



From the East

Worshipful T. David Franklin

Aloha, from the East

It seems like it was just yesterday when I was delivering the toys you donated to the Marine's Toys for Tots program. Here we are in mid April and our Marines and other Armed Services are half way around the world defending freedom and paving the way for a new government in Iraq. I hope you will join with me and many of your brothers and sisters in support of our troops at a rally scheduled for May 1st at the Capitol.

I want to personally thank you all for your cards and support during my recent illness. It was great to see and feel the support of my brothers. I also want to thank the officers for doing such a fine job in my brief absence.

The process was begun in my absence to ask the Grand Lodge for a special dispensation to hold an election for Senior and Junior Warden. While I understand the dispensation has been requested and is merely awaiting the Grand Master's signature, I must openly express my feelings on the matter.

Our Senior Warden was planning on moving to Florida to join his family there, however he was called into service in the Middle East. While he did not tender his resignation and I expect to one day see him safely return to Honolulu Lodge, I **do not** feel it is appropriate to officially vacate his office and hold a special election while he is off serving our country. Just as the brother's came together to help me in my time of relief I am sure we can manage to do the same in Brother McDougal's absence. I will not continue down the path started unless it is the will and pleasure of the brothers of Honolulu Lodge. It is my hope all the brothers of Honolulu Lodge feel the same way and find it unnecessary to hold any special elections at this time or the foreseeable future.

Have you paid your 2003 Lodge Dues?

Fraternally yours, T. David Franklin, Worshipful Master



From the South

Brother Matt Scott

Aloha Brothers. This is my first article for Honolulu's Trestle Board and I would first like to share some of my views on Freemasonry. First off it is the absolute best fraternal organization in the world and the foundation of all that is good in society. Men of every culture, religion, ethnic origin, background or upbringing can always gather together and discuss topics "On the Level". This is no small feet. Whether you are the Worshipful Master, the youngest Entered Apprentice or a visiting Most Worshipful you can meet a Brother to whisper good counsel or keep his secrets as your own. I am truly blessed to have met so many "good" and "decent" men since having been taken by the hand as a Brother.

2003 is starting off great! We've done some degree work, had some fellowship and dinners and are well into the new Masonic year. If you haven't been to Lodge lately, we welcome you back and if you are a regular, please continue to support us. There is nothing better than raising a new Brother and have his eyes opened to Freemasonry by a full Lodge room.

Since I am new at submitting articles, I

From the South (cont).

value your feedback and/or comments (good or not so good). One of the first lessons that I learned after becoming a brother is you can meet anyone on the level. If you would like to see something in the Trestle Board or just have a comment about it, please let me know. Later in the Trestle Board I will ask every Brother to let me know how he would like to receive future editions. Whether it is by U.S. Mail, e-mail or just reading it on our homepage – the choice is yours.

One last comment I would like to leave you with is to continue to support your Blue Lodge – that's us. Whether you have branched out into other Masonic bodies or just got busy with work or family, I hope you find time to keep the Lodge informed as to what is going on with you. If you are under the weather, let us know and we can make some chicken soup for you. Do you need a Brothers attentive ear, constructive tongue or faithful breast? Can you assist in bringing or driving some of our Brothers back to Lodge? A full Lodge is a happy and productive Lodge. I ask each and every one of you to think back to the day you submitted your application to become a Mason. What were your reasons and are they still there? What did it mean to you when you were taken by the right hand as a Master Mason? Until next edition, God bless America.

Fraternally, Matt Scott



Worshipful Frank Condello, PM

The Old Masters Wages'

I met a dear old man today Who wore a Mason's pin, It was old and faded like the man

Its edges were worn quite thin I approached the park bench where he sat To give the old brother his do I said, "I see you've traveled east" He said, "I have, have you?" I said, I have and in my day Before the all seeing eye I played in the rubble with Jubala, Jubilo, and Jubalum. He shouted, don't laugh at the work my son Its good and sweet and true And if you've traveled as you said You should give these things their due. The word, the sign, the token, The sweet Masonic prayer, The vow that all have taken Who have climbed the inner stair. The wages of a Mason are never paid in gold but the gain comes from contentment when you're weak and growing old. You see I've carried my obligations For almost fifty years It has helped me through the hardships and the failures full of tears. Now I'm losing my mind and my body Death is near but I don't despair I've lived my life upon the level And I'm dying upon the square. Sometimes the greatest lessons Are those that are learned anew And the old man in the park today has changed my point of view. To all Masonic brothers The only secret is to care May you live upon the level. May you part upon the square.

LODGE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday April 15 2nd Degree Practice 6:30 PM

Friday April 18 3rd Degree, Prince Hall at Schofield Lodge 12:00 Midnight (Low Twelve)

Tuesday April 22 2nd Degree Practice 6:30 PM

Saturday April 26 Temple Association Mtg 8:00 AM Masters & Wardens Mtg 9:00 AM

Tuesday April 29 1st Degree Proficiency Allan Lowchinovsky 2nd Degree Proficiency Charles Hughes 2nd Degree for Allen Lowchinovsky

LODGE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Friday May 2 Grand Lodge Communication Business Meeting 9:00 AM Pacific Beach Hotel, Waikiki Fellowship Dinner & Entertainment tickets are available for \$39 Contact Bruce Bonnell at 787-9651 brucehale@hawaii.rr.com

Saturday May 3 Grand Lodge Communications Installation 3:30 PM Installation Banquet 6PM see Bruce for tickets \$39

Tuesday May 6 Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

Tuesday May 13 Past Masters Banquet Dinner at PAGODA Restaurant 6:00 PM Prime Rib and Crab Legs send reservation request to <u>TDavidFranklin@hotmail.com</u>. Lodge Members and One Guest NO CHARGE, all others \$25.

Friday July 4th Kailua Parade Marching as Patriots in the morning. Large Masonic Picnic afterwards at Aloha Shiners Beach Club in Waimanalo. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS WE CELEBRATE THE FOURTH!



A TOAST TO THE FLAG

Here's to the Red of it -

There's not a thread of it, No, nor a shred of it In all the spread of it, From foot to head But heroes bled for it, Faced steel and lead for it, Precious blood shed for it, **Bathing it Red!**

Here's to the White of it -

Thrilled by the sight of it, Who knows the right of it But feels the might of it Through day and night? Womanhood's care for it Made manhood dare for it; Purity's pray'r for it Keeps it so White!

Here's to the Blue of it -

Beauteous view of it, Heavenly hue of it, Star-spangled dew of it Constant and true; Diadems gleam for it, Liberty's beam for it **Brightens the Blue!**

Here's to the Whole of it -

Stars, stripes and pole of it, Body and soul of it, O, and the roll of it, Sun shining through; Hearts in accord for it Swear by the sword for it, Thanking the Lord for it, **Red, White and Blue!**

Lodge Trestle Board

By: Matt Scott

This is a new format that I hope is to your satisfaction. I am asking for your support to make this "our" Trestle Board and not just mine or the Worshipful Master. I will accept any article for future editions and hope to add new columns related to Honolulu Lodge or Freemasons in general. I plan to have some Masonic education, Grand Lodge events or schools of instruction and many other helpful tidbits of information the Bretheren may enjoy. If you have pictures or articles, please email them to me at: mzscott@hawaii.rr.com or mail them to me at: Honolulu Lodge F&AM, 1227 Makiki Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-1332.

I am also asking each of you to let me know how you would like to receive future editions. Like I mentioned above, do you want it delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, emailed to your account or do you just want to read it on our homepage. Keeping with being environmentally conscience, I'm trying to keep from xeroxing copies if just getting it emailed or posting it is fine. I will be happy to mail them if you prefer but the bottom line is to keep Honolulu Lodge brothers informed as to what is going on with "your" Lodge.

Masonic Education

Who is Henry Price and what roll did he play in Freemasonry?

Masonry was introduced into the United States by grant of warrant to **Henry Price**, Esq. of Boston, on the 30th of July 1733, as Right Worshipful Grand Master of North America, "with full power and authority to appoint his Deputy," by the Right and Honorable and Most Worshipful **Anthony Lord Viscount Montague** "Grand master of Masons of England."

I do not conceive it necessary to prosecute the history of Masonry farther in this country; but let it suffice to say, that hostilities which commenced between Great Britain and American in 1775, absolved all Masonic ties between the two countries, and left American Masons free to act according to the suggestions of the peculiar circumstances in which they were then placed. With the independence of the country, commenced the independence of Masonic jurisdiction in the United States. (It is said, that at that early period of its existence in this country, entertaining a kind of superstitious idea of its sacredness, the Masonic warrant was kept closely in some secret places, prohibited from the view of all but Masons; consequently when General Warren, who was Grand Master of Massachusetts, fell in the Revolutionary struggle, the warrant was lost and with it, Masonry in Massachusetts. All Masons are familiar with the fact that Grand Master Warren was raised from his grave and a search made, doubtless, supposing that the warrant might have been found concealed about his person.) The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formed in 1769; Maine, New Hampshire, 1789; Rhode Island, 1791; Vermont, 1794; New York, 1787; (another being established in 1826, which has recently been denounced by England and all other legal Masonic jurisdictions thoughout the world); New Jersey, 1786; Pennsylvania, 1734, under England, to which she remained attached until September, 1786; Virginia, 1788; North Carolina, 1787; South Carolina, 1787;

Georgia, 1786, Ohio 1808; Kentucky, 1800; Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee, the data not being given. This gives a fair history of the introduction of Masonry into the United States of America.

Masonry Supplies

Where can I purchase Freemasonry items?

Not to endorse any specific retailer, this information is intended to assist Bretheren in finding different articles of interest. If you know a company, a brother or a website you would like published, please let me know. The two for this month are:

Gordons Masonic Rings http://www.gordonsmasonicrings.com/

J.P. Luther, CO Masonic Aprons & Supplies http://www.jpluther.com

Honolulu Lodge Photos



Kinani Baker's raising March 18th, 2003



St Patricks Day Parade March 17th, 2003. Past Master Frank Condello, Worshipful T. David Franklin, Brothers Jon Haig and Matt Scott.

Honolulu Lodge Photos (Cont.)



Past Master Frank Condello and Worshipful T. David Franklin received an award from the Knights of Rizal for the support they gave during the Dr. Jose Rizal events. Dr. Rizal was a famous Freemason of the Philippines.

Sweethearts Dinner (Feb 13th, 2003)



Past Master George Theofanis and Jan.

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Jamie Tristan and David Sandoval



Past Master Warren Stremming and Jean



Kuldip and Rani Bhogal



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