

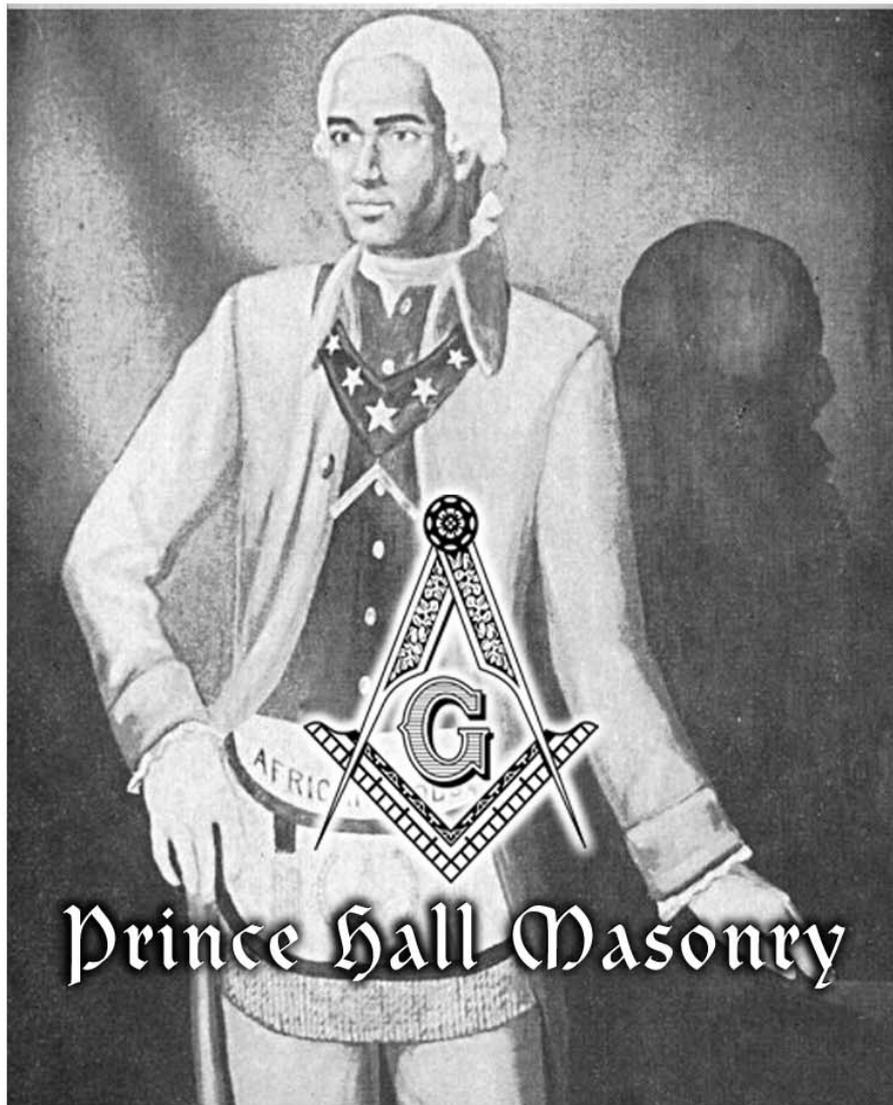
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A NOTE TO THE BRETHREN

Aloha and pleasant greetings to everybody.

Before anything else, on behalf of the members of the committee, I would like to apologize for the delay in the publication of the previous issue of the Cable-Tow. The lack of time, plus other circumstances beyond our control, conspired to make us miss our deadlines. While we cannot promise that this will not happen again, we will try our best to meet our deadlines in the future. The brethren can definitely help us by contributing articles - especially your own written thoughts - for the publication.

This is the first issue for the new lodge administration, and we are including herein brief write-ups of the elected officers.

March being Black History Month, we decided to adopt Prince Hall Masonry as the main focus of this issue. Prince Hall Masonry constitutes a big and important part of the world of Freemasonry but many of us are not that familiar with it. In Hawaii alone, Prince Hall Masonry is about to celebrate its centennial anniversary (records show that it was started here in 1912). We hope that the articles featured here will help to educate us about Prince Hall Masonry and further strengthen our belief in the universality of our brotherhood.

Also included in this issue, as a special feature, is the biography of MWB Ernest Yamane, written by Grand Lodge historian Herb Gardiner. Needless to say, MWB Yamane has been one of the most colorful grandmasters of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii and is being featured here for the many contributions that he has given to Freemasonry in general.

Pictures of lodge activities during the first quarter of the year, the secretary's and treasurer's reports for 2006, and a couple of articles of general interest complete our offering for this issue.

Again, we hope that we continue to be of service to all of you.

Serafin "Jun" Colmenares, PM
Chair, Cable-Tow Committee



FROM THE EAST

By Eduardo L. Abutin
Worshipful Master



Won't You Please Come Home?

Greetings Brethren,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of you for giving me your trust to serve you as Master this year. I am, indeed, very fortunate to be working with a very dedicated and supportive group of officers, who, although relatively "fresh", are eagerly performing to reach the reputable and excellent standards of Hawaiian Lodge.

To date we have passed two candidates to the degree of Fellowcraft, and assisted the Grand Lodge in the recent Fast Class by conferring the Third Degree, which was accomplished with flying colors. Of course we could not have done it without the help of our coaches, Worshipful Brother Wilson Camagan and Right Worshipful Dennis Ing.

Another thing that I want to mention to you brethren is our schedule of events this year. I hope all of you are getting our monthly Newsletter to keep you updated of our upcoming events. As I mentioned before, there will be some minor adjustments this year - and one of them is our scheduled "Easter Egg Hunt" for our Keikis on April 8, 2007 at the Pearl Harbor Marina. I believe this will be the first time it will be done by our Lodge. So bring your children, grandchildren and their friends, and have them enjoy the day with fun and food. On April 28 is our scheduled Widows' Night at the Pagoda Hotel, and even more festivities are already being planned.

I trust what we are doing will improve the bonding of the Craft and I am hoping this will bring everyone back to the Lodge!

Please set aside whatever reasons you might have to remain at a perpetual distance; return and enjoy the real meaning of "BROTHERLY LOVE", and, remember the significance of that trowel handed to us by the Master so we may, each one of us, again practice to "best work and best agree". Let us not take what transpires in the Lodge personally, but pursue something that can help each brother not only about Masonry but also in life so we can feel and enjoy the true camaraderie within our beloved Fraternity!

May God bless each of us, and may you have nothing but the best in life.

See you all in Lodge!

FROM THE WEST

Orlando S. Ragudos
Senior Warden



A NEW YEAR ...

Brethren, let me first start by thanking all of you for the trust you have placed in me to serve as your lodge's Senior Warden. This is indeed a large shoe to fill and I hope I will be equal to the challenge.

Time flies quickly, but it's heartening to note that the lodge has been moving fast in terms of activities. The new junior officers have been able to perform well in the degree works we have had so far. All of us have also worked hard in preparation for the Grand Lodge Fast Class which was well appreciated and applauded by everyone in attendance. Let us give a big welcome to our new members.

There is still a lot of time left and a lot of work to be done. I would love to hear suggestions and ideas from all of you for events or projects that might be beneficial and useful to the Lodge. Please feel free to contribute and participate in any way you can. I ask you to stretch forth your hand and give a little of your time - come and join the fun. Let us make our upcoming events enjoyable and memorable for everyone.

I am confident that with your support, the new set of officers will be able to fulfill their responsibilities and bring added life - and prestige - to the Lodge.

See you in Lodge.

FROM THE SOUTH

Alexander A. Escasa
Junior Warden



Fraternal greetings from the South!

I hope everyone is in the best of health and enjoying the New Year.



Your new corps of officers has been busy since the beginning of the year. So far, we have passed two Entered Apprentices to the Fellowcraft degree. We also conferred the Third Degree during the recently-held Grand Master's Fast Class, and, at the time of this writing have been actively fine-tuning our parts and our floor work in preparation for the upcoming Grand Lodge Fast Class and School of Instruction.

Our first dinner affair of the year honoring our loved ones, the "Sweetheart Ball", was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The ladies were presented each with a rose as they arrived. The program started with Worshipful Ed Abutin's welcome address followed by our Chaplain, WB Don Hall's inspirational invocation and blessing of the food. The Hale Koa Hotel's catering staff prepared, as usual, their savory buffet and yummy desserts. After the dinner, the brethren serenaded our ladies with the song, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", and the Lodge officers, led by our Senior Warden Orly "John Travolta" Ragudos, danced with our widows. The party lasted until about 10:30 P.M. with everyone enjoying the evening with more dancing and great fellowship.

Heartfelt thanks goes to all for making this memorable evening a success, most especially to WBro. Wilson Camagan, WBro. Rick Huston, WBro. Tony Ligaya, Bro. Ted Andam and Bro. Rick Fortuno for their help at the reception line, to my wife Remy, for the beautiful centerpieces, sister Karen Huston, and my sister-in-law Gertrude Castro for decorating the tables.

Your corps of officers is looking forward to extend to you the best of service they can give, and which you only deserve. If you have any suggestions or recommendation how we can best serve the Lodge, please do not hesitate to tell us. Remember that if you do not give us your feedback, we can't evaluate or control the quality of our service to you.

See you all back in Lodge!

KNOW YOUR 2007 OFFICERS

Eduardo L. Abutin - Worshipful Master



Member:

Honolulu Bodies, A.A.S.R.
Aloha Shriners, A.A.O.N.M.S.

Occupation: USPS Employee

Hobby: Golf

Orlando S. Ragudos - Senior Warden



Member:

Honolulu Bodies, AASR
De Molay Advisor

Occupation: Facilities/Logistics Coordinator

Hobbies: Golf, Tennis, Bowling & Dancing

Alexander A. Escasa - Junior Warden



Member:

Leeward Lodge F&AM
Honolulu Bodies, AASR
Secretary - Provost Guard Unit, Aloha Shriners, AAONMS
Past Patron - Lei Aloha Chapter #3, OES
Advisory Council, Membership and Finance Committees - Hawaiian
Chapter, Order of De Molay

Awards:

De Molay Honorary Legion of Honor
Hiram Award (2004) - MWGL of Hawaii

Occupation: Civilian Employee - Department of Defense

Hobbies:

Golf, Reading, Web Surfing

Alberto P. Alarcon - Treasurer

Member:

Honolulu Bodies, A.A.S.R.
Aloha Shriners, A.A.O.N.M.S.
Leeward Lodge, F. & A.M.
Mid-Pacific Chapter #10 OES



Trustee:

Hawaiian Lodge, F&AM
Trustee & Past Commander, Knights of Rizal
Hawaiian Chapter National Society of Accountants

Occupation:

Semi-retired Accountant, Insurance & Mortgage Solicitor, Ordained Minister

Antonio M. Ligaya, P.M. - Secretary

Past Master, and Life Member - Hawaiian Lodge F&AM (2005)
Founding Junior Warden and Charter Member - Leeward Lodge
F&AM



Past Master - Yokosuka Lodge # 20 (1993) - Japan
Past Master (Pro-Temporé) - Sagamihara Lodge # 13 (1985) - Japan
Past Junior Grand Steward - Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Past Senior Grand Deacon - Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Past Chair, Masonic Education Committee - Grand Lodge of Hawaii
Past Patron - Lei Aloha Chapter # 3, Order of Eastern Star (2006)
Past Representative of the MWGM of Japan to the MWGL of the
Philippines (1994-1997)
Associate Editor: Hawaiian Lodge's "Cable Tow"

Charter Member:

Leeward Square & Compass Masonic Club - Hawaii
Sagami High Twelve Club - Atsugi, Japan

Life Member:

Pilar Lodge # 15 - MWGL of the Philippines
Cavite Chapter # 13, Royal Arch Masons - Philippines
Kalayaan Council # 4, Royal & Select Masons - Philippines
Cavite Commandery, Knights Templar - Philippines
Cavite Bodies, AASR. - Philippines

Member:

Honolulu Bodies, AASR., Lodge of Perfection - Prelate
Afifi Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. - Tacoma, Washington
Torii Oasis Shrine Club of Japan

Awards:

Grand Master's Diploma of Merit (1994) - MWGL of Japan
Hiram Award (2004) - MWGL of Hawaii

Occupation:

Projects and Programs Director

Hobbies:

Reading, Chess, Golf, Dancing, Travel

Donald K. Hall, P. M. - Chaplain

Past Master - Saskatchewan Lodge #92, AF&AM - Alta.,
Canada
Past Wise Master - Honolulu Bodies, AASR., Chapter of Rose
Croix
Past Captain -- Rajah Unit, Aloha Shriners
Past President - Magic Show Unit, Aloha Shriners



Occupation:

Past CEO and Principal Broker, Pan-Pacific Properties, LTD

Hobbies: Art

Bernard C. Baldueza - Senior Deacon



Honolulu Bodies, AASR, Consistory- Captain of the Guard
Lei Aloha Chapter #3, OES - Marshal Aloha Shriners, AAON-
MS Charter Member Leeward Lodge F A&M - Hawaii

Occupation:

Division Officer, PSD Pearl Harbor

Owner:

Baldueza's Mini-Mart & Catering Chief Disbursing Clerk, U.S. Navy
(Retired)

Hobbies:

Fishing & Traveling

Ricarte M. Taylan - Junior Deacon



Honolulu Bodies, AASR
Aloha Shriners, AAONMS Charter

Occupation:

Chief Electricians Mate, U. S. Navy

Hobbies:

Reading, Tennis, Golf, Basketball

Ron S. Kayano - Marshal



Member:

Honolulu Bodies, AASR
Aloha Shriners, AAONMS Charter

Occupation:

Restaurant Manager
Fashion Designer

Hobbies:

Motivational Reading, Jiu-Jitsu, Shooting

Michael H. Perez - Senior Steward



Member:

Honolulu Bodies, AASR
Aloha Shriners, AAONMS

Occupation:

Licensed Realtor
Government Affairs Coordinator for the Hawaii Medical Association

Hobbies:

Writing music and playing keyboards

James E. Corley, Jr. - Junior Steward



Member:

Honolulu Bodies, AASR

Occupation:

Project Manager, HQ Pacific Air Forces

Hobbies:

Reading

Rolando C. Resurreccion - Organist



Member:

Honolulu Bodies, AASR

Occupation:

HAZMAT Disposer
Mortgage Solicitor

Hobbies:

Golf & Reading

David N. E. Kaohelualii, P. M. - Tiler



Past Wise Master - Honolulu Bodies, AASR, Rose Croix
Past Sovereign - Opukahaia Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Past Chaplain - National Sojourners # 439
Past Master - Hawaiian Lodge, Lodge Le Progres de l'Oceanie, and Honolulu Lodge KYCH - Honolulu York Rite Bodies
33° Honorary Inspector General - Honolulu Bodies, AASR
Aloha Shriners, AAONMS - Chaplain
Past Grand Chaplain - Grand Lodge of Hawaii (2003)
Tiler - Honolulu Lodge
Chaplain - Hickam Air Force Base Square & Compass Club

Occupation:

Retired from Young Bros. Tug Boats

Wilson Camagan, P. M. - Head Coach



Past Master and Life Member - Hawaiian Lodge, F&AM (1998)
Past Venerable Master - Honolulu Bodies, AASR, Lodge of Perfection
Draper - Honolulu Bodies, AASR, Chapter of Rose Croix
Member: Aloha Shriners, AAONMS

Awards::

William McKee Award (2005) - MWGL of Hawaii

Occupation:

Boiler Engineer

Hobbies::

Golf, Gardening, Shooting

Dennis S.A. Ing, SGW - Assistant Coach



Hawaiian Lodge:

Past Master 2002

Trustee 2004-present

New Temple Committee representative 2002-present
Youth Groups committee chair
Officers' Coach 2003-05

Grand Lodge:
Sr. Grand Warden 2006
Jurisprudence Committee 1998-present
Inspector 2003-04

Scottish Rite, Honolulu Valley:
KCCH
Past Wise Master, Rose Croix 2004
Officer, Lodge of Perfection 2005-present

Honolulu York Rite Bodies::
Officer, Red Cross of Constantine 2005-present
Past Master, Council of Cryptic Masons 2005
Past Commander, Commandery of Knights Templar 2006,
King, Chapter of Royal Arch Masons 2007

Order of DeMolay:
Chair, Advisory Council of Hawaiian Chapter 1998-present
Deputy Executive Officer for Hawaii

Shriners Hospital for Children:
Board of Governors, Member 2003-present
Secretary 2006-present

Occupation:
Lawyer (Business, Real Estate, Probate & Estate Planning); Executive
Director, Hawaii Bar Review Course

Community Activities:
Managing Director and Secretary, Hawaii Ballet Theatre; Member, Board of
Governors, World Medicine Institute (Acupuncture School)

Family:
wife Charlys, daughter Kristin, mother Angie

Hobbies:
avid golfer (hacker)

PHOTO GALLERY

Installation of Officers and Annual Christmas Party



The 2007 Officers are shown with the MW Bruce H. Bonnel, Grand Master, and WBro. John A. Carollo, PM, Installing Organist following the December 20, 2006 Installation Ceremonies

WBro. Camagan leading Bro. Eduardo L. Abutin for installation as our new Master



Bro. Orlando S. Ragudos, being led for installation as Senior Warden by WBro. Wilson Camagan, PM, Installing Master of Ceremonies



Bro. Alexander A. Excasa, Junior Warden, with WBro. Antonio M. Ligaya, PM, Secretary





Our Junior Warden, Bro. Alex Escasa, and his family

Bros. Jim Corley, Vic Clamor, Mike Perez and Roland Resurreccion with their ladies, and Bro. Pete Madrigal



WBros. Abe Akina and Wilson Camagan, and Bro. Henry Tripp, with their ladies and friends

WBro. Froilan Domingo, Bros. Joe Rosales and Bernie Balduenza enjoying the evening with their ladies



Sisters Cora Alegre, Linda Ibera and Fé Ligaya leading the line dancing

PRINCE HALL HISTORY

Researched by WBro. Serafin Colmenares, PM
From <http://www.jabron.net/history.htm>

Prince Hall is recognized as the Father of Black Masonry in the United States. He made it possible for us to also be recognized and enjoy all privileges of Free and Accepted Masonry.

Many rumors of the birth of Prince Hall have arisen. Few records and papers have been found of him either in Barbados where it was rumored that he was born, but no record of birth, by church or state, has been found there, and none in Boston. All 11 countries of the day were searched and churches with baptismal records were examined without a find of the name of Prince Hall.¹

One widely circulated rumor states that "Prince Hall was free born in British West Indies. His father, Thomas Prince Hall, was an Englishman and his mother a free colored woman of French extraction. In 1765 he worked his passage on a ship to Boston, where he worked as a leather worker, a trade learned from his father. Eight years later he had acquired real estate and was qualified to vote. Religiously inclined, he later became a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church with a charge in Cambridge." This account, paraphrased from the generally discredited Grimshaw book of 1903, is suspect in many areas.²

Black Freemasonry began when Prince Hall and fourteen other free black men were initiated into Lodge No. 441, Irish Constitution,

attached to the 38th Regiment of Foot, British Army Garrisoned at Castle William (now Fort Independence) Boston Harbor on March 6, 1775. The Master of the Lodge was Sergeant John Batt. Along with Prince Hall, the other newly made masons were Cyrus Johnson, Bueston Slinger, Prince Rees, John Canton, Peter Freeman, Benjamin Tiler, Duff Ruform, Thomas Santerson, Prince Rayden, Cato Speain, Boston Smith, Peter Best, Forten Howard and Richard Titley.

When the British Army left Boston in 1776, this Lodge, No 441, granted Prince Hall and his brethren authority to meet as African Lodge #1 (Under Dispensation), to go in procession on St. John's Day, and as a Lodge to bury their dead; but they could not confer degrees nor perform any other Masonic "work". For nine years these brethren, together with others who had received their degrees elsewhere, assembled and enjoyed their limited privileges as Masons. Thirty-three masons were listed on the rolls of African Lodge #1 on January 14th, 1779. Finally on March 2, 1784, Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, through a Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge in London (William Moody of Brotherly Love Lodge No. 55) for a warrant or charter.

The Warrant to African Lodge No. 459 of Boston is the most significant and highly prized document known to the Prince Hall Mason Fraternity. Through it our legitimacy

is traced, and on it more than any other factor, our case rests. It was granted on September 29, 1784, delivered in Boston on April 29, 1787 by Captain James Scott, brother-in-law of John Hancock and master of the Neptune, under its authority African Lodge No. 459 was organized one week later, May 6, 1787.

Prince Hall was appointed a Provincial Grand Master in 1791 by H.R.H., the Prince of Wales. The question of extending Masonry arose when Absalom Jones of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania appeared in Boston. He was an ordained Episcopal priest and a mason who was interested in establishing a masonic lodge in Philadelphia. Under the authority of the charter of African Lodge #459, Prince Hall established African Lodge #459 of Philadelphia on March 22, 1797 and Hiram Lodge #3 in Providence, Rhode Island on June 25, 1797. African Lodge of Boston became the "Mother Lodge" of the Prince Hall Family. It was typical for new lodges to be established in this manner in those days. The African Grand Lodge was not organized until 1808 when representatives of African Lodge #459 of Boston, African Lodge #459 of Philadelphia and Hiram Lodge #3 of Providence met in New York City.

Upon Prince Hall's death on December 4, 1807, Nero Prince became Master. When Nero Prince sailed to Russia in 1808, George Middleton succeeded him. After Middleton, Petreert Lew, Samuel H. Moody and then, John T. Hilton became Grand Master. In 1827, Hilton recommended a Declaration of Independence from the English Grand Lodge.

In 1869 a fire destroyed Massachusetts' Grand Lodge headquarters and a number of its priceless records. The charter in its metal tube was in the Grand Lodge chest. The tube saved the charter from the flames, but the intense heat charred the paper. It was at this time that Grand Master S.T. Kendall crawled into the burning building and in peril of his life, saved the charter from complete destruction. Thus a Grand Master's devotion and heroism further consecrated this parchment to us, and added a further detail to its already interesting history. The original Charter No. 459 has long since been made secure between heavy plate glass and is kept in a fire-proof vault in a downtown Boston bank.

Today, the Prince Hall fraternity has over 4,500 lodges worldwide, forming 45 independent jurisdictions with a membership of over 300,000 masons. Want more light?

1. *Prince Hall Masonic Directory, 4th Edition* 1992. *Conference of Grand Masters, Prince Hall Masons.*
2. *Black Square and Compass - 200 years of Prince Hall Freemasonry.* Page 8. Joseph A. Walkes, Jr. 1979. *Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co. Richmond, Virginia*



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The warrant was granted on September 29, 1784 under the name of African Lodge, # 459 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England by authority of then Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland, delivered in Boston on April 29, 1787 by Captain James Scott, brother-in-law of John Hancock and Master of the Neptune. Prince Hall was the first Master of the lodge which was organized one week later, May 6, 1787.

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Masonic Fraternity. Through it, Masonic legitimacy among free black men is traced, and on it more than any other factor, rests their case. That charter, which is authenticated and in safekeeping, is believed to be the only original charter issued from the Grand Lodge of England still in the possession of any Lodge in the United States. African Lodge allowed itself to slip into arrears in the late 1790's and was stricken from the rolls after the Union of 1813 although it had attempted correspondence in 1802 and 1806. In 1827, after further unreplyed communication, it declared its independence and began to call itself African Grand Lodge # 1. It is interesting to note that when the Massachusetts lodges which were acting as a Provincial Grand Lodge also declared themselves an independent Grand Lodge, and even when the present Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formed by the amalgamation of the two separate lodges, African Lodge was not invited to take part, even though it held a warrant every bit as valid as the others.

The question of extending Masonry arose when Absalom Jones of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania appeared in 1791 in Boston. He was an ordained Episcopal priest and a mason who was interested in establishing a Masonic lodge in Philadelphia. Delegations also traveled from Providence, Rhode Island and New York to establish the African Grand Lodge that year. Prince Hall was appointed Grand Master, serving in this capacity until his death in 1807.

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Grand Lodge headquarters and a number of its priceless records. The charter in its metal tube was in the Grand Lodge chest. The tube saved the charter from the flames, but the intense heat charred the paper. It was at this time that Grand Master S.T. Kendall crawled into the burning building and in peril of his life, saved the charter from complete destruction. Thus a Grand Master's devotion and heroism further consecrated this parchment to us, and added a further detail to its already interesting history. The original Charter # 459 has long since been made secure between heavy plate glass and is kept in a fire-proof vault in a downtown Boston bank.

In 1946, the Grand Lodge of England again extended recognition to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge but withdrew it the same year. In 1994, the Grand Lodge of England finally accepted a petition for recognition by Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. "England cited several reasons recognition was withheld," Nicholas B. Locker, Grand Master of Prince Hall from 1992-1994, said in an interview in June 1996. "One was 'territorial boundries,' because the Grand Lodge of England had already recognized the white Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which shared the same jurisdiction with us." Another factor was that Prince Hall owed back payment of dues to the Grand Lodge. Back 200 years ago, there were no checks, and often dues for England were put in the hands of sailing ship captains. It was several months before the ships arrived in England, and money was lost. So it wasn't possible to say for sure that Prince Hall paid all his dues."

The ties were arranged to be formalized in June 1996. In its 212 years, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge has spawned over 44 other Grand Lodges. The subordinate lodges receive recognition once their grand lodges are recognized.

Today, the Prince Hall fraternity has over

4,500 lodges worldwide, forming 44 independent jurisdictions with a membership of over 300,000 masons whereby any good hearted man who is worthy and well qualified, can seek more light in masonry.

Prince Hall is buried in a cemetery overlooking the Charlestown naval yard in Boston's north end. His grave is situated near a large tree, his wife's grave is directly behind his. The site is marked by a broken column; a monument erected 88 years after his death by Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Massachusetts. Still today, believers in the Diety and travelers from all walks of life can be seen winding their way to that sacred spot to pay homage at the final resting place of the first Grand Master of the "colored" Grand Lodge of Masons. This great Mason, Statesman, and Soldier, having traveled to that undiscovered country from whos bourne no traveler returns; remains as the pillar of wisdom, strength, and beauty among all masons today.

Other well known Prince Hall Masons

1. Thurgood Marshall, Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court
2. Alex Haley, author
3. Booker T. Washington, educator/founder Tuskegee Institute
4. Charles B. Rangel, U.S. Congressman New York
5. Louis Stokes, U.S. Congressman Ohio
6. William "Count" Basie, orchestra leader/composer
7. Nathaniel "Nat King" Cole, American pianist and singer
8. W.E.B. DuBois, educator/author/historian
9. * Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, orchestra leader/composer
10. Medger Wiley Evers, civil rights leader
11. James Herbert "Eubie" Blake, composer/pianist
12. Andrew Young, former mayor of Atlanta
13. Thomas Bradley, mayor of Los Angeles, California
14. Sugar Ray Robinson, mid/light heavy boxing champion
15. John H. Johnson, publisher EBONY and Jet magazines
16. Carl B. Stokes, first Black elected mayor, Cleveland, OH
17. Robert Sengstacke Abbott, founder/publisher CHICAGO DEFENDER
18. Richard Allen, founder/first bishop AME Church
19. Matthew Henson, explorer
20. Daniel "Chappie" James, general U.S. Air Force
21. James Forten, abolitionist/manufacturer
22. Timothy Thomas Fortune, journalist
23. Richard D. Gidron, president, Dick Gidron Cadillac
24. William C. Handy, composer
25. Augustus F. Hawkins. U.S. Congressman California
26. Lionel Hampton, orchestra leader/composer
27. Benjamin L. Hooks, Former Executive Director NAACP
28. Benjamin Mays, educator/former president Atlanta University
29. Ralph H. Metcalfe, Olympic champion
30. A. Phillip Randolph, founder/ first president, International Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
31. Egbert Austin "Bert" Williams, actor/ comedian
32. Harry A. Williamson, author/Masonic historian
33. Scottie Pippen, #33, Chicago Bulls / Forward



A LOOK FROM WITHIN: A LOOK AT PRINCE HALL FREEMASONRY

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It was a beautiful sunny morning when I pulled up and parked next to the Detroit Masonic Temple. The sounds of the city filled the air, and people were walking about. It might be only 9:30 in the morning, but everything was alive.

I've certainly traveled to Detroit for Masonic business before, but this time I wasn't at 500 Temple Avenue. Instead, I was at the main Temple on 3100 Gratiot Avenue.

Who meets here, you may ask?: About nineteen Lodges, plus the Eastern Star, York Rite, Scottish Rite, and more.

It also holds the offices of the Grand Lodge--The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan.

I was there that day to interview their Grand Master Ozzie L. Gardner to learn who exactly are the Prince Hall Masons.

Hang around any Mason, and in the course of Masonic conversation will come questions about Prince Hall. I've been a Mason for eighteen years now, and I remember hearing about them way up in L'Anse, which is hundreds of miles from the nearest Prince Hall Masonic Lodge. Start surfing through the

various Masonic computer bulletin boards, and there are all kinds of articles about Prince Hall.

There's a problem, however, with all of this "information." It comes from Masons who are in no way connected with Prince Hall Masonry. And sadly, much like the anti-Masonic material in circulation today, much of what is said isn't true, but it keeps being repeated in word and print.

That's why, with the permission of Grand Master Dale Edwards, I made the journey to their Grand Master to get the facts straight from the source.

What do you ask of a Grand Master who is currently considered the head of a "clandestine" Grand Lodge (even though 13 American Grand Lodges, plus four Canadian Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of England recognize them)? After some thought, I decided anything goes.

I got there early for the interview, so I walked into the office, where the secretary showed me into the Grand Master's office. Grand Master Gardner hadn't yet arrived, but in the short while I

was there, I carefully looked around the office. It didn't look any different than one you'd find in many a Michigan Masonic Temple. The books on the shelves were Masonic books from Macoy and other sources that would have easily held a prominent spot in any Lodge library. Nothing seemed out of order.

At about 10:00, Grand Master Ozzie L. Gardner arrived along with Past Grand Master Clem Dawson. Both are 33^o Masons in the Prince Hall of the Scottish Rite. Both are York Rite Masons of the Prince Hall. And for the next 2 1/2 hours, we discussed Prince Hall Masonry.

Its History

The name Prince Hall comes from the founder of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, a freed slave named Prince Hall, who was made a Mason along with fourteen other former slaves by an Irish Military Lodge in 1775. In 1784, the Grand Lodge of England chartered African Lodge No. 459 in Boston with Prince Hall as its first Worshipful Master.

It is after this date that its history gets a bit fuzzy, even for Prince Hall Masonic scholars. The Grand Lodge of England didn't receive annual returns for a number of years, so the Lodge was dropped. Rather than going out of business, Prince Hall and his Lodge continued and began to charter other Lodges. As a result, Prince Hall Masonry has grown to become a worldwide organization.

Prince Hall Masonry came to Michigan twice. The first time was during the middle of the Civil War when Grand Master James Hinton of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall of Indiana chartered a Lodge in Niles. In 1864, dispensations were given by Indiana to three Michban Lodges, and on April 25, 1865, the four Lodges met in Niles to organize the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall of Michigan. They held their first meeting in December of 1866.

Prince Hall Masonry was able to pull off what caucasian Masonry had been unable to do: a

national Grand Lodge. Called the National Compact, it was organized in 1848, and the newly organized Michigan Prince Hall Grand Lodge was to become a part of it.

Not everyone was happy with the National Compact, according to P.G.M. Dawson. The Grand Lodge of Prince Hall in Ohio was unhappy, was seeking a way out, and needed allies. With this agenda, Ohio chartered four Lodges in Michigan in 1872: Battle Creek, Detroit, Pontiac, and Grand Rapids. This initiated a split in the Compact, leading to its eventual demise.

Looking for Recognition

As this new Prince Hall Grand Lodge was coming into existence, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Michigan sought and received from the Michigan State Legislature articles of incorporation under the laws of Michigan. That was in 1873, the same year Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of Michigan for recognition.

According to Dawson, they never received a reply, either positive or negative.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in 1874 show that the matter did come before the delegates. On January 27, 1874, W. Brother L. T. Griffin "presented a petition from persons styling themselves as Masons, and a committee of the 'M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons for the State of Michigan, holding authority from the M.W. National Grand Lodge of the United States of America' asking for Masonic recognition by this Grand Lodge."

W. Brother Griffins offered the following resolution:

"Resolved. That the petition herewith presented be referred to a special committee (sic) of five with instructions to investigate the subject matter therein contained in such manner as they may deem advisable, and report to this Grand Lodge at its next annual Communication, what measures, if any, can be expediently devised to place under the jurisdiction of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge the so-called colored Masons of the State, now organized into Lodges, and thereby secure to them the benefit of its fellowship and affiliation."

On motion the petition was received and laid upon the table for such consideration. A motion was then made to reconsider the previous action, but it failed.

The next day, W. Brother M. M. Atwood presented a petition for persons claiming to be Masons, (colored) and moved that it be referred to a Special Committee of five for examination and report." The petitions were received and laid on the table. A motion was then made to reconsider this vote, but it lost.

The matter then disappears from Grand Lodge records. A perusal of Grand Lodge proceedings for 1875 makes no mention of "colored Masonry."

Prince Hall Masonry Today

Prince Hall Masonry looks like our Masonry. It would be very hard to distinguish the Prince Hall Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Prince Hall Grand Lodge is independent of all other Grand Lodges, and there is no longer a national Grand Lodge.

Each Lodge must be chartered by its Grand Lodge, and in Michigan there are forty-nine Lodges with approximately 3,000 members.

The most northern Lodge in the state is Andrew W. Dungey No. 52 in Idlewild near Baldwin. There are no Prince Hall Lodges in the Upper Peninsula, although the Michigan Prince Hall jurisdiction covers both peninsulas, according to Grand Master Gardner.

Each Lodge confers three degrees. While we did not discuss any Masonic secrets, this writer did learn that their ritual is the "Eccii Orienti," or the three-letter key many Michban Masons carry with them.

I had a tour of the Gratiot Avenue Temple, and their Lodge rooms look a lot like ours. On the altar, located in the center of the Lodge room, are the Great Lights of Masonry. One variation is that the Master sits under a canopy supported by two columns in the East.

Michigan Masons who complain about our dues wouldn't like the dues structure in Prince Hall Masonry. Dues average around \$10--a month. A Brother is declared delinquent at six months. According to Grand Master Gardner, if a Brother is expelled for nonpayment of dues, his sponsor in Masonry isn't expelled along with the delinquent brother, as some report.

Prince Hall Masonry insists on a strict dress code: dark suits, black socks, dark shoes, white shirts and dark ties. According to G.M. Gardner, this dress code is strictly enforced.

When a man petitions a Prince Hall Lodge, the Lodge appoints an investigating committee, and there must be thirty days between degrees. Stories that it takes one year between degrees and that the entire Lodge is the investigating committee are untrue, according to Gardner.

Each candidate does have a catechism to learn, like that formerly required in the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Lodges meet twice a month, once for ritual work and again for regular communication. Lodges meet for regular communication each month but can suspend work during the months of December, July, and August.

Refreshments follow the meeting, except at the time of a Master Mason Degree, when there is usually a dinner with speeches. A third degree is a festive occasion.

White Prince Hall Masons

Grand Master Gardner noted that they have a number of white Masons, shattering the idea that Prince Hall is simply black Masons. There have been several white men who have served a Prince Hall Lodge as Worshipful Master, and in the book *Black Square and Compass's*, the author noted that there was a Prince Hall Lodge in New Jersey where every member but the Secretary was white.

Structure of the Grand Lodge

There are forty-four Prince Hall Grand Lodges located around the world. Each one is independent, but they recognize each other. The newest Prince Hall Grand Lodge is the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the Caribbean.

The Michigan Prince Hall Grand Lodge meets in April for two days, and new officers are elected. The Grand Master is elected yearly for a one-year term. If the Grand Master decides to run for a fourth term, he must receive two-thirds of the vote of the delegates.

The moving grand line begins at Grand Junior Deacon. The non-moving, elected line includes the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, Grand Marshal and three Grand Trustees.

Appointed Grand Lodge officers include a Senior Grand Steward, a Junior Grand Steward, two assistant Grand Secretaries, a Grand Chaplain, four assistant Grand Chaplains, a Grand Tyler, an assistant Grand Tyler, three assistant Grand Marshals, a Grand Attorney, five assistant Grand Attorneys, a Grand Pursuivant, a Grand Organist, a Grand Pianist, a Grand Custodian, and a Grand Standard Bearer.

Grand Master Gardner said that in the workings of their Grand Lodge, business is completed at regular cabinet meetings of the elected Grand Lodge officers. The Worshipful Masters of the subordinate Blue Lodges are invited and encouraged to attend.

Appendant Prince Hall Bodies

Once a man becomes a Master Mason, he and his wife are eligible to join the Order of the Eastern Star. He can petition either the York Rite or Scottish Rite, even become a Shriner. All of the bodies resemble and parallel our own Masonic bodies.

They have no DeMolay, Rainbow, or Job's Daughters, but their Shrine sponsors youth groups of their own: the Order of Eyes for Boys and the Iserettes for girls.

Other "Black" Masonic Grand Lodges

Prince Hall Masonry is not the only "black" Masonic organization, although it is the

largest of the groups and has respect amongst the black community. Grand Master Gardner and P.G.M. Dawson noted that there were other "clandestine" Masonic bodies that have broken off from their organization over the years. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Michigan does not maintain any communication with these groups, nor do they have a list of them. Two such bodies they were familiar with included the International Masons and the Fitzpatrick Grand Lodge. A trip down Pratiot Avenue will reveal a sign proclaiming the Grand Lodge of Enoch, another pseudo-Masonic organization.

P.G.M. Dawson noted that they did not recognize these bodies because none of the Lodges ever obtained a charter from the Grand Lodge of England. In their criteria for Masonic recognition, a Lodge or Grand Lodge must have been originally chartered by the Grand Lodge of England or be able to trace its legality through the mother Grand Lodge.

Dawson noted that these other lodges are "clandestine" and not "irregular."

Conclusion

For this writer, the interview contained many surprises. I had heard much about Prince Hall Masonry, much of it not true. The time spent with their Grand Lodge officers revealed new light on a subject that has long been clouded with darkness. Prince Hall Masonry is like a parallel universe, proclaiming similar landmarks, ritual and organization. And its Brethren are tied to a mystic bond that is highly respected in their communities.

Famous Black Freemasons

A look at who's who of Prince Hall Masonry reads much like traditional Masonry in the great men that have or currently occupy the role of membership.

In the book, *Great Black Men of Masonry*, by Joseph Mason Andrew Cox, Ph.D, P.G.M. of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, are listed 269 black men, of which the vast majority are Prince Hall Masons.

The list includes statesmen, actors, musicians, writers, athletes and more.

Some great men on the list include Ralph Albernathy, 33^o; William "Count" Basie; Alex Haley, 33^o; Thurgood Marshall, 33^o; Edward "Duke" Ellington; Reverend Adam Clayton Powell; Richard Pryor; Sugar Ray Robinson; Booker T. Washington; and Andrew Young. The Reverend Jesse Jackson, 33^o, is also a Shriner. Former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young is a 33^o Mason, and current Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer has been elected to receive the 33^o.

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A YOUNG MAN FINDS PRINCE HALL MASONRY

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My first impression of freemasonry was in 1989. I was 21 and becoming very involved in Egyptology/Hermetic studies and all that. During this season of my life, Deacon Otis McClure, or Papa Otis, as his grandchildren and other youth of the community called him, had been called home. He was one of the patriarchs and founders of St. John Baptist Church #2 in East Palo Alto, Ca, where I attended church with my family in my formative years. At the ceremony there were men dressed in black and white performing a mysterious funeral ritual. They wore white gloves and aprons and when his final remains were buried, at the grave site, the apron belonging to Papa Otis was included. These words and gestures of the burial ceremony sparked something in me. In the weeks to follow I would find myself in many discussions with Brother McClure's grandsons, in an attempt to link what we had witnessed to our esoteric interests, American history and the legacy we inherited as African-American young men. This began what would be a ten-year journey to find my way to the door of a lodge.

Later that year I left home to attend Howard University in Washington D.C. I still harbored a deep interest in freemasonry and collected different

bits of information and literature wherever I could. By this time I was sure that there were strong connections between ancient, more recent and current history and freemasonry. I met an older gentleman who worked at Howard and noticed that he wore the ring with the symbols of the square and compass. Upon my inquisition, he introduced me to the history of Prince Hall and told me that if I was really interested he would get me an application for membership. Along with this he stated that I would have to "take out the earring" once the time came to enter the lodge. I asked myself, Was I really ready to be divested of my individuality to join with a group of lay anthropologists? I resolved that I would continue my individual research rather than be subject to the scrutiny of these peers.

While still in the nation's capital I was stopped one evening in a sobriety check. I had not been drinking and so I just waited patiently for the officer to return with my drivers' license after checking my records.

"Did you know that you have an outstanding bench warrant in California?" the officer said, when he returned to the car.

When I arrived at booking, I encoun-

tered a middle age man who proceeded with the routine paper work and once again there was the ring with the compass and square. Always one to pick up any bit of a good conversation where ever I can, and equipped with a little more knowledge of American freemasonry, I asked the question: "Are you a Prince Hall Mason?" He looked up from the form that he was filling out for the first time since his questions had began. He stared straight into my eyes and through the back of my head. He answered, yes, and then asked if I was also a Mason. My father was three-thousand miles away but I felt as if he had tele-ported to the moment and that I was on the edge of getting the parental chastisement that a boy half that age would get for finding himself in a situation that he knew "good and well" he should not be. I felt a little less ashamed that I could honestly answer, "no sir" but I admitted that I had been looking into it.

The piercing stare ended and he continued with the routine questions and looking down at the forms he was filling out. I decided to prepare myself for spending the night and perhaps the weekend there when I had a small change of luck. The officer who had made the arrest came up to the holding cell. "I don't think you're supposed to be in here." He said as he opened the gate to the holding cell. I did notice that the officer filling out the form did have a conversation with my arresting officer. Whether or not he

put in a word for me to be released early, I can't be sure. What was clear from the comment Mr. Williams made regarding my earring and the encounter with the officer who filled out my paper work was that if I ever did decide to become a Freemason I would have to be conscious of my actions and how I would present myself to the world around me.

Back in the SF bay area a few years later, the ring appeared again, this time on a young man about my age. My growing curiosity in the subject initiated a conversation and it progressed to what he perceived as the difference between Price Hall freemasonry and Non-Prince Hall. His part of the discussion was mostly filled with the claim that Prince Hall was incomplete because it was a "tainted" version of the degrees and therefore one could not comprehend enlightenment using an incomplete set of tools

Contrary to the strange argument that this brother presented, I was left with no negative impressions of the Prince Hall men I had met previously along my journey. The innuendoes of hidden knowledge that he alluded to seemed to be without historical fact or substance, so I was not convinced that Prince Hall Masonry was lacking in any way in its institution of fraternity. It would not be until several years later that would encounter a friend who would point me clearly in the direction toward the door of a lodge.

In October of 2000, I was sitting in a terminal of the San Diego airport at Limburg Field waiting for flight departure. I had just grabbed a ticket and was on my way to Oakland to support my home team, the Oakland A's, in a play-off series against the New York Yankees, and had decided that I would kill time and do some reading until it was time to board. A gentleman took a seat next to me. How are you doing? he asked. I gave the usual salutation and tried to stay focused on the lessons on the text. What are you reading? Well I guess I'm going to have to engage in some friendly conversation, I thought as I lowered the book. He began to talk about his interest in wireless connectivity technology and our conversation naturally began to take on its own life as we explored our mutual interests.

I was impressed by his ability to find the parts of my personality that would happily oblige the social candor that he possessed. I told him that I was on my way to see the A's battle the Yanks'. The fellow, named Mark, mentioned that he was on his yearly pilgrimage. I wonder if he could see the large question mark I felt floating about my head.

"Yearly pilgrimage?" I asked.

Yes, I'm a Mason and I am on my way to the Grand Lodge... And the conversation grew.

Mr. Pressey and I spent the next four hours together. We sat next to each

other on a plane full of Oakland Raider, A's, and San Francisco Forty-Niner fans and California Masons on their way to Grand Lodge. Along the way Brother Pressey gently satisfied much of my thirst for knowledge and helped me understand the ways that freemasonry is important to me as an American, a man, as a person of faith and perhaps most intriguing, how Prince Hall Masonry has been such a strong pillar in my African-American history, present and future. He helped me understand that Prince Hall was an upright man who sought to lift others along his path and that if I were ever to become a Prince Hall Mason, I would inherit a legacy of labor that has a strong foundation and one that I should certainly be proud of. I left Mark E. Pressey as a friend and later found him to be a brother.

The hoodwink of prejudices that blind some from seeing the light that is potential in all of God's creatures can be difficult to remove. Yet, we are faced with the daunting task of seeing past what society would prescribe in regards how we interact with people of a different race, creed or faith than our own. We learn that as we serve the craft in turn it serves us twice fold.



PRINCE HALL MASONRY IN HAWAII

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The History

Prince Hall Freemasonry has been established in the State of Hawaii since 1912, with Masonic Lodges from the States of Missouri, California and Texas.

According to available data, the first Lodge in Hawaii was John M. McCarthy Lodge No. 50, when various members of the Buffalo Soldiers, who at the time were attached to the 25th Infantry Division stationed at Schofield Barracks, were granted a Charter from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri. John M. McCarthy Lodge No. 50, together with Lodges in the Philippine Islands, made up the 20th Masonic District under the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri.

In 1943, under the leadership of Grand Master George R. Vaughn of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California, Brother Henry J. Green Sr. was given the task of re-establishing a Prince Hall Lodge in the Hawaiian Islands. Brother Green came to the islands and organized a Masonic Club in the city of Honolulu. This Club, after working for a period in a manner satisfactory to the Grand Lodge, petitioned for U.D. status. On July 20, 1944, with a membership of mixed nationalities numbering 54, Puuola Lodge No. 51 was granted a charter with Brother Henry J.

Green Sr. as first Worshipful Master.

In 1950, Past Grand Master Theodore Moss of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California authorized the formation of yet another Masonic Club that was the groundwork for Cosmopolitan Lodge U.D. The first in a series of meetings of the proposed Masonic Club was held in Good Samaritan Mission Hall at 1801 10th Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii on March 7, 1952. On May 29, 1954, Grand Master S.J. Hopkins, with the assistance of Grand Marshall Stanley Y. Beverly, instituted Cosmopolitan Lodge U.D. On May 28, 1955, with its membership of 45 Master Masons, Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 82 received its charter with Brother Ambrose M. Costa Sr. as its first Worshipful Master.

Kaneohe Bay Lodge No. 114 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California and Hawaii, with Brother Terry Cook as its first Worshipful Master, was granted a charter on July 23, 1992 under the leadership of Grand Master Harold D. Mure.

New Hope Lodge No. 116 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California and Hawaii, with Brother EE. Fuller as its first Worshipful Master, was granted a charter on September 19, 1995

under the leadership of Grand Master Joseph V. Nicholas.

Organization of the Grand Lodge

The members of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 82, Pearl City, Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay Lodge No. 114, Kaneohe, Hawaii, and New Hope Lodge No. 116, Wahiawa, Hawaii, all working under the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California and Hawaii Inc., and Aloha Military Lodge No. 635, working under the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas, recognizing their inability to communicate with the grand officers about matters of importance which demand attention in a timely matter due to distance (2556 and 3792 miles) and time zones, came together for a Prince Hall Masonic State Convention on a call from Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Leslie C. Jones Sr. on April 15, 2000, in the city of Wahiawa, Hawaii. The names of the four Lodges, and their Officers:

Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 82 F&AM, Pearl City, Hawaii (MWPHGL of CA&HI):

Gerald Burch *Worshipful Master*
Harry Cleveland *Junior Warden*
Maurice McCormick *Treasurer*
Curtis Williams Jr. *Secretary*

Kaneohe Bay Lodge No. 114 F&AM,

Kaneohe, Hawaii (MWPHGL of CA&HI):

Linwood Richardson *Worshipful Master*
Stephen M. King *Senior Warden*
Clifton F. Reed *Junior Warden*
Reginald Ingram *Treasurer*
Milton D. Reed *Secretary*

New Hope Lodge No. 116 F&AM, Wahiawa, Hawaii (MWPHGL of CA&HI):

Kyle W. Crump *Worshipful Master* Edward Smith *Senior Warden*
George E. Washington *Treasurer*
Anthony L. Brinson *Secretary*

Aloha Military Lodge No. 635 F&AM, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii (MWPHGL of Texas):

Darryl Robinson *Worshipful Master*
Eric Frazier *Senior Warden*

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the establishment of a Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Hawaii. Past Master Anthony G Adams of Aloha Military Lodge No. 635, MWPHGL of Texas, motioned that the four Lodges gathered unite together and form what shall be here afterward known as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Hawaii and Its Jurisdiction, Inc. This motion was seconded and carried. After some discussion with Grand Master Ronald Robinson of the MWPHGL of California and Hawaii and Grand Master Robert Connors of the MWPHGL of Texas, as

a follow up to the action taken on April 15, 2000, each Lodge sent a letter to all members on roll and informed them that a separate vote would be taken at the stated meeting in December 2000 to withdraw its allegiance and obedience to the MWPHGL of California and Hawaii and the MWPHGL of Texas for the single purpose of establishing the MWPHGL of Hawaii and Its Jurisdiction, Inc. After the vote, Aloha Military Lodge recanted and the three Lodges working under the Jurisdiction of California and Hawaii unanimously voted to withdraw and establish.

On June 2, 2001, at the Pacific Beach Hotel located in the City of Honolulu, State of Hawaii, the Honorable Ronald Robinson, MWGM of California and Hawaii, presided over the consecration and dedication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. &A.M. of Hawaii and Its Jurisdiction and installed the following Elective Officers:

Leslie C. Jones Sr. *Most Worshipful Grand Master*
 Ervin Hendrix Jr. *R.W. Deputy Grand Master*
 Morris Johnson Jr. *R.W. Grand Senior Warden*
 Douglas A. Taylor *R.W. Grand Junior Warden*
 Ronald Ward *R.W. Grand Treasurer*
 Lindsey J. Morrell *R. W. Grand Secretary*
 Gerald Walton *R.W. Grand Lecturer*

Grand Lodge of Hawaii consists of the following lodges: Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 1 in Pearl City, Kaneohe Bay Lodge No. 2 in Kaneohe, New Hope Lodge No. 3 in Mililani, and Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. Lodge No. 4 in Honolulu.

The current officers of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Hawaii are the following:

MW Ervin Hendrix Jr., *Grand Master*
 RW Durand Phillips, *Deputy Grand Master*
 RW John H. Boyd, *Grand Senior Warden*
 RW Carlton L. Ingram, *Grand Junior Warden*
 RW Johnnie Wade, *Grand Treasurer*
 RW Kevin J. Sanderson, *Grand Secretary*
 RW Hector S. Vasquez III, *Grand Lecturer*
 RW Charles E. Smith, *District Deputy Grand Master*
 RW Robert Roberts, *Grand Senior Deacon*
 RW Darrin Alexander, *Grand Junior Deacon*
 RW Linwood Richardson, *Grand Senior Steward*
 RW Steven R. Dooley, *Grand Steward*
 VR Charles E. Smith, *Grand Chaplain*
 RW Lindsey Morrell, *PRWGS, Grand Tyler*



“The Most Worshipful Prince Hall

A 1775 RE-ENACTMENT CEREMONY HONORING THE FIRST BLACK MASONS IN BOSTON

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by MWBro. Stuart M. Cowan, PGM*

What do Richard Pryor, "Sugar" Ray Robinson, Thurgood Marshall, Nelson Mandela, and Nat King Cole have in common? Besides being famous Black men, they are all members of The Prince Hall Masonic Order, the largest and oldest fraternal organization started by Prince Hall and 14 other freed Black men in Boston, Massachusetts on March 6th, 1775. The second biennial convention of African Lodge No. 459, under the auspices of The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, jurisdiction of Massachusetts took place April 23rd to 25th, 2004. We are advised that over 3000 Prince Hall Masons from around the world were in attendance.

The convention honored Black Freemasonry with a re-enactment "raising" ceremony on Castle (Williams) Island. Black Freemasonry began when Prince Hall and 14 other free black men were initiated into Lodge No. 441, Irish constitution, attached to the 35th Regiment of Foot, British Army garrisoned at Castle William Island (now Castle Island), Boston Harbor on March 6th, 1775. Prince Hall, one of Boston's most prominent citizens during the Revolutionary period, was the founder of the African Lodge, the world's first Lodge of Black Freemasons and the first society in American history devoted to social, political, and economic improvement.

These fourteen Black Masons included Cyrus Forbes, Bristol Spencer, Thomas Sanderson, French Taylor, Cato Gardner, Boston Smith, Peter Best, Fortune Howard, Prince Reed, John Carter, Peter Freeman, Benjamin Tyler, Cuff Bufform and Richard Tilledge.

The Convention paid tribute to Prince Hall and

the other very brave men who chose the route of Freemasonry to help their people, thus to have a legitimate vehicle by which to advance and enrich the lives of their generations to follow. These original Masons were represented by 15 current and two Fellowcrafts from 15 different Prince Hall Masonic jurisdictions. Re-enactment participants dressed in period costume from the 18th century for the event.

The History of Prince Hall

The History of the Prince Hall Masons is exceptional and highly interesting especially considering the time in this country when the Lodge was founded. On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and fourteen freed Black men were made Masons by Worshipful Master John Batt of Army Lodge No. 441 of the 38th Regiment of Foot of the British Army. The Army Lodge's charter was under the Grand Lodge of Ireland Constitution.

As a new Master Mason, Prince Hall petitioned membership in the colonial Masonic lodges. However, all petitions were rejected. But when the British army left Boston in 1776, Lodge No. 441, granted Prince Hall and his brothers authority to meet as African Lodge No. 1 (Under Dispensation), and to go in procession on St. John's Day, and as a Lodge to bury their dead. They could not, however, confer degrees or perform other Masonic "work". For eight years these Brethren, together with others who had received their degrees elsewhere, assembled and enjoyed their limited privileges at Masons.

Thirty three nations were listed on the roles of African Lodge No. 1 on January 14, 1779. On

March 2, 1784 Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, through the Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge in London (William Moody of Brotherly Love Lodge No. 55) for a warrant or charter. On September 29th, 1784, a charter was issued to the African Lodge, making it a regular Lodge with all the rights and privileges of any regular Lodge in the world and the first lodge of Blacks in America. African Lodge No. 459 grew and prospered to such a degree that Worshipful Master Prince Hall was appointed a Provincial Grand Master in 1791, and out of this grew the first Black Provincial Grand Lodge. In 1797 Prince Hall organized a Lodge in Philadelphia and another in Rhode Island. These lodges were worked under the charter of African Lodge No. 459.

In December 1808, one year after the death of Prince Hall, African Lodge No.459 (Boston), African Lodge No. 459 (Philadelphia) and Hiram Lodge No. 3 (Providence) met in a general assembly of the craft and organized African Grand Lodge (sometime referred to as African Grand Lodge No. 1). In 1847, out of respect for their founding father and first Grand Master Prince Hall, these Lodges changed their name to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the name it carries today. In 1848 Union Lodge No. 2, Rising Sons of St. John No.3 and Celestial Lodge No. 4 became the first lodges organized under the name Prince Hall Grand Lodge. From these beginnings, there now are some 5,000 Lodges and 47 Grand lodges who trace their lineage to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts.

The warrant to African Lodge No. 459 of Boston is the most significant and highly prized document known to the Prince Hall Masonic fraternity. It was delivered in Boston on April 29, 1787 by Captain James Scott, brother-in-law of John Hancock and Master of the Neptune African Lodge of Boston became the "Mother Lodge" of the Prince Hall family.

All of this took place at a time in American history when it wasn't safe for Prince Hall and the fourteen other Black men to be speaking with, much less asking favors of, the British. But it was also a time when free Black men very much needed a means by which to advance the cause of Black equality. Boston, Massachusetts was a major port for selling slaves in the North. Black Codes were enacted by all the colonies curtailing the movement of Blacks, free and slave, especially after dark. Prince Hall looked to the Fraternal Order of Free and Accepted Masons because the chief purpose of Freemasonry is benevolence and charity to all mankind. Hall was convinced that Freemasonry's ideals for the betterment of man made it an ideal organization to advance the cause of Black equality in the colonies.

Today the Prince Hall Masonic order spans across all 51 United States of America as well as lodges in Canada, the West Indies, in the Bahamas, Europe, and Asia. There are over 250,000 Prince Hall Masons worldwide, working in more than 5000 Lodges who can trace their roots to African Lodge No. 459 which, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is located at 24 Washington St, Dorchester, Massachusetts. Honorable Brother, Most Worshipful Napoleon Burton, Jr., is the 65th Most Worshipful Grand Master for Massachusetts, and carries on the tradition started by Bro. Prince Hall over 200 years ago.

For detailed information on African Lodge No. 459 call (617) 445-1145 or visit the website of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts (www.princehall.org) and/or that of African Lodge No. 459 (www.AfricanLodge459.org).



ERNEST Y. YAMANE: A FREEMASON FOR ALL SEASONS

By Hon. Bro. Herbert G. Gardiner, PGS

51 Year member of Hawaiian Lodge

Grand Historian

Grand Secretary during MWBro. Ernest Y. Yamane's tenure as Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii

Ernest Y. Yamane, known to his Lodge Brethren and close friends as Ernie, is a soft spoken unassuming brother who served as Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii in 1992. He was the second Grand Master of the newly constituted Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii.

Most Worshipful Yamane's distinguished Masonic career is matched by very few brethren. His low key manner belies his vast knowledge dealing with the governance of the Craft which the Hawaii Jurisdiction has been the beneficiary of ever since the Grand Lodge of Hawaii was constituted in 1989.

THE EARLY DAYS

MWBro. Yamane was born in Honolulu on August 7, 1921. He attended the public schools in Honolulu, and graduated from the Washington University Law School in St. Louis, Missouri with LLB and JD degrees. He has been active in the legal profession for over 50 years.

He was married to Mari who recently passed away. They had three children from a previous marriage - Brian Y. Yamane, Alric Yamane and Gwen Kanemaru. Brian is also a member of Hawaiian Lodge.

His military service includes a brief stint in the Hawaii Territorial Guard from December 7, 1941 to February 1942, and was honorably discharged on the basis of racial origin. Ernest Yamane was one of many young men of Japanese ancestry who, although born in the U.S. Territory of Hawaii, found themselves temporarily in this inexplicable situation.

In spite of his unpleasant experience with the Hawaii Territorial Guard M.W. Yamane is a veteran of World War II. He served in the U.S. Army from July 1944, to August 1946, and received an honorable discharge.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

»Licensed to practice law in all courts of the State of Hawaii since 1952

»Deputy Attorney General, 1953, 1959-60

»Assistant Public Prosecutor, 1954-58

»House Minority Attorney for the last Territorial Legislature in 1959, prior to Statehood

»Private practice of law with Clarence Garvey, 1952

»Private practice of law with Attorneys, State Senator Larry Kuriyama, Harry Tamura and Isao Ito, 1961

»Private practice of law under the name and style of Greenstein, Yamane and Cowan, 1961-1964

»Private practice of law, 1986 to the present

»Private Practice of Law of Law under name & style, Bicoy & Yamane, Law Partnership

FRATERNAL & CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

»Lions Club Activities

»*Charter member and member of Kalia Lions Club (October 30, 1952 to the present)*

»First Lieutenant Governor - District 50, Lions International, 1991-92 (Name has since been changed to Vice District Governor)

»District Governor - District 50, Lions International 1992-1993, Governor of all Lions Clubs in State of Hawaii

»First American of Asian descent to serve as President of the Honolulu Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1956-57

»Former Troop Committee Chairman, Troop 14, Boy Scouts of America for over 40 years

A CAREER IN FREEMASONRY

»1971 - Made a Master Mason in Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, F&AM

»1979 - Worshipful Master, Hawaiian Lodge No.21, F & A M

»*Participated in the special second cornerstone-laying ceremony of 'Iolani Palace on December 31st.*

»1981 - Appointed Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Committee to study the feasibility of a Grand Lodge of Hawaii, by the Grand Master of Masons of California. The committee was comprised of the 1979 Masters of the eleven Lodges in Hawaii. In the absence of a decisive favorable vote at the conclusion of the study the matter was temporarily shelved. However the effort was not wasted for the succeeding Grand Master M.W. Robert O. West recommended that his successor appoint a Committee to study the feasibility of forming a District Grand Lodge of Hawaii subordinate to the Grand Lodge of California. In 1983, Grand Master Harry L. Maynard appointed such a committee. The recommendations of the committee provided the ways and means which ultimately led to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii on May 20, 1989.

»1983-1984 - Junior Grand Steward, Grand Lodge of California, F&AM

»1984 - Member of the Commercialism Committee, Grand

Lodge of California, F&AM

»1985-1989 - Member of the Jurisprudence Committee, Grand Lodge of California, F&AM

»1987-1989 - Member of Committee to Study the Feasibility of a Grand Lodge of Hawaii

»Served on the Committee from its inception in 1987, until the May 20, 1989 Convention at which the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii was constituted.

»Served as Chairman of the Special Constitution and By-laws Committee.

»1989 - Elected Senior Grand Warden at convention when the Grand Lodge of Hawaii was constituted.

»1990 - Elected Deputy Grand Master when the office of Deputy Grand Master was established.

»1992-1993 - First American of Asian descent to serve as Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii, and as a Grand Master in North America and Canada

»1993-1994 - Served as Chairman, Jurisprudence & General Purposes Committee, Grand Lodge of Hawaii

»1993-present - Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Japan near the Grand Lodge of Hawaii

»1996-present - Chairman, Jurisprudence & General Purposes Committee, Grand Lodge of Hawaii

»Member:

»Honolulu York Rite Bodies

»Past Sovereign Opukahia Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

»Honolulu Scottish Rite Bodies

»Aloha Temple Shriners

»National Sojourners

»Kamehameha Chapter 439

»Heroes of '76

»2003 - Elected Trustee of Hawaiian Lodge

»2004 - Chair, Hawaiian Lodge Scholarship Committee

PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

On Saturday May 23, 1992, MWBro. Yamane made the following presentation at the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, Pearl Harbor World War II Memorial Fountain ceremony:

"Captain Taylor I wish to thank you and your staff for the assistance and enthusiasm you have demonstrated in support of this Memorial Fountain. In addition, as Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii, and all Hawaii Freemasons, I say, "Mahalo Nui Loa" for granting us the privilege and honor of conducting this Masonic Memorial Service.

The Freemasons of Hawaii look upon this memorial Fountain as a tribute to those gallant men who gave their lives in the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, and to those men and women, military and civilian, who rebuilt and maintained the fleet to the day of final victory.

Freemasonry is not new to the U. S. Navy. John Paul Jones, a hero of the War of Independence and often called the "Father of the American Navy", was a Freemason. When he was asked to surrender in a battle with a superior British fighting vessel after his own ship, the "Bon Homme Richard", was sinking, Jones reply was the now famous "I have just begun to fight" and went on to capture the British Man-Of-War. Matthew Perry, and his "Black Ships", who negotiated with the Empire of Japan and opened it to the Western World, was a Freemason. Edward Preble, James Lawrence, and Stephen Decatur, all heroes of the Tripolitan Wars with the Barbary Coast Pirates, were all Freemasons. When mortally wounded in the war of 1812, Lawrence as he was dying uttered the famous "Don't give up the ship." Decatur's well known toast, "Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be right; but our Country, right or wrong," is still the feeling of a great many Americans. David Farragut, who established the Mare Island Naval Base and was the most outstanding Naval Officer of the Civil War, was a Freemason. Richard Byrd, the famous Naval Aviator and explorer who led several expeditions to the South Pole, was a Freemason. Lawrence Kearney, U. S. Commander of the East India Squadron, who was instrumental in opening the China trade to the U. S. and

while stopping in Hawaii in 1843, formally protested the take-over of the Island Kingdom by the British, was a Freemason, and Ernest King, who was the Chief of Naval Operations during World War II, from 1942-1945, was a Freemason.

Freemasonry has been and continues to be well represented in the United States Navy.

Thank you"

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MWBro. Yamane's contribution to the Craft in Hawaii has been nothing short of outstanding. His extensive knowledge of the Hawaii Masonic Code (HMC) and its application under an extremely wide range of circumstances is something to witness. He played the major role in bringing about the transition of the California Masonic Code to our Hawaii Masonic Code.

MWBro. Ernie has never forgotten his roots in Hawaiian Lodge, and is always available to assist in conducting the affairs of the Lodge in whatever capacity he can serve. Unless he happens to be out of town, this amiable Brother will be found at every stated Meeting sitting in his favorite spot in the columns . . . the front row near the Secretary.



PHOTO GALLERY

Sweethearts' Ball & Degree Conferral



Bro. Sam Moyer and his lady

WBro. Tony Ligaya, his lady Fé, and Sister Emmie Alarcon



Bro. Jim Corley entertaining his lady and several guests



Bros. Manny Espiritu, Ernie Alegre, Sal Mendigorin and Nick Khiterer with their ladies



Bro. Mario Hidalgo, his lady, and friends



Bros. Chuck Comeau, Jimmy San Jose, Roland Halili and Cecil Ryder and their ladies between dances



RWBro. Dennis Ing and WBros. Wilson Camagan, Abe Akina, John Rodney, their ladies, and Sister Angie Ing



Bro. Rick Taylan and Steve Chan with their ladies and friends

Our fearless leader - WBro. Ed Abutin gets down on the dance floor



Bros. Alex Escasa and Orly Ragudos dancing . . . hmmm ...



Bro. Frankie Lee, Jr. after his passing to Fellowcraft, with Bro. Orlando Ragudos as Master Pro-Tempore.

THE CORNUCOPIA

Researched / Contributed by: Bro. Sonny Cardenas

Cornucopia was first introduced into the English language in 1508. Cornucopia is also known as "the horn of plenty" and it is the emblem of the Stewards.

According to myth, when the young Zeus (Jupiter) was playing with Amalthea, the goat who had suckled him in a cave on the island of Crete, and gave him everything else he needed to survive, he accidentally broke off one of her horns. To make amends, Zeus promised that from that day forward, the horn would always be filled with whatever fruit she desired. As such, the Cornucopia came to symbolize the unasked profusion of gifts from the gods.



It has been used as an emblem of many deities, including Copia (Roman goddess of wealth and plenty who carries a cornucopia), Justitia (Roman goddess of justice), Spes (Roman goddess of hope), Honos (Roman deity of morality and military honor), and many others. The myth of the horn returns in the story of Hercules, who fights the river-god Achelous, who, having the power to change himself into anything, took the form of a bull. Achelous was the son of the ocean, and the god of the biggest river. Hercules breaks off one of the bull's horns, but after generously returning it, receives from Achelous the horn of plenty - the cornucopia.

In Masonry, the cornucopia symbolizes peace, plenty and joy.

DO YOU THINK ENGLISH IS EASY???

A Compilation by Bro. Teofilo "Bonnie" Bonifacio

1) The bandage was wound around the wound.

2) The farm was used to produce produce.

3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse .

4) We must polish the Polish furniture.

5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.

6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

7) Since there is no time like the present , he thought it was time to present the present

8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

10) I did not object to the object.

11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row

13) They were too close to the door to close it.

14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.

15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.

16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth



is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't "Buick" rhyme with "quick?"

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this...

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is "UP."

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write

UP a report?

We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car. At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so..... it is time to shut UP.....!

Oh, one more thing:

What is the first thing you do in the morning & the last thing you do at night? U - P!



FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES...^{..}

From the Compilations of WBro. Antonio M. Ligaya, PM

3-year-old Reese:
"Our Father, Who does art in heaven,
Harold is His name.
Amen."
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A little boy was overheard praying:  
"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't  
worry about it.  
I'm having a real good time like I am."  
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After the christening of his baby brother in
church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the
back seat of the car.
His father asked him three times what was
wrong.
Finally, the boy replied,
"That preacher said he wanted us brought up
in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay
with you guys."
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One particular four-year-old prayed,  
"And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive  
those who put trash in our baskets."  
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A Sunday school teacher asked her children
as they were on the way to church service,
"And why is it necessary to be quiet in
church?"
One bright little girl replied, "Because people
are sleeping."
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sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3.  
The boys began to argue over who would get  
the first pancake.  
Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral  
lesson.  
"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let  
my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'  
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,  
"Ryan, you be Jesus!"  
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A father was at the beach with his children
when the four-year-old son ran up to him,
grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore
where a seagull lay dead in the sand.
"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son
asked.
"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad
replied.
The boy thought a moment and then said,
"Did God throw him back down?"
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A wife invited some people to dinner.  
At the table, she turned to their six-year-old  
daughter and said, "Would you like to say the  
blessing?"  
"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.  
"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife  
answered.  
The daughter bowed her head and said,  
"Lord, why on earth did I invite all these peo-  
ple to dinner?"  
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TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS OPERATION ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2006		\$7,063.38
Add: Receipts		
Transfer from Trustee Account	\$80,000.00	
Dues	\$15,420.00	
Fees	\$2,830.00	
Building Fund (Hawaiian Lodge)	\$1,875.00	
Building Fund (Grand Lodge)	\$180.00	
Reimbursements	\$803.00	
Interest from Checking Account	<u>\$4.40</u>	<u>\$101,112.40</u>
Less: Disbursements		
Grand Lodge	\$14,386.50	
Membership Gatherings	\$30,929.71	
Salaries	\$14,100.00	
Payroll Taxes	\$1,052.96	
Professional Services (Tax Preparer)	\$598.00	
Facilities Expense	\$12,050.00	
Office Expense	\$2,042.42	
Officers Expense	\$1,282.46	
Gifts/Donations	\$2,722.80	
Ritual Supplies	\$1,668.40	
Publications and Communications	\$8,066.65	
Scholarship Awards	\$10,000.00	
Insurance (Workmen's Compensation)	\$263.00	
Neighbor Island Visitation (Kauai)	<u>\$1,454.14</u>	<u>\$100,617.04</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2006		<u>\$7,558.74</u>

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006

The following Annual Report, for the period January 1 - December 31, 2006 is submitted:

Roll Call:

Members as of December 31, 2005			453
Add: Gains			
By Raising	11		
By Affiliation	0		
By Restoration	<u>3</u>	14	
Less: Losses			
By Death	10		
By Withdrawal	1		
By Suspension	<u>18</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>(15)</u>
 Members as of December 31, 2006			 438

Necrology:

Thomas F. Freeman, Jr., PM	Walter M. Paul
John O. Spengler	Louie C. Ondo, PGL
Curtis P. Iaukea II	James H. Keesling
Robert Y. P. Chun	James On Mau
Raymond K. H. Young, PM	Lucito C. Santos, PM

Receipts:

Dues		\$ 15,420.00
Fees: Degrees & Restoration		2,830.00
Building Fund		
Hawaiian Lodge	\$ 1,875.00	
Grand Lodge	<u>\$ 180.00</u>	\$2,055.00
Cipher Ritual Sales		\$ 83.00
Interest, Checking Account		\$ 4.40
Dinner Reimbursements		\$ 620.00
Palaka Shirts Sales		<u>\$ 100.00</u>
 Total Disbursements to the Treasurer		 \$ 21,112.40

From the Secretary's Desk: Lodge Activities since December 6, 2006

By: Antonio M. Ligaya, P.M.

<i>December 20</i>	Installation of 2007 Officers	Makiki Masonic Temple
<i>January 3</i>	3rd Degree - Stated Meeting	Bro. Gregory A. Pentecost
<i>January 10</i>	3rd Degree Proficiency (Regular Form)	Bro. Stevenson A. Chang
<i>January 17</i>	1st Degree Proficiency (Short Form)	Bro. Frankie Lee, Jr.
<i>January 24</i>	1st Degree Proficiency (Short Form)	Bro. Stevenson A. Chang
<i>February 7</i>	2nd Degree Conferral - Passing 3rd Degree - Stated Meeting Treasurer's and Secretary's Annual Reports Presented & Accepted 3rd Degree Proficiency (Regular Form)	Makiki Masonic Temple Bro. Nicholai M. Khiterer
<i>February 10</i>	Sweethearts' Ball	Hale Koa Hotel (DeRussy)
<i>February 14</i>	2nd Degree Conferral - Passing	Bro. Frankie Lee, Jr.
<i>March 2-3</i>	Grand Master's Fast Class (Hawaiian Lodge Confers Third Degree)	Scottish Rite Cathedral
<i>March 7</i>	3rd Degree - Stated Meeting Special Election of a Trustee (for HBro. William Wong's unexpired term through December 2007)	Makiki Masonic Temple WBro. Robert A. Schultz is elected Trustee

NECROLOGY



Ill. Brother Joseph H. Worrall, Jr.

Past Potentate, Aloha Shriners

Born: January 31, 1924 Raised: January 29, 1964

Died: January 7, 2007

Brother George Boross

Born: March 2, 1916 Raised: January 21, 1948

Died: January 13, 2007

Brother Manuel S. Nicolas

Born: August 21, 1932 Raised: May 21, 1999

Died: January 27, 2007

Hon. Brother William Hin Wong

Past Grand Treasurer

Born: August 14, 1911 Raised: May 22, 1957

Died: February 15, 2007

"Almighty Father Into Thy Hands We Commend The Souls
Of Our Beloved Brothers"

2007 LODGE COMMITTEES

Auditing Committee:	WB Donald Hall, PM - Chair Bro Ernie Alegre Bro Cezar Evangelista Bro Manuel Ibera
Awards:	WB Eduardo Abutin - Chair Bro Orlando Ragudos Bro Alexander Escasa
Cable Tow:	WB Serafin Colmenares, PM - Chair WB Antonio Ligaya, PM Bro Alexander Escasa Bro Dale Palileo
Candidate's Coach:	WB Richard Huston, PM
Charity Committee:	WB Eduardo Abutin - Chair Bro Orlando Ragudos Bro Alexander Escasa
Delinquent Dues:	WB Eduardo Abutin WB Antonio Ligaya, PM Bro Alberto Alarcon
Masonic Temple Assn:	Bro Gregory Pentecost - Chair WB Robert Schultz, PM
Officers' Coach:	WB Wilson Camagan, PM RW Dennis Ing, SGW
Past Masters' Assn:	WB Kwanlin Wong - Chair All Past Masters
Scholarship:	MW Ernest Yamane, PGM - Chair MW Randy Chang, PGM WB Kwanlin Wong, PM WB William Dresser, PM WB Wilson Camagan, PM WB Antonio Ligaya, PM Bro. Vernon South
Sunshine:	Bro Alexander Escasa - Chair Bro Orly Ragudos Bro Ricarte Taylan
Youth Groups:	RW Dennis Ing, SGW - Chair Bro Alex Escasa

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