Commandery of Massachusetts*

*Starting this year, they will try to start to expand internationally.*



*We believe the price is well worth it for the reliable communications it offers and for a company that is there to grow with us as we grow.*

### **GRAND LODGE WORKSHOPS**

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

*These workshops spawned from our Secretaries' Workshops which started 6 years ago and became so well attended that it became necessary to expand them into a jurisdiction wide Leadership Workshop that included all Masons and Lodge Leaders who wanted to participate.*

*This is the 3rd year we have done that and the participation continues to grow. These workshops will continue but the downside is we realized it detracted from the focused topics that are so helpful to our lodge secretaries.*

*So in order to get back to secretary training basics we will now be having BOTH Leadership Workshops for the entire jurisdiction as well as Secretary Workshops that are focused on the day to day administration of a lodge and our membership tracking program.*

*More information will be coming out very soon on the date and time of these workshops.*

*On a very special note, we would like to thank the Honolulu Masonic Temple Association for allowing us access to their beautiful library to hold these workshops in.*

*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 2017-18 BUDGET

The Grand Master then called upon our Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Albert B. Alvarez, to present the 2017-2018 Grand Lodge budget which had been previously circulated to the members of the Finance Committee.

### INCOME

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Affiliations                                 | \$ 300.00   |
| Degrees (\$1.00 per degree)                  | \$ 200.00   |
| Dispensations (\$25 per)                     | \$250.00    |
| GW Memorial Foundation (\$5 / initiate)      | 300.00      |
| Grand Lodge (\$20 per new initiate)          | \$1,200.00  |
| Hawaii Masonic Charities (\$15 per initiate) | \$900.00    |
| Per Capita Tax (\$26 per member) (1 ,700)    | \$44,200.00 |
| Donation/Other Income                        | \$2,000.00  |
| Fast Class (75 x \$100.00)                   | \$7,500.00  |

**TOTAL INCOME    \$56,850.00**

### EXPENSES

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Annual Communications:                     |             |
| Supplies                                   | \$1,500.00  |
| Travel                                     | \$2,000.00  |
| Conferences:                               |             |
| Conf. of Grand Master's Registration       | \$300.00    |
| Western Conf. of Grand Masters             | \$1,500.00  |
| GW Memorial Foundation                     | \$2,000.00  |
| Grand Master's Pins/Emblematics:           |             |
| Pins                                       | \$900.00    |
| Grand Lodge Neckties                       | \$750.00    |
| Plaques/Mementos                           | \$500.00    |
| Masonic Education                          | \$600.00    |
| Masonic Services Association Dues          | \$300.00    |
| Name Badges                                | \$300.00    |
| Office Supplies:                           |             |
| Administrative Supplies (Postage, etc.)    | \$1,200.00  |
| Copier/Computer Supplies                   | \$575.00    |
| Past Grand Master's Apron and Jewel        | \$750.00    |
| Photography and Printing                   | \$750.00    |
| Rental (Storage/HMTA)                      | \$6,000.00  |
| Secretary's Honorarium (\$1,000 per month) | \$12,000.00 |
| Secretary's Workshop/Leadership Workshop   | \$2,000.00  |
| Tax Preparation Fee                        | \$700.00    |
| Telephone                                  | \$350.00    |
| Travel (\$12,000 or 23.4% of Revenue)      | \$13,500.00 |
| Treasurer's Expenses                       | \$1,800.00  |

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Website                             | \$1,200.00         |
| Youth Groups                        | \$600.00           |
| Exec.Committee Meeting Refreshments | \$275.00           |
| Membership Management Program       | \$1,700.00         |
| Fast Class Expenses                 | \$1,100.00         |
| Miscellaneous                       | \$500.00           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>               | <b>\$55,650.00</b> |

**NET INCOME \$1,200.00**

After a brief discussion, it was regularly moved and seconded to accept the 2017 – 2018 budget as presented. Motion was carried.

## GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

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

*I believe Freemasonry is the most powerful, most influential, most relevant Organization in the history of the world.*

*If I were to ask every Brother now here present to raise his hand if Freemasonry had in some way been a transformative power in his life, I would wager most if not all men here present would raise their hands. That is real power; the power to transform men. That Power resides not in the hands of us men, but in the Institution of Freemasonry. Freemasonry has a way of getting into a man's blood, inspires in him a love of something greater than himself, one of the source's of Masonic power.*

*The issue's and challenge's facing Freemasonry in Hawaii are similar in type a scope of those facing many other Grand Jurisdiction's, not only in America, but around the world. Membership rolls have declined, however this is in part due to generational evolutions. Older members are transitioning to that Great Celestial Lodge in the Sky, but new, young men are knocking to join our mysteries.*

*Volunteer based organization's need to be mission based to thrive. We must guard against letting member numbers dictate our strategies and behaviors. Young men are knocking, we need to be prepared to offer high quality Masonry if we are to attract and retain them.*

*Based on intimate conversation's had with many of the new, younger members it's my conclusion they are drawn to Freemasonry for many reason's, following are some of the reason's many have in common: 1. They are disillusioned with a "web-based" existence and are looking for something real. 2. They desire meaningful relationships with high-integrity men. 3. They desire forging relationships with men they can rely on and count upon.*

*In short young men seem to be seeking the company of good, honesty, integrity, truth, and Light. In my opinion young men enter the world of Freemasonry searching for God.*

*If could wave a magic wand I would command every Blue Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Hawaii to double its' membership fees and dues. The Master of Lecture and Master Ritualist programs should help prepare our Lodge's to receive and retain new members.*

*Fraternally,  
Andrew L. Geiser, GM  
GL of Hawaii, 4-21-17*

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

When Most Worshipful Geiser 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 22, 2017**

After Most Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser, Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii called the Grand Lodge of Hawaii from refreshment and resumed labor at 9:00 am. he then called upon Worshipful Brother Raymund Liongson, our Grand Orator for this year's grand oration.

## **GRAND ORATION**

*Brothers all, good morning.*

*In my early sapling years, I have always been fascinated and intrigued by a building that displayed on its façade two inversely overlapping tools, with the inscriptions next to it: Free and Accepted Masons.*

*I never had a clue about the symbolic emblem but the words “free” and “accepted” certainly enthralled me.*

*After all, as a young boy in the Philippines, I enjoyed with my peers the freedom playing in the streets and in the open fields, climbing trees, swimming in the rivers, and paddling on a bamboo raft into the sea.*

*And of course, every young boy and girl always desired to be accepted and be part of a peer group. Any rejection would be taken as a denial of one's social worthiness. Indeed, being free and accepted are fundamental human aspirations.*

*As a student of history, I learned that the great men who paved the road to liberty and independence for the country of my birth were part of a fraternal society that valued truth, justice and prudence.*

*Dr. Jose Rizal, Apolinario Mabini, Andres Bonifacio, Fr. Gregorio Aglipay, and Gen. Antonio Luna, among others, took immense pride in their being Freemasons, and were the embodiment of sharp intellect, blazing courage, and unbending principle and character.*

*These men have become not only constant reminders but also enduring examples of what it is to be a good man and a true Mason.*

*We, Masons, are proud of claiming fraternal affinity to Brothers who have made great achievements. There are many of them and we can name a few. American statesman, inventor, political theorist and philosopher Benjamin Franklin; French writer and historian Voltaire; Austrian music*

*composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Scottish bacteriologist and scientist Alexander Fleming; African American author, scholar and civil rights activist W. E. B. DuBois; member of the Royal Family, Prince Higashi-ku Ninomiya of Japan; Venezuelan revolutionary Simon Bolivar; and African apartheid activist and former president Nelson Mandela, who was made a Mason on Sight, were among the many Freemasons who have made this world a better and more humane planet to live in and whom many of us have proudly proclaimed fraternal affinity.*

*These men of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds came from different lands, embraced different interests, and excelled in their respective fields and expertise. And they were all Freemasons!*

*But there are times when I wonder: Were these great men who happened to be Masons, or were they men who became great, in part, because they were Masons?*

*This seemingly circular question is worth contemplating over as we try to make sense of Freemasonry's often-verbalized purpose, which is to make good men better.*

*This character formation -- or perhaps transformation -- is the product of a deliberate and progressive process that requires commitment, discipline and consistency.*

*In the Masonic context, this educative process is delivered through a battery of ceremonial rites, lectures, recitation of the obligations, and symbolic floor work.*

*Our rituals are ideally delivered from memory and their flawless renditions have become the hallmark of proficiency. For one to progress in the officer's line, he must demonstrate mastery of the ritual and exemplary execution of the floor work.*

*There is no doubt that committing the ritual to memory makes an impressive and smooth-flowing ceremony. As some say, it makes a good show.*

*But of course, our conferral ceremonies and meetings are more than just shows. They are the vehicles whereby Masonic knowledge and education are continuously transmitted to the brethren. And as this is part of our enduring tradition, we are obligated to preserve and maintain it.*

*The greatest value of memorizing the rituals – specially the obligations, the lectures and the charges – is in its power to enable us to internalize the Masonic virtues and principles.*

*It is so to weave these teachings into our psyche, into our personal values, and into our being.*

*As a learning tool, however, we need to take memorization further. Benjamin Bloom, an educational psychologist, placed memory and recall on the first rung or step of the stairway of learning.*

*A constant challenge for learners is how to go beyond rote memory and make learning meaningful.*

*In our fraternity, it means applying and living the Masonic teachings and principles that we learn in the Lodge room, for the ultimate measure of proficiency is not on how flawless we recite our rituals but on how well we live them.*

*It is not on how we verbalize our brotherhood and the precepts of the Craft; it is on how we actualize them.*

*Wynton Marsalis, an African American trumpeter and jazz artist, once said: "Don't settle in style; succeed in substance."*

*Technological developments and consumerism have created a culture that values style over substance, image over reality, perception over performance.*

*But an organization like ours that is founded on truth, morality, fairness, and rectitude insists on substance over form. It values meaningful achievements over titles and ranks, virtuous and compassionate character over a fashionable coat or a shining jewel.*

*The quest for substance and meaning takes us to the realm of social responsiveness and relevance, which, in turn, call us to reach out and serve especially those in need.*

*In our Craft, service and goodwill are manifested in our work with the youth, our compassion for the children and their families, and our identification and support for the community. Indeed, service is the pinnacle of human endeavor.*

*And we can do more. Our creativity and willingness to reach out and serve have no boundaries. Let us remember: "Life is not about finding our limitations; it is about finding our infinity."*



*The challenge to optimize our impact and relevance invites us to collaborate, not only within our fraternity, but also with other entities that share our Masonic principles. In this age of interdependence and globalization, it is either we open up to networking or we find our efforts not working.*

*We are in a period where truth and justice are under attack. “Fake news” and “alternative facts” assault us and humanity from all sides. Dehumanizing inequity and unequal protection under the law have become the common face of injustice around the globe.*

*As Masons, let us resist being part of the lies and the injustices around us. Like those great Masonic brothers who came before us, let us remain to be the beacon of truth and light, forgetting not the fundamental lesson we were taught in Masonry -- that truth is the foundation of every virtue.*

*Let us be an instrument of justice and join John Jay -- a Freemason, one of the Founding Fathers, and the first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court -- in his aspiration articulated 232 years ago when he said: “I wish to see all unjust and all unnecessary discriminations everywhere abolished, and that the time may soon come when all our inhabitants of every color and denomination shall be free and equal partakers of our political liberty.”*

*These are among our Masonic challenges and our courageous and fitting responses to them are a true measure of our Masonic proficiency.*

*The joy and fulfillment of our Masonic journey are sustained by our continuing engagement with Lodge – in our “communion” (and I mean having that sense of “community” and fraternal “union”) with our brethren. Indeed, the Lodge is only as strong as the collective force of its members, even as members draw their moral strength from the Lodge.*

*Rudyard Kipling, himself a Freemason, captured this dictum in his now-classic novel, *The Jungle Book*. He wrote:*

*“The strength of the pack is the wolf; the strength of the wolf is the pack.”*

*Paraphrasing this aphorism, we say, “the strength of the Mason is the Lodge, the strength of the Lodge is the Mason.”*

*Brethren, let us keep our moral strength and make our Lodge strong.*

*Good day to you all.*

## **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.

*Masonic Charities of Hawaii  
2016 Annual Report*

*Most Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, Honorable Sirs, Brethren All,*

*I am pleased to report the following activities of your Masonic Charities of Hawaii for the 2016/2017 Grand Masonic Year.*

*Following the devastation caused by flooding in Louisiana in August of 2016 the Brethren of Hawaii banded together to collect funds for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana to aid in the relief of the Brothers and Lodges who suffered losses. I'm very proud to report that we were able to collect and send to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana \$4,000.*

*We also sent \$500.00 to the National Child ID foundation to support the efforts of this very successful Masonic Charity.*

*We ended the Grand Masonic Year with a total of \$31,955 in the Charity Account. The treasurer's reports for year end 2016 and Year-to-date 2017 are attached to this report. And we encourage any Brother interested in the expenditures to review them and they will be on file with the Grand Secretary.*

*The members of the Board have been discussing ways to improve donations to the charity. We welcome any input from the Brothers. We will also be looking for any interested Brothers who are willing to serve on the Board in the coming years and work toward building our Charity into the future. If you are interested please let any of the Board members know. I will be stepping down from the Board at the end of Next year because I will be moving to the Mainland and we will need to fill my seat. This will occur at next Years annual communication.*

*I hereby move that this report be received and accepted, .Motion was seconded, Motion passed.*

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

# TRIAL REVIEWS

## REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE ON TRIAL REVIEW

### 2016-2017 MASONIC YEAR

The Jurisprudence Committee on Trial Review has carefully examined the records of all trial matters completed during the past Masonic year. All Committee votes were unanimous except where otherwise noted.

In each matter, unless otherwise noted, the committee finds there was compliance with the procedural requirements of the Hawaii Masonic Code.

The Following Cases were decided by the Trial Masters after investigation as provided for in Hawaii Masonic Code §3340.

***Trial 2016-01:*** The accused, a Junior Warden of his Lodge, was charged with un-Masonic conduct, to wit, making false claims to the government that the Master of the Lodge had PSTD, intentionally pouring water over lodge regalia to disrupt a Military Degree, and demanding from the Master that he bar a Brother in good standing from admission into the Lodge because he believed the Brother was gay. The charges were properly filed and accepted but no answer to the charges was received from the accused within the time required by the Hawaii Masonic Code.

The Trial Master reviewed the charges and determined that the accused had in fact been personally served and that such service was proper. He even attempted to contact the accused independently without success. Therefore the Trial Master found that the charges not having been answered within the required time, the charges (as provided under the Code are deemed admitted. Accordingly, the Trail Master found the accused guilty of Un-Masonic conduct and determined that the penalty should be expulsion.

This matter has not been appealed, and the Committee finds no reason to overturn the verdict or the sentence, therefore the Jurisprudence Committee on Trial Review submits and moves for the adoption of the following Resolution:

***“Resolved, that in Trail 2016-01 the Trial Masters’ procedures, findings and the penalties affixed be affirmed.”***

**It was moved and seconded to uphold the findings and penalties affixed by the Trial Master of Trial 2016-01, Motion Passed.**

**Trial 2016-02:** The accused, a Master Mason, was charged with un-Masonic conduct, to wit, making false claims to the government that the Master of the Lodge had PSTD, intentionally pouring water over lodge regalia to disrupt a Military Degree, and physically assaulting another member of the Lodge by forcefully grabbing him in the genitals. The Lodge attempted without success to serve the charges on the accused multiple times by an appointed member of the Lodge, and by an independent process server. As provided under the HMC, the charges were sent twice to the accused by certified mail (return receipt requested) to his last known address of record – his post-office box. Not only did the Lodge receive a return receipt, but the mail was actually picked up by a tenant of the accused, who by letter informed the lodge that she had been authorized to pick up mail at the P.O. box. The accused failed to respond to the charges after the Grand Master extended the time for him to respond. The Trial Master reviewed the charges and the procedure followed by the Lodge. He also attempted to contact the accused independently without success. He subsequently concluded that there being no answer to the complaint, the charges would have to be deemed admitted. According, he found the accused guilty of un-Masonic conduct and determined that the penalty should be expulsion.

The accused filed an appeal of the Trial Master's verdict and penalty within the time allowed under the HMC. He claimed he was not properly served, since he was out of town while service was being attempted. He also submitted statements and letters supporting his claim that he was not on Oahu, and also some statements indicating that the charges were not true. The Committee on Trial Review finds that service was due and proper. Whether or not the accused was at his residence or was avoiding service, the Code provides for substitute service by certified mail. It appears that the procedure for such substituted service was properly followed. Therefore, there is no need to address the question of whether or not the accused was off-island while service was being attempted. The HMC provides for substituted service, and that alternative was justified after reasonable attempts at personal service. We also do not reach the factual issues presented by the accused. Proper substituted service was made; the accused did not answer the charges; and the Trial Master properly concluded that the charges were deemed admitted. We therefore affirm the decision of the Trial Master as to the verdict and penalty. The appeal should be denied.

Therefore as the proper procedures as outlined in the Masonic code were followed the Jurisprudence Committee on Trial Review submits and moves for the adoption of the following Resolution:

***“Resolved, that the appeal of trial 2016-02 was properly carried out as per the Masonic code and its findings and judgment of the Trial Master be upheld and the appeal be denied.”***

**It was moved and seconded to uphold the findings and penalties affixed by the Trial Master and to deny the appeal of Trial 2016-02, Motion Passed.**

## **2017 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 Credential Committees final report was that there were 59 possible votes registered and all 11 lodges with representation present.

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. 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. 2016-09 CARRY-OVER (54% from last year)**

To Allow Multiple Candidates During Degree Work  
Required 2/3 Received: 70% (39-17) Result Passed

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01**

Deems Travel Expense to Grand Lodge Workshops  
as Proper Use of Lodge Funds.  
Required 2/3 Received: 84% (47-9) Result Passed

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02**

Redefines Lodge Representatives and  
Travel Expenses To Annual Communication  
Required 2/3 Received: 96% (54-2) 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.

When all business had been completed, Most Worshipful Geiser asked if any brother had anything else to bring before this Grand Lodge as it was now time for the election of the 2017 Grand Lodge Officers. He reminded us that our Masonic 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.

There being none, 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 2017 – 2018 Grand Lodge year.

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Grand Master .....        | Albert B. Alvarez       |
| Deputy Grand Master ..... | Wilson S. Camagan       |
| Senior Grand Warden ..... | Alexander A. Escasa     |
| Junior Grand Warden ..... | Garry Graham            |
| 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 11:40 am, Most Worshipful Geiser then called the Grand Lodge of Hawaii 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 Oscar M. Jayme PGM as Installing Officer; Most Worshipful Monty J. Glover PGM as Installing Master of Ceremonies, and Very Reverend Randy V.N. Albano as Installing Chaplain. The 2017 Grand Lodge officers were installed as follows:

## Grand Lodge Officers 2017 – 2018.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grand Master .....          | Albert B. Alvarez        |
| Deputy Grand Master .....   | Wilson S. Camagan        |
| Senior Grand Warden .....   | Alexander A. Escasa      |
| Junior Grand Warden .....   | Garry Graham             |
| 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 .....         | Aaron P. Daguio          |
| Grand Standard Bearer ..... | Vincent L. Gusman        |
| Grand Sword Bearer .....    | Bernardo C. Balduenza    |
| Grand Bible Bearer .....    | Feliciano Dela Cruz, Jr. |
| Senior Grand Deacon .....   | Sonny A. Cardenas        |
| Junior Grand Deacon .....   | Arnold C. Sarinas        |
| Senior Grand Steward .....  | Anthony J. Escasa        |
| Junior Grand Steward .....  | Jared A. Namumnart       |
| Grand Historian .....       | Herman K. Wilson         |
| Grand Organist .....        | Lee D. Gordon            |
| Grand Pursuivant .....      | Dado C. Lajola           |
| Grand Tiler .....           | Chris N. Kaminaka        |

### Grand Lodge Inspectors

|                   |                   |                  |                     |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Jay Oliver Bajuyo | Seth Connell      | Dustin T. Verity | Michael D. Janovsky |
| Darryl Lajola     | Mark P. Leo       | Michael J. Lopez | J. Daniel Miller    |
| Kevin R. Perdue   | Donald W. Traller |                  |                     |

After the installation of the 2017 – 2018 Grand Lodge officers, our newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Albert B. Alvarez addressed the assembly, to wit;

## **GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS**

*Aloha, Brethren And Guests!*

*I must, first, convey my sincerest fraternal appreciation to all of you here present for taking time out of your busy schedules to grace this special event. Thank you very much.*

*Secondly, I request that the brethren, their families and friends, and the other members of our Masonic Family will give me and the other Grand Lodge Officers their full support and wholehearted cooperation toward the successful implementation of our future plans and programs.*

*And, Thirdly, I hope that my beloved wife, Helen, will continue extending her understanding, and support in all my Masonic undertakings.*

*Next, I must thank with all my heart the members of the Installing Team – MW Oscar Jayme, PGM, the Grand Installing Officer, MW Monty Glover, PGM, the Grand Master of Ceremonies, and the Installing Chaplain, RW Ben Malajito. The solemn and impressive conduct by them of the Installation Ceremony has inspired me and hopefully the other newly installed Grand Lodge Officers to work together in close harmony to realizing our vision, accomplishing our mission, and giving due meaning and substance to our theme, "HARMONY" which will serve as the focus of all our activities during my year in the Grand East. To live in harmony, we can easily practice and display the true tenets of Masonry.*

*As I have knelt at the Altar and took the same vow of office which my predecessors had taken, each in his own time. I am fully cognizant of the fact that the duties incumbent upon me in my exalted station as Grand Master are fraught with grave responsibilities. But I have strong reason to believe that with the support and assistance of the all the brethren in our jurisdiction, our newly elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, as well as the wise counsel, expert knowledge, and vast experiences of the Past Grand Masters, I will be able to discharge my duties with honor and zeal.*

*Brethren of this jurisdiction, I urge you all to continue to extend your support and assistance to me and the rest of the Grand Lodge Officers toward realizing our vision, accomplishing our mission, and putting our theme to meaningful action.*



*My VISION is to make Free Masonry in our jurisdiction a dynamic fraternal organization dedicated to attracting and retaining members of the finest character, by committing ourselves to providing the brethren, with progressive quality programs and services in a spirit of fun, friendship, and fellowship.*

*Our MISSION is to attract and retain members of high quality, by maintaining a positive environment in our Lodges and in the entire Craft— an environment which is conducive to helping our members develop their leadership skills; one which provides our members, with opportunities for fellowship and enjoyment in and outside of our jurisdiction; one which enables us to bring about the continuous growth and development of our membership.*

*But we will not be able to realize our vision and to accomplish our mission unless we give due meaning and substance to our theme. Yes, during my watch in the Grand East, we will, each of us, try our best to exhibit ourselves as men and Masons possessed and adorned with such qualities of inflexible fidelity to every trust committed to our care, and a high level of ability and proficiency in the execution and delivery of our Craft's rituals and ceremonial work.*

*To help the brethren become highly skilled and proficient in the execution and delivery of our Craft's ritualistic and ceremonial work, we will assist in continuing the implementation of the Master Ritualist/Master Lecturer Program that was initiated by my immediate predecessor MW Andy Geiser (with his permission of course) and also hold periodic Lodges of Instruction.*

*We will also look in to programs for membership growth and participation, as well as on Lodge management and development.*

*Dear fellow Grand Lodge Officers, the brethren expects us to lead them more by example than by precept. We must, therefore, prove to them that we are worthy of the trust that they have bestowed upon us. Let us all demonstrate to our brethren our devotion and dedication to our duties.*

*Thank you very much.*

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

The Past Grand Masters present were as follows:

|      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 2007 | Most Worshipful Oscar M. Jayme       |
| 2008 | Most Worshipful Dennis S.A. Ing      |
| 2009 | Most Worshipful Marty P. Alexander   |
| 2011 | Most Worshipful Monty J. Glover      |
| 2012 | Most Worshipful Antonio M. Ligaya    |
| 2013 | Most Worshipful Frank M. Condello II |
| 2015 | Most Worshipful Michael P. Baker Sr. |
| 2016 | Most Worshipful Andrew L. Geiser     |

At that point, it was discovered that Most Worshipful Geiser. 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 Alvarez 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 Albert Alvarez then closed the 2017 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii by proclamation.

Respectfully Submitted

*Marty Alexander*

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



# **APPENDIX**

**2017 Resolutions W/ Jurisprudence Reports & Results – Full Form**

**2016 List of Lodges, Lodge Masters & Wardens and Membership Counts**

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

**2017 Annual Communication Credentials Committee Report**

**Resolutions presented  
At the 2017 Annual Communication  
With Jurisprudence Committee Reports  
And Voting Results**

**GRAND LODGE OF HAWAII, F&AM**  
**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09 CARRY-OVER (54% from previous year)**  
**To Allow Multiple Candidates During Degree Work**  
Required 2/3      Received: 70% (39-17) Result Passed

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 (Carryover)**  
**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 Carryover 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 23, 2017

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. 2017-01**  
**Deems Travel Expense to Grand Lodge Workshops**  
**as Proper Use of Lodge Funds.**  
Required 2/3      Received: 84% (47-9)    Result Passed

This Resolution seeks to expand the use of lodge funds to allow lodge members to attend training seminars conducted by the Grand Lodge.

**WHEREAS**, Section §2318 of the Hawaii Masonic Code deems expenditures for a Grand Lodge required program to be part of the necessary expenses of a lodge, it does not however take into consideration expenditures for voluntary Grand Lodge programs such as Lodge Secretary Workshops and Leadership Workshops which can be and usually are just as important to a lodge's success as one that might have a "required" attendance.;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section §2320d of the Hawaii Masonic Code be added as follows:

§2320d. Each Lodge may provide, in such manner as it may deem proper by lodge vote, for the payment (or any portion thereof) of its officers in attending workshops conducted by the Grand Lodge.

Dated: November 28, 2016  
Respectfully submitted,

  
Marty F. Alexander, PGM  
Grand Secretary  
Proponent

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2017-01**

**Deems Travel Expense to Grand Lodge Workshops  
as Proper Use of Lodge Funds.**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2017-01 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by adding §2320d to allow as a proper Lodge expense the cost of officers to attend Workshops conducted by the Grand Lodge.

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 23, 2017

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. 2017-02**  
**Redefines Lodge Representatives and**  
**Travel Expenses To Annual Communication**  
Required 2/3    Received: 96% (54-2)    Result Passed

**WHEREAS**, Section §1148 of the Hawaii Masonic Code uses references such as “Travel Vouchers” etc. that are no longer available for air fare, and

**WHEREAS**, Section §1148 has also had the definition “authorized officers” interpreted differently throughout the past and the Grand Master each year has had to render an edict to avoid confusion,


**THIS** Resolution seeks to update a portion of the code that has become outdated and confusing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section §1148 of the Hawaii Masonic Code be amended as follows:

**§1148. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.** ~~The One authorized pillar officers or and the Past Masters' representative of each Lodge in the jurisdiction present at either the Annual or a Special Communication shall be reimbursed furnished, by the Grand Lodge, ~~with coupon vouchers covering~~ for his round trip air fare from the location of his Lodge in the jurisdiction to the site, for attendance at the relevant communication with an amount that has been approved by the Grand Master. ~~or the value of the coupons in those situations where the members have to make their own reservations and pay for their transportation and shall be provided without regard to the Treasury.~~ Any further expense to these Grand Lodge Communications is to be borne by such representative or voting officer as approved by their lodge.~~

Receipts for reimbursement shall be submitted no later than the date of the ending of the Annual Communication for that year as accounting for the Grand Lodge's fiscal year ends at that time.

Dated: December 1, 2016  
Respectfully submitted,

  
Marty R. Alexander, PGM  
Grand Secretary  
Proponent

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Grand Lodge of Hawaii  
Proposed Resolution No. 2017-02**

**Redefines Lodge Representatives and  
Travel Expenses To Annual Communication**

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

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which proposed Resolution 2017-02 has been referred, reports as follows:

The proponent of this resolution seeks to amend the HMC by adding §1148 clarifying who is authorized reimbursable travel expenses for the Annual Communication and how the amount is determined. It also removes any reference to travel vouchers as these are no longer used.

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 23, 2017

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, 2016 to December 31, 2016

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

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Grand Master        | Andrew L. Geiser    |
| Deputy Grand Master | Albert B. Alvarez   |
| Senior Grand Warden | Wilson S. Camagan   |
| Junior Grand Warden | Alexander A. Escasa |

Annual Membership Count Since Electronic Age (Calendar years)

|                   |                 |                 |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2008 (1699) +/- ? | 2009 (1740) +41 | 2010 (1748) +47 | 2011 (1807) +59 |
| 2012 (1777) -30   | 2013 (1785) +8  | 2014 (1721) -63 | 2015 (1733) +12 |
| 2016 (1661) -72   |                 |                 |                 |

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### Hawaiian Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989 (First chartered in 1851 - California)

Membership Count: 435

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Worshipful Master | - Wor. Anthony A. Escasa |
| Sr. Warden        | - Wor. Chris N. Kaminaka |
| Jr. Warden        | - Bro. David H. Gomes    |

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### Honolulu Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989 (First chartered in 1895 - Scotland)

Membership Count: 224

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Worshipful Master | - Wor. Owen H. Shieh   |
| Sr. Warden        | - Bro. Joseph V. Bonin |
| Jr. Warden        | - Bro. Lee K. Kaneakua |

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### Kauai Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989 (First chartered in 1924 - California)

Membership Count: 42

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Worshipful Master | - Wor. Herman K. Wilson     |
| Sr. Warden        | - Wor. Donald W. Traller    |
| Jr. Warden        | - Wor. Christopher A. Stowe |

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**Kilauea Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989  
(First chartered in 1897 - California)**

Membership Count: 72

- Worshipful Master - Wor. Benjamin D. Spencer
- Sr. Warden - Bro. John W. Nordblom
- Jr. Warden - Bro. Steven J. Jacquier

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**Kona Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989  
(First chartered in 1982 - California)**

Membership Count: 79

- Worshipful Master - Wor. Robert L. Brogan
- Sr. Warden - Bro. Ramon Villasenor
- Jr. Warden - Bro. Chris M. Domino

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**Ko'olau Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989  
(First chartered in 1961 - California)**

Membership Count: 65

- Worshipful Master - Wor. Dustin T. Verity
- Sr. Warden - Wor. Scott-Michael K. Waracka
- Jr. Warden - Wor. Seth A. Connell

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

Membership Count: 198

- Worshipful Master - Wor. Arnold C. Sarinas
- Sr. Warden - Bro. Rolando C. Resurreccion
- Jr. Warden - Bro. Donald R. Alvarado

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**Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie - Constituted January 30, 2015  
(First chartered in 1843 - France)**

Membership Count: 178

Worshipful Master - Wor. Jared A. Numumnart  
Sr. Warden - Hon. Robert K. Kapanui  
Jr. Warden - Wor. Jeffrey A. Low

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**Lodge Maui - Constituted May 20, 1989  
(First chartered in 1872 - California)**

Membership Count: 114

Worshipful Master - Wor. Stewart H. Enger  
Sr. Warden - Wor. Edde T. Kanai  
Jr. Warden - Bro. James D. Durham Jr.

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**Pearl Harbor Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989  
(First chartered in 1924 - California)**

Membership Count: 149

Worshipful Master - Wor. Aaronkai P. Daguio  
Sr. Warden - Wor. Mike Maklary  
Jr. Warden - Bro. Jonathan P. Cross

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**Schofield Lodge - Constituted May 20, 1989  
(First chartered in 1914 - California)**

Membership Count: 105

Worshipful Master - Wor. James A. Sullivan Jr.  
Sr. Warden - Wor. Dado C. Lajola  
Jr. Warden - Bro. Gary R. Panion

## Past Grand Masters - Grand Lodge of Hawaii

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

|        |                         |                         |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1989 * | William K. McKee, Jr.   | Waikiki                 |
| 1990 * | William K. McKee, Jr.   | Waikiki                 |
| 1991 * | William K. McKee, Jr.   | Waikiki                 |
| 1992 * | Ernest Y. Yamane        | Hawaiian                |
| 1993 * | David K. Lindsey        | Honolulu                |
| 1994   | Frederick H. Overstreet | Le Progres De L'Oceanie |
| 1995 * | Richard W.M. Dang       | Le Progres De L'Oceanie |
| 1996 * | Bennett K.C. Ing        | Schofield               |
| 1997   | Stuart M. Cowan         | Pearl Harbor            |
| 1998 * | Paul D. Jones           | Le Progres De L'Oceanie |
| 1999   | Randy T.S. Chang        | Hawaiian                |
| 2000 * | Mason E. Teter          | Kilauea                 |
| 2001 * | Donald W. Wilson        | Ko'olau                 |
| 2002   | Lyle G. Phillips        | Hawaiian                |
| 2003   | A. Lee Skinner          | Pearl Harbor            |
| 2004   | Walter L. Hager         | Maui                    |
| 2005   | Raymond Wieckowicz, Jr  | Ko'olau                 |
| 2006 * | Bruce H. Bonnell        | Pearl Harbor            |
| 2007   | Oscar M. Jayme          | Hawaiian                |
| 2008   | Dennis S.A. Ing         | Hawaiian                |
| 2009   | Marty P. Alexander      | Maui                    |
| 2010 * | Charles L. Wegener Jr.  | Ko'olau                 |
| 2011   | Monty J. Glover         | Honolulu                |
| 2012   | Antonio M. Ligaya       | Hawaiian                |
| 2013   | Frank M. Condello II    | Honolulu                |
| 2014   | Richard B. Huston       | Hawaiian                |
| 2015   | Michael P. Baker Sr.    | Kona                    |
| 2016   | Andrew L. Geiser        | Le Progres De L'Oceanie |

**FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**  
**2017 Grand Lodge of Hawaii Annual Communication**

Location: Scottish Rite Cathedral 1611 Kewalo St. , Honolulu, Hawaii

Date : April 21 - 22, 2017

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: 11

Lodge Junior Wardens: 11

Past Masters Reps: 10

Grand Lodge Officers: 7

Past Grand Masters: 9

Total Registered Votes: 59

Non Voting Members: 47

Total GL of Hawaii Members Present: 106

Visiting Brothers from other jurisdictions: 24