Honolulu Lodge F.&A.M. Trestle Board April - June 2004



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From the East

Worshipful Matt Scott

Aloha Brothers of Honolulu Lodge. The Masonic year is flying by and half over already. We have done some outstanding events thus far, and we still have a few remaining. If you haven't participated much due to your busy schedule, there is still time to join us for some Brotherly Love and Fellowship! Some particular highlights we have had since my last Trestleboard article have been: rededication of our Oahu Cemetery plot, Lodge picnic celebrating our 109th year, participation in the Grand Lodges Annual Communication, installed three Brothers to fill holes in our Officers line, conducted a successful Layman's night dinner and program, held a Boston Tea Party working party and picnic, and conferred some excellent Masonic Degrees. Yes, we are busy and could use your help and support. In addition to our Lodge being busy, some of our Brothers have excelled in other Masonic Bodies; WB Warren Stremming was awarded "Mason of the Year" from MWB A. Lee Skinner, WB George Theofanis and Brother Bart Canada have assumed President of their respective National Sojourner Chapters, and WB Frank Condello and myself were installed as Grand Lodge Officers. Some of our upcoming events include: Bayfest and Kailua 4th of July parade, Lodge social evening, Constitutional Observance (Boston Tea Party), Past Masters/Lodge Veterans Dinner, and our first ever Friends of Weinburg Foundation project. We also have many applications and newly initiated/passed Brothers that we will be raising over the next few months. If you haven't attended a Degree put on by "our Brothers" lately, you don't know what you are missing. We have been conferring some excellent Degrees with more coming all the time. Come down

and see for yourself, I look forward to having you sit in our columns or even assisting with the Degree if you would like.

I would also like to encourage you and your wife, girl friend or lady friend to join us each month for dinner prior to our Stated Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. We have had the pleasure of some, but we could always entertain more. Please assist me in bringing the family of Honolulu Lodge closer together.

We have also had to say farewell to some of our Brothers who are traveling throughout the world. Brothers Ed Drish, Ben Bishop and Dana Hudnall are on the mainland, Brother Dan Mishket is in Afganistan, and Brothers Sean McDougal and Dusty Davis are in Iraq (Sean as a civilian now after having recently retired from the U.S. Navy). You will remain in our thoughts and prayers for a safe and speedy return.

I would again like to leave you with this last thought. Are you supporting your Lodge? I know all of us have busy lives with work, family and others, but are you making the extra effort to support the craft and make it better? Are you promoting Masonry in your daily life and encouraging Brothers and Fellows to become more active members. We can always use your help. Whether it's in degree work, helping a Brother with his proficiency, assisting with updating the Lodge Roster and Records, or just coming to Lodge to share in the fellowship – your presence is needed and we would love to see you back with us.

Until next time, stay safe and God Bless America.

Fraternally, Matt Scott



Acacia Tree

I am happy to report that none of our Brothers have recently gone to that Spiritual House above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.



Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson's rules of living:

- Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
- Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
- Never spend your money before you have it.
- Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap.
- Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
- We seldom repent having eaten too little.
- Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
- How much pain the evils have cost us that have never happened!
- Take things always by the smooth handle.
- When Angry, count to ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.



Gary Camp, PM

From the archives of Honolulu Lodge, April 2001

"TRIED, TRUE AND TESTED

How many of you can say we are tried, true and tested Masons? You may wonder what is he getting at. There are few ways a Brother can be tested today. As we enter Masonry, we are told of the rough and perfect ashlar and how they are represented in Masonry. In days of old, we are informed how Operative Masons worked in the

quarries forming the stones to be made for the builders use. As the stones were removed they were certified to be true, and the mark of the craftsman was put on the stone certifying that it would not crack.

As we no longer work as Operative Masons, but Speculative only, and deal with our fellow man, what test is there for us?

After a Lodge meeting, I expressed to a Past Grand Master how much I admired his suspenders. They had Masonic symbols on them and supported his pants quite well. He informed me as to where I might order a pair for myself. I jokingly told him that I desired his, and right off his back so that I might say that the suspenders I wear came right off the back of the Past Grand Master of Hawaii, he removed them and gave them to me!

Ask yourself how many men would remove the support for his pants and give them to his fellow Brother? This one did and I salute Stewart Cowan, Past Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii as one fine Mason. Fraternally,

Gary Camp, PM"

Lodge Photo Section







Brother Sean McDougal's retirement after 21 years of service onboard USS MISSOURI (BB-63), April 6th, 2004



Oahu Cemetery Rededication, April 10th, 2004. Many thanks to all, especially Bart, Jan, Marshall, George, John and Monty.



Honolulu Lodge's 109th Anniversary Picnic, April 10th, 2004 held at Brother Clinton B. Ripley Estate.





Brother Ace Caballero's Second Degree, April 13th, 2004





Brother Kekoa Li's Third Degree, April 20th, 2004







Honolulu Lodge's Layman Night, May 11th, 2004





Brother Ace Caballero's Third Degree, Military Night, May 18th, 2004



Brothers John Price, Josh Strickler & Joe Bradbury's First Degree, June 8th, 2004



Brother Jason Motes' First Degree, June 15th, 2004



Brother John Price's Second Degree, June 22nd, 2004



Brother Ben Bishop with WM Matt Scott and WB Frank Condello. Brother Ben departed Hawaii for some time in Utah. You will be missed my Brother – best of luck.

Proudly serving our Country, God Bless you and keep you safe.



Brother Dan Mishket in Afghanistan

Boston Tea Party Working Party



WB George Theofanis



WM Matt Scott and Brother Paul Fischer



Brother Monty Glover and his son



Brother Marshall Ness



Brother Bart Canada



Brothers Jon Haig and John Condello

Hawaii Mason of the Year





WB Warren Stremming, PM, Grand Lodge of Hawaii, Mason of the Year

<u>Upcoming Lodge Activities</u> July 2004:

1st – Shriners Golf Tournament, 10:00AM, Pearl Country Club

2-4th – Bayfest, Kaneohe Marine Corps Base

3rd – Kailua 4th of July Parade, 9:00AM

6th – Stated Meeting, 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting

13th – 3rd Degree, 7:00PM

20th – 1st Degree, 7:00PM

27th – 2nd Degree, 7:00PM

August 2004:

3rd – Stated Meeting, 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting, Grand Lodge Official Visit

10th – Masonic Education, 7:00PM

17th – Degree/Practice, 7:00PM

24th – Degree/Practice, 7:00PM

31st – Lodge Social, family & friends for pizza & soda, 7:00PM

September 2004:

7th – Stated Meeting, 6:30PM Dinner, 7:30PM Meeting, Standing Resolutions vote

11th – Constitutional Observance (Boston Tea Party), Falls of Clyde/Hawaii Maritime Center, 10:00AM

14th – Degree/Practice, 7:00PM

21st – Degree/Practice, 7:00PM

28th – Dark/Lodge Visitation

Other upcoming events:

October 12th – Past Masters/Lodge Veterans/ Awards Dinner, 6:30PM, Location: TBD October 23rd – All Lodges combined Third Degree, Time/Location: TBD November 2nd – Officer Elections for 2005 at Stated Meeting, 7:30PM, Makiki Temple December 4th – Installation of Officers, 6:00PM, Scottish Rite Cathedral December 11th – Friends of Weinburg Foundation Project, Time/Location: TBD

Master Mason - Could this be you?

A Brother of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful

Master found his Brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the Brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my Brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

Good of the Order

My Brethren, every Stated Meeting I read a portion of the Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC). I do this for the "Good of the Order" and also to impart some Masonic Teachings to the Brothers present. I again encourage you to participate in Honolulu Lodge events. As you can tell by looking through this Trestleboard, we have been busy these past three months. Many hands make light work my Brothers. My "Good of the Order" for this Trestleboard is simple, we miss you Brothers and we enjoy your company, letters, notes, emails, signing our web site guest book and phone calls. Please keep in touch with the Lodge and assist us in caring for our Brethren.

Fraternally, Matt Scott

Brothers of Honolulu Lodge, attached on this page are proposed Standing Resolutions to be voted on and/or discussed during the Stated Meeting on September 7th, 2004. Your presence and recommendations are requested. We have finally gotten our By-Laws signed and approved by the Grand Lodge, now we are working on Standing Resolutions. Others that we are working on are: Candidates Proficiency Program, Constitutional Observance, Public Schools Week, and Past Masters Association. We welcome your comments and assistance – especially the assistance.

Fraternally, Matt Scott Worshipful Master

STANDING RESOLUTION LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Introduced July 6, 2004

RESOLVED, that Honolulu Lodge, F. & A.M., does hereby adopt the plan of Life Membership as provided for in Section 2804 of the Hawaii Masonic Code, to wit:

This Lodge will issue a certificate of Life Membership upon the payment by members of the appropriate sum from the below listed schedule, thereby forever exempting such member from the payment of dues therein; provided that the dues of such member are paid in full to the date when such payment is made; and provided further that the Life Membership Certificate shall be issued annually at the meeting of the Lodge; and shall in terms be limited to the annual period. If the dues are increased at any time so as to exceed the amount stipulated in Section 2804 of the Hawaii Masonic Code, the fee for Life Membership thereafter issued shall be proportionately increased.

DUES FEE SCHEDULE

Age 49 or under	21 times	Annual Dues = $$60.00$
50 to 54, inclusive	19 times	Annual Dues = $$60.00$
55 to 59, inclusive	17 times	Annual Dues = $$60.00$
60 to 64, inclusive	14 times	Annual Dues = $$60.00$
65 and over	11 times	Annual Dues = $$60.00$

All amounts paid for Life Membership shall be deposited in some reputable bank or invested in accordance with the provisions of Section 2316 of the Hawaii Masonic Code, and only the income thereof shall be used by the Lodge, the original amounts to be forever kept and maintained for a permanent Life Membership Fund.

The Secretary of the Lodge, in making his Annual Report to the Grand Lodge, shall report the number of Life Members borne upon the roll, the amount of the fund thus created, and the manner in which said fund is invested.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval by the Grand Master.

STANDING RESOLUTION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Introduced July 6, 2004

RESOLVED, that Honolulu Lodge, F. & A.M., does hereby adopt the following Standing Resolution for a Board of Trustees, to wit:

There shall be a Board of five Trustees, one of whom is to be elected by ballot at the annual election of officers to serve for a term of five years, provided, however, that at the first election following the adoption of this resolution, the Trustees shall be elected to staggered terms so that one Trustee's term shall expire each year; and thereafter, one only to be elected annually to serve the full term of five years.

Vacancies in the Board arising from any cause other than as above stated shall be filled as soon as possible at a Stated Meeting of the Lodge by ballot, the Brother elected to serve the unexpired portion of the term of the Trustee whom he succeeds.

The Trustees duly elected shall have the power to buy, hold, manage and sell the property of the Lodge, subject to the control and direction of the Lodge.

No note, deed, mortgage, or hypothecation of any of the property of the Lodge shall be executed by the Trustees, nor shall any liability on the part of the Lodge be incurred by the Trustees without the direction of the Lodge at a regular meeting thereof.

The Trustees shall receive from the Treasurer, on the approval of the Master, on or before May 31st, and November 30th of each year, any surplus of cash in the hands of the Treasurer not required for Lodge expenses, and shall give their receipt therefore.

The Trustees shall, only with the approval of the Lodge showing in its minutes, invest or reinvest any funds in their hands.

The Trustees shall keep books in which all financial transactions are correctly and plainly set forth, and they shall render complete written statements of receipts and disbursements made by them with vouchers, semiannually to the regular Stated Meeting of the Lodge in June and December of each year.

The Trustees shall hold the assets of the Lodge and manage the same without compensation and without giving bonds.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval by the Grand Master.

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