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From the East

Monty Glover, Worshipful Master

Fraternal Greetings and Aloha Brethren,

I wish you all a happy New Year and hope that you and your families had a safe and joyous holiday season.

I would like to congratulate all the newly installed officers of Honolulu Lodge and ask you to give them all the support you can this year. I would also like to thank Worshipful Brother Matt Scott on his fine leadership and work this past year. Without his dedication and hard work Honolulu Lodge would not have enjoyed the successful year it had.

The new year brings many exciting events to Honolulu Lodge.

On February 10th we will be holding the Joint Lodge Sweetheart's Dinner to honor our widows. Like last year we will be joining Pearl Harbor and Le' Progres Lodges for this event. It's an opportunity to continue strengthening the Brotherly Bonds between the Lodges.

On March 15th I am planning a Rusty Trowel night for those Brothers who have been away from the Lodge and their Brothers for a while and need a little refresher on the craft. It is my strong desire to see each and every Brother who can attend and join in the good fellowship that I know this event will create.

April will bring Honolulu Lodge's 110th anniversary. I am planning a dinner celebration for the 9th of April. The Grand Lodge Annual Communication and Installation of Officers will occur on the 29th and 30th of April.

I also plan to hold two layman's nights in May and November, St. John's Dinner and observance in June, a Masonic rededication

night in July and Past Master's Degree and dinner in October. We will also be participating in our normal activities such as Bay Fest, St. Patrick's Day, 4th of July day parades, and the Boston Tea Party.

As you can see it's going to be an exciting year and I hope to see you all join in on the fun.

Honolulu Lodge is also one, if not THE, fastest growing Lodges in Hawaii. Currently we have, by my count, 15 Brothers and Candidates waiting on degrees. This is about 35 degrees that need to be conferred as of this writing. We have more applications and affiliations coming in each month. Honolulu Lodge is a growing and dynamic Lodge known for its quality ritual and the friendliness of its Brothers. If you have not been to one of our degrees recently please come and support the Brothers and candidates and see the fine work your officers are doing.

I would also like to personally extend a welcoming hand to all of you and invite you to come to Lodge. There are so many of you that I have not seen in a very long time and many that I have never met at all. I have always dreamed of having the columns filled with my Brothers and sharing with them the joy and Brotherly love that I feel every time I walk into the Lodge. So please come. I promise you will not regret it.

Lastly I would like to thank you all for your trust and support in electing me your Master for 2005. The relationship between Master and Lodge is much like a dance couple. Every year you have to change partners and there is a process of learning the new style of dancing. I will always do my very best for Honolulu Lodge and keep the interests of the Lodge foremost in my mind. I think 2005 will be a wonderful year for Honolulu Lodge and we will continue the great work started last year.

Fraternally yours,
Monty Glover
Worshipful Master
Honolulu Lodge F&AM



From the Junior

Past Master

Matt Scott, PM

Aloha Brothers. First I want to say thank you to all the Brothers and families that came to our Installation of Officers on December 4th. Having the pleasure of serving you as Master for the last 12 months has been one of the greatest highlights of my life.

In my farewell letter to each of you, I highlighted the many accomplishments that we did over the past year. There are many more things that we can do in the upcoming years, but we need your help. I have asked each of you to come back to the Lodge to see how we are doing and to my great joy, many of you did. Unfortunately though, many of you didn't. I now ask each of you this simple question: **When was the last time you visited Honolulu Lodge on a Tuesday evening?** If you can't answer this question, why? Do you need a ride? Do you need assistance in remembering the grips and words? What assistance do you need to come back to the Lodge on a Tuesday evening? Let us know and we can help. If you now live off island, I'm afraid we can't afford to send each of you a plane ticket but remember that we do think of you and wish you were here with us. Many of our finest Brothers live off island now and to all of you, please keep Honolulu Lodge in your thoughts and maybe you can plan a vacation back to visit us sometime. I hope these Trestleboards keep you up to date with the happenings in the Lodge and if you ever want to see something specific in them, please let the Worshipful Master or Secretary know what it is.

Many of our Brothers have branched out and now are serving in various positions within York Rite, Scottish Rite, Aloha Shrine, Order of the Easter Star, National

Sojourners, Heroes of 76, Grand Lodge, DeMolay and other Masonic organizations. This is great not only for the Brother in helping him learn more in Masonry, but also for the organization to which he is assisting and/or serving with. The one thing that I have heard over and over in my several years of being a Mason and especially this past year as Master of the Lodge is "Why are we losing members?" The answer seems very simple to me, it's because our Brothers aren't assisting us in making new Brothers. Yes, once the Brother is made a Master Mason – groups are lining up to wish him away to one of these other fine organizations. I think we do that Brother (and the entire Fraternity) a possible disservice by taking him away too quickly because he's not able to learn everything there is from the Blue Lodge. The one other question that I get asked often (especially from non-Masons) is "Are you a 32nd degree?" For this question I answer very proudly by saying, No, I chose to support all of Masonry by becoming Master of a Blue Lodge and helping it succeed in every way I can. Which in my humble opinion is one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon any man – that of being a successful Master of a Blue Lodge and then Past Master of it.

Honolulu Lodge is the finest Lodge in all of Hawaii. We can get even better with your assistance. Please support your Lodge in any manner that you can.

Until next time, stay safe and God Bless America.

Fraternally,
Matt Scott, PM



Acacia Tree

I am sorry to report that two of our Brothers have recently gone to that Spiritual House above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides: Brother Arnold Spitz who passed on October 5th, 2004 and Brother Howard Williams who passed on

October 15th, 2004. Both of these fine Brothers will be sorely missed.

Masonry, Memory and Men!

By: Tim Fleischer, PM

Salado, Texas Lodge #296

Just as certificates, awards, degrees, accolades, political power, and personal esteem do not make a man a Mason, neither does memory work. The ability to memorize words and signs is not what makes a man a Mason. Rather, it is the ability to share the fraternal love of Masonry with the men around him.

A ring doesn't make me a Mason. A sticker on the back of my vehicle doesn't make me a Mason. The lambskin doesn't make me a Mason. Instead, it is the understanding of the words in the ritual and the desire for more light that makes a man a Mason. I asked about Masonry because I looked at the men in the lodge in my small town and saw them to be good men, the kind of man I would aspire to be. Some of them had fine, large homes; some of them lived in much humbler homes. One of my favorite brothers has long hair that he keeps in a pony tail, wears blue jeans and a t-shirt every day and has dirt underneath his fingernails. But anytime the Lodge needs a person to do some work.... Cooking catfish, cleaning up the lodge for a special meeting, helping to buy presents at Christmas, etc... he is willing to suit up and show up. He stumbles with the ritual aspect of Masonry, but he embodies the lessons of the ritual. And I have seen this brother (and others, as well) called down by the secretary or Master or another "full time" Mason because he stumbled or groped around the ritual. We lose men of good stature by embarrassing them in front of other men for minor errors in syntax.

While I want the ritual to remain pure and perfect in its presentation, I want Masonry and the fellowship of men to remain pure and perfect even more so. But we lose the fellowship and the fraternity of men when we as Brothers are harsh in our teachings. A lot of us seem to forget an important line of

the ritual, where we are taught to "Gently" remind a brother of his obligation.

Perhaps if we spent a little more time in our lodges talking about the meaning of the words in the ritual, rather than their placement or syntax, those words would begin to take root in the hearts of young Masons who are searching for meaning in an age of self-above-all-else. Older, retired Masons should remember when a younger Mason does not show up every month not to embarrass him by prodding him with the tired old line of "Hey, anyone here vouch for this stranger?" While that line evokes a laugh from the full-time Masons, it cuts to the quick of the Mason who also has a family to raise, a full-time job that pulls at him and other obligations.

It is the fact that the young man is providing for his wife and children, taking an active part in his community and standing upright that makes him a Mason. If the time it takes to do those things takes away from the time he can spend on memory, it does not make him any less of a Mason than the man who has a lifetime teaching certificate. We all stand as equals in the lodge, even the Master who temporarily is given the honor of being at the head of the Lodge.

I came to this fraternity with no preconceptions as my father, uncles, brothers were not Masons. It was not something that I grew up with as many in our fraternity have. It was something I desired because I wanted to be like the men who I knew to be Masons. If I live my everyday life outside the four walls of the Lodge as if I were the only example that someone might ever see of Masonry, then the goal of Masonry will be fulfilled: Taking a good man and making him better.

I have been reading the discourse about memory work and the loss of membership and wanted to express my opinion as a man who discovered a great fraternity of Brothers. I am glad to find Brothers around the state/country/world who love the fraternity as much as I do. As long as that remains true, Masonry will continue in its beautiful mysteries and lessons.



Grand Lodge News

A reminder that the DMV Masonic License Plates are still available and we encourage all to show their pride in the craft by purchasing this the next time you renew your plates. Many thanks to the Brothers that donated additional money to the Grand Lodge Building Fund during your annual renewal of dues. A check will be forwarded to the Grand Lodge with a list of all the Brothers that donated. Thank you.



Secretary News

Aloha Brothers,

Many of you know we now have a laptop computer with a Masonic Program called Lodgeical to better track all our Brothers, Fellows and Widows. We have been updating much information this past year and I thank all the Brothers that have provided additional information to us. If you received a note asking for some of your personal and/or Masonic information, please drop a quick note to us so that your information can be updated. We especially need to keep track of your mailing address, email address (if you have one) and phone number. In addition to your information, please keep the Lodge informed on your immediate family members – if you are now married, divorced, widowed, etc. We use this information so we can ensure assistance is promptly provided to your family if the situation comes up.

Lastly, thank you to the Brothers that donated additional money to our newly established funds during your annual dues renewal. With your generous contributions we will continue to provide a quality Masonic program for our annual Boston Tea Party, provide Scholarships to worthy recipients and start a fund for our future Masonic Temple. Thank you.

Lodge Photo Section



Brother Kakwiranoron Cook's Fellowcraft Degree on September 14th, 2004



Brother John Guagliardo's Entered Apprentice Degree on September 21st, 2004



Brothers Kakwiranoron Cook and Eric Quiroga's Raising on November 30th, 2004



Brother John Guagliardo's Fellowcraft Degree on October 19th, 2004



WB Warren Stremming's Working Party on October 30th, 2004

Honolulu Lodge sponsoring a Friends of Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation Service Project of Falls of Clyde, Hawaii Maritime Center on December 11th, 2004



Honolulu Lodge presents \$10,000 to Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders Clinic on December 17th 2004



Honolulu Lodge Installation on December 4th, 2004 at Scottish Rite Cathedral



Honolulu Lodge Installation, December 4th, 2004



Honolulu Lodge Past Masters: Matt Scott-2004, Randy Su'a-2002, George Theofanis-2000, Donovan Young-1999, Norm Ipson-1997, Warren Stremming (not shown)-1994, David Kaohelaulii-1992 & 1993

Upcoming Lodge Activities

January 2005:

- 4th – Stated Meeting, 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Meeting
- 11th – Second Degrees, 7:00pm
- 18th – First Degrees, 7:00pm
- 25th – Third Degree Practice, 7:00pm

February 2005:

- 1st - Stated Meeting, 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Meeting
- 8th – Third Degree(s), 7:00pm
- 10th – Sweethearts Dinner, 6:00pm
- 15th – Third Degree(s), 7:00pm
- 22nd – First Degrees, 7:00pm

March 2005:

- 1st – Stated Meeting, 6:30pm Dinner, 7:30pm Meeting
- 8th – Degree/Practice, 7:00pm
- 15th – Rusty Trowel Night, 7:00pm
- 19th – St Patricks Day Parade
- 22nd – Degree/Practice, 7:00pm
- 29th – Degree/Practice, 7:00pm

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