

Because it is our principles that set us apart, we adhere to these standards:

During the Degree work, we concentrate on the candidate and endeavor to put him at ease. When speaking to him, we fasten our eyes on his. While the ritual may be familiar to us, we believe it to be a message of great importance and profound inspiration to the candidate. Since he is hearing the words for the first time, we aspire to make his Masonic experience a truly memorable event in his life.

We speak at a measured pace and take the time to finish each word, giving the proper pronunciation its full value. We deliberately enunciate and avoid speaking in a monotone. We project and modulate our voices so that all present may understand the ritual clearly including those with hearing difficulties.

We refrain from engaging in any conversation that may detract from the dignity of the ritual, make the candidate feel uncomfortable, or break the concentration of those who are focused on performing the Degree work.

We exude earnestness, maintain decorum, and comport ourselves in a dignified and gentlemanly manner both in the lodge room and in our daily lives. Out of respect for the Craft and our lodge, we make an effort to dress appropriately for all Stated and Special Meetings. In observance of the importance and solemnity of the Standard Work, officers are expected to wear our signature white dinner jacket for the conferral of Degrees.

We strive to improve with the goal of attaining and exemplifying proficiency in the Standard Work. We never practice on a candidate.

Welcome to the oldest Masonic Lodge in Hawai'i

Formed in 1841 under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of France, Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie was instituted under the auspices of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of the Supreme Council of France in the ship supply store of Captain Jules Dudoit, who was the French Consul at the time. Le Progres was constituted April 8, 1843, during the period of British occupation, by Joseph-Marie Le Tellier, the Captain of the French whaler *Ajax* who sailed his ship into Honolulu Harbor to have major repair work done on the vessel.

Le Progres was the first lodge chartered in Hawai'i and the first lodge west of the Rocky Mountains. Serving as a forum for the best men in Oahu society, the lodge has always been a source of cultural enrichment for the island's diverse communities and a guardian of Masonic principles and traditions. In 1905, we transferred our allegiance to the Grand Lodge of California which re-chartered the lodge, then to the Grand Lodge of Hawai'i which issued our current charter in 1989. In 1998, King Kalakaua Daylight Lodge merged into our fraternal family and, in 2005, Waikiki Lodge merged with us.

Ours is one of only two U.S. lodges to have reigning monarchs preside as our Worshipful Master: King Kamehameha IV (1859, 1861-62) and King David Kalakaua (1876). Iolani Palace and McKinley School are among the many local landmarks with cornerstones dedicated by Le Progres. Queen's Medical Hospital was founded in 1859 by Kamehameha IV while serving his first term as Master and, in 1923, our brethren helped establish the Honolulu Shriners Hospital for Children.

We hope you will take the time to visit with us—Aloha!



Makiki Masonic Temple is located one block east of Keolu Park and one block north of Beretania on the corner of Makiki and Kinau. Parking is available adjacent to the Temple off Kinau.

*What you should know about the
oldest Masonic Lodge in Hawai'i*

Lodge Le Progres De l'Oceanie



Past Master Bro. David Kalakaua - King of Hawai'i, 1874-91



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Stated Meetings 4th Fridays
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Reasons to join Lodge Le Progres De l'Océanie

 **Enthusiastic New Members** ~ Many good men seeking fellowship reside in, or are moving back into, the City of Honolulu.

-  Active, successful professionals are seeking to join relevant organizations with high standards.
-  Each candidate takes his First, Second and Third Degrees in the traditional manner over several months (instead of at a one-day class).

 Master Masons wishing to serve as officers take the Third Degree Proficiency Examination as a demonstration of their commitment to excellence.

 **Active, Proficient Officers** ~ We benefit from some of the state's most skilled leadership.

-  Our officers can confer Degrees unassisted and several members are commissioned instructors.
-  Many of our brethren have chaired, or served on, a number of important Grand Lodge Committees.

 **Quality Social Activities** ~ We try to maintain balance in our fraternal and family pursuits.

-  Prior to meetings, we host a catered fellowship dinner for brethren and prospective candidates.
-  After our meetings, we usually gather to enjoy a light snack or libation at the lodge or at one of Oahu's many excellent upscale establishments.
-  As a group, we enjoy attending Masonic and historic ceremonies at Iolani Palace, the annual Sweethearts Ball, major sporting events and charity fund raisers.



Le Progres officers observing the Iolani Palace 125th Anniversary.



Our annual college scholarships help students attend in-state schools.

 **Philanthropic Causes** ~ We have a wealth of resources but never forget we are part of a community that includes the less fortunate.

-  We have had the privilege of sponsoring children receiving treatment at Shriners Hospital, for whom we have also provided birthday and Christmas gifts.
-  We promote education with scholarships for high school students planning to attend college in-state.
-  We are proud to support a wide variety of national Masonic charitable institutions and youth groups.

 **Frequent Masonic Visitors** ~ Brethren from the U.S. mainland and abroad visit us often.

-  Our visitors hail from lodges across North America, the U.K., Europe, South America, Africa and Asia.
-  Brethren who visit us frequently often choose to affiliate with Lodge Le Progres as plural members.

 **Appendant Body Support** ~ Our members are active in the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, the Shrine and Masonic research societies.

-  Our brethren have long been involved in the historic Honolulu York Rite Bodies (est. 1857): Honolulu Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Honolulu Council No. 1, Cryptic Masons; and Honolulu Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar.
-  We serve as officers in the Scottish Rite Bodies and as cast members in the Scottish Rite Degrees.
-  Our members participate in scholarly groups such as the Scottish Rite Research Society and Philalethes.

 **A Rich, Unique History** ~ Our remarkable fraternal legacy spans almost two centuries.

-  We are the only lodge in Hawai'i incorporated by the A.A.S.R. Supreme Council of France and have historic royal artifacts on loan to Iolani Palace.
-  Our early brethren include members of the Royal Family, founders of Honolulu, and prominent civic and business leaders such as William Heath Davis (1822-1909), a descendant of Kamehameha I who pioneered California, and Alexander Joy Cartwright (1820-92), inventor of modern American baseball.
-  One of our most noted Past Masters is Bro. David Kalakaua (1836-91)—the last reigning monarch of Hawai'i whose international goodwill tour led to the free trade Reciprocity Treaty with the United States.



We believe each candidate deserves a memorable experience!



You can help continue the tradition of one of the world's premier lodges. For more information or to obtain a membership application, come join us for dinner on 4th Fridays at Makiki Masonic Temple or visit us online at: www.lodgeleprogres.org. Aloha!

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