

FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF HAWAII

SCHOFIELD LODGE



Trestle Board

October - December
2009



From the East Masters Message

Jeremy D. Hollaway

Brethren,

What a great and wonderful year we have had at Schofield Lodge. We now have a steady stream of applications coming into the Lodge and member new younger Brethren willing and eager to move us forward in new directions. We have kicked off several new projects this year that I hope will be a continued success.

If you have not been out to the Temple in a while please come and see the repairs and renovations going on. If you say to yourself "I forgot what I am supposed to do or say" it is OK we all are Brother and will help you. I think this is an exciting rejuvenation for Schofield Lodge and I am happy to be a part of it.

As I look back on this year I could not help but think of someone once telling me that once you become a Master Mason you never stop learning. With that said, thank you to the Officers for their constant diligence this year and to all the members of other Lodges who came out to support. I would especially like to that Brothers Phil, Jim, Keith, Ryo, and Cliff for providing me all the backup and guidance through my Masonic year. I am truly grateful for everything each of you has taught me this year.

Thank you all my Brothers for your support and dedication I could not have done had such a great year without all of your help.

Aloha.

Jeremy D. Hollaway



What Happened?

Freemasonry Seen Through the Heart

By Teofilo " Phil" de Aquino, PM

My brothers,

I have something to confide to you. It is not a secret as you may expect. It is either an open knowledge or something every member of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Mason, observe, know or feel.

Many sought to enlist in Freemasonry. Almost all of those who file their application for membership are accepted. An Investigating Committee of three is tasked to qualify the applicant. To make a story short, finally an applicant is raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Thereafter, the new member fails to attend meetings, fellowship or degree work. At this instant, a question comes in.... What Happened?

My dear brothers, you might have the answer. Please let your brothers know, or inform the Lodge you are with, the cause.

Likewise, many well intended brothers accept to become officers of a lodge. It is good for the brother, for the lodge as well as for the fraternity of Freemasonry. After the installation however, the officer is often unable to attend, stated meetings, fellowship and other activities of the lodge. The same question comes in, what happened?

I cannot give any answer, but my beloved brother, please let your lodge know what happened. The lodge does not care anyway. The brothers have no say. Observers have no business on the matter. Of course, a particular brother who applied, paid for and hoped to be made a better man has something to say.

My brother, you know what happened.

Teofilo " Phil" de Aquino, PM



Secretary Corner

Greeting from the Sec.'s desk. ,

We have had a great year this year and it is only getting better. We had 10 members go through the fast class in Sept. Since then we have had 6 new applications in Oct. and Nov. and we have some more in Dec. We have also had some brothers apply for dual membership. So we will show a growth this year and next.

I will be doing the end of the year stats which you will read about in our next Trestleboard. There has been a lot of excitement this year thanks in a large part to our Wor. Mas. Jeremy Hollaway. He has brought a lot of new ideas and enthusiasm this year. We have had to retread masters for quite a while as we did not have people moving up the ranks. This trend will continue as we have another new master coming in for 2010.

We are getting a great variety of members also. We have our usual military member which keeps us going, but we have some new community members also and there is a nice sprinkling of age differences. This is what masonry is all about, meeting other men that you would "have otherwise stayed at a perpetual distance" from.

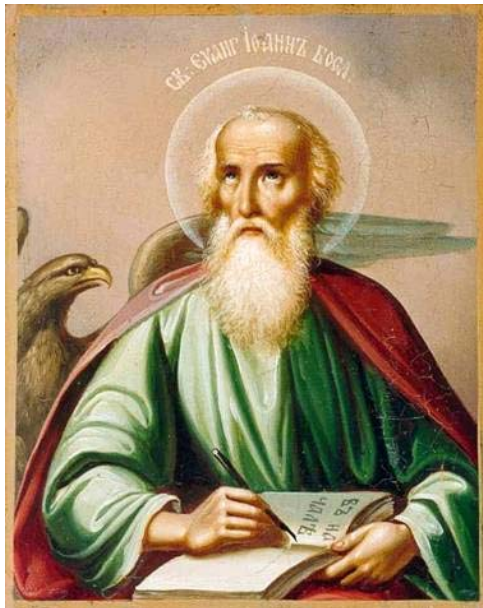
As a reminder, your ANNUAL DUES are now due and the dues went up to \$85 this year.

Mahalo,

Keith Isaacson, PM

MASONIC SAINTS JOHN'S DAY DECEMBER 27TH

From Salem 289 Lodge Website



St. John has always been a popular and much used name among Freemasons. An Entered Apprentice is asked from where he came and the answer-from a lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem.

The name St. John came to be used for what is called Ancient, Pure or Craft Masonry, meaning that it has not been despoiled by innovations, particularly in the so-called higher degrees as the Scottish and York Rites. In that way, some lodges were called St. John to indicate that they were of the Craft type, working the three degrees of St. John Masonry. This usage appears in the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as late as 1845 where it declares that body practices and recognizes no degrees of Masonry but those of Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason.

The workings in the Grand Lodge of the Philippines resemble that of Scotland, when the Bible and Altar were instituted in the lodges, the point within a circle and the parallel lines representing the Holy Saints John, occupy a regular place in the Preston and Webb lectures.

The Gothic Legends related back to the building of King Solomon's Temple approximately 1,000 years before there was a St. John but, nevertheless, the first legendary lodge was said to be that of St. John, presumably meaning a lodge at Jerusalem dedicated to St. John the Baptist. In some places, St. John the Evangelist, also called the Mystic, was deemed more to be revered and was substituted. In other places, it was not known why there should be any necessity for choice, so that both were adopted as Patron Saints and lodges came to be dedicated to the Holy Saints John and were supposed to be replicas of some Lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem.

June 24 is the date designated to celebrate the feast of St. John, the Baptist, and December 27 is the date designated to celebrate the feast of St. John, the Evangelist. Until 1904, lodges of the Grand Lodge of Virginia held the election of officers in June and installed them on June 24th. Many held both the election and installation on the same date, June 24th. Fraternal Lodge, No. 53, on occasion held the election and installation in the early morning, celebrating the feast with breakfast.

Today, some lodges hold their election and installation of officers on the Feast date of St. John, the Evangelist, December the 27th. It is a pity that we do not celebrate these two festivals of the Holy Saints John with feasting or Table Lodges on their designated days.



New 2010 Officers Installed

December 15th marked the Installation of your lodge officers for the 2009 Masonic year. Worshipful Richard C. Gallano has a complete line of officers, only the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary are Past Masters.

The Past Grand Master, Dennis Ing, was the Installing Officer, Master of Ceremonies Wilson S. Camagan PM (Grand Marshal), Installing Chaplain John Connell PM (Grand Chaplain).

Thank you to those of you who came out in January (Brothers, family members, Grand Lodge officers, and visiting Brothers from other lodges) to help make our Installation successful. We had a great ceremony with plenty of good food, and a large turnout. It was nice to see so many people in attendance.

Outgoing Worshipful Master received the William McKee, Jr Award from the Most Worshipful Marty Alexander.

The 2010 Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master Richard C. Gallano
Senior Warden Teofilo " Phil" de Aquino, PM
Junior Warden Cliff Jenkins, PM
Treasurer Keith Isaacson, PM
Secretary James A Sullivan Jr., PM
Chaplain Brian Borowski
Senior Deacon Romeo Ubaldo
Junior Deacon Jeremy Leal
Marshall Edwin Boyette
Senior Steward Michael Morrel
Junior Steward John E. Martinez
Tyler Greg Shugemasa
Organist Peter Cervantes

Trustees

Ryo Kubota, PM, Keith Isaacson, PM Greg Shugemasa

DECEMBER 7, 1941

Pearl Harbor Remembered

"A date which will live in infamy"

by Gerry Brown



The *USS Arizona* gouts smoke before finally going underwater.

Dec. 7, 1941—at five minutes to eight o'clock, 183 Japanese warplanes ruined a perfectly fine Sunday morning on the island of Oahu in Hawaii. The first attack wave had reached the U.S. Pacific Fleet stationed at Oahu's Pearl Harbor and for all intents and purposes, World War II began for the United States.

Although the U.S. military forces in Pearl Harbor had been recently strengthened, the base was not at a state of high alert. Many people were just waking when the first bombs were dropped. No one was prepared to do battle.

Japanese aircraft had flown 230 miles from the north, originating from an attack force comprising six aircraft carriers and 423 planes. The assault was the complete surprise the Japanese wanted, even though at 7:02 a.m., almost an hour before the first wave of planes arrived, two Army radar men on Oahu's northern shore had detected the attack approaching. They contacted a junior officer, who disregarded their reports, assuming they had instead spotted American B-17 bombers expected in from the West Coast of the U.S.

The first wave of Japanese planes, made up of 51 Val dive bombers, 50 high level bombers, 43 Zero fighters and 40 Kate torpedo bombers, attacked when flight commander Mitsuo Fuchida gave the now infamous battle cry "Tora! Tora! Tora!" ("Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!").

The second wave arrived shortly thereafter. Almost simultaneously, five Japanese "minisubs" began their attack from underwater, but were able to do little damage. Less than two hours later, 2,280 American servicemen and 68 civilians were dead, 1,109 were wounded, eight battleships were damaged and five sunk. Three light cruisers, three destroyers, and three smaller boats were lost, along with 188 aircraft.

The biggest loss that day was the *USS Arizona*, on which 1,177 crewmen were killed when a 1,760 pound bomb smashed through her decks and ignited her forward ammo magazine causing a terrible explosion. Fewer than nine minutes later she was underwater.

Pearl Harbor was the principal but not sole target of the Japanese attack that day. Other military installations on Oahu were hit. Hickam, Wheeler, and Bellows airfields, Ewa Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay Naval Air Station, and Schofield Barracks suffered varying degrees of damage, with hundreds of planes

destroyed on the ground and hundreds of men killed or wounded.

While the attack that day was a huge blow to the U.S. military presence in the Pacific, it was not a total victory for the Japanese. Not only were the attack's biggest targets, the American aircraft carriers, out of port at the time and therefore saved, but the attack galvanized the nation's support for involvement in the war, ultimately contributing to the defeat of the Axis powers.

Today, 67 years later, more than 1.5 million people a year visit the memorial that floats over the sunken *Arizona* to pay respects to the loss of life that occurred on what President Franklin D. Roosevelt would call "a date which will live in infamy."



My Brothers and Friends,

We are well underway in our Hawaii Masonic Memorial project for the Punchbowl National Cemetery. Our design has been approved by the administration at the cemetery and the rock and bronze has been ordered.

We have not been informed yet where the memorial will be allowed to be placed yet along the lookout walkway, but being placed anywhere along the way up to the Honolulu Lookout is truly inspiring. The completion date of the memorial will hopefully be end of February or first of March 2010 with an official dedication in April 2010.

The total expected cost is approximately \$5,000 with a few variables such as actual shipping and handling, etc.

I am very proud to see that we have come together collectively as a Masonic jurisdiction to achieve this goal.

So far with contributions by Lodge Maui, Hawaiian Lodge, Kilauea Lodge, Lodge Le Progres, Schofield Lodge, Honolulu Lodge, Ko'olau Lodge and along with VERY generous individual contributions from General Cecil Ryder and Brother Sandy Gaston we have already collected \$4,600 so far.

The plaque will read:

*In Honor Of Those That Gave
The Ultimate Sacrifice
So That All Can Enjoy Our Freedom.
(Square and Compass here)
“Whom Virtue Unites, Death Cannot Separate.”
Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Hawaii
Dedicated DDMMYYYY*

Worshipful Brother Jeremy Hollaway, Past Master of Schofield Lodge, has been appointed as the chairperson who is heading up this committee. Please contact him at (dommiel757@yahoo.com or 808-554-7790) with any questions you might have.

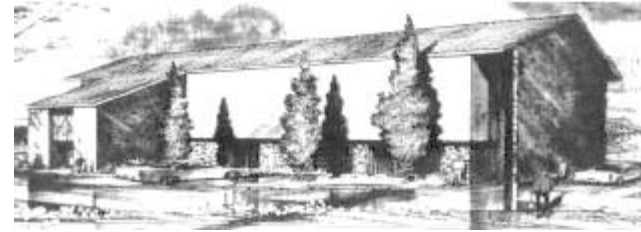
Send all contributions to him at Schofield Masonic Lodge, PO Box 860033, Wahiawa, HI 96786. Make the checks payable to Schofield Masonic Lodge and be sure to write “MEMORIAL” in the “for” portion on the bottom of the checks.

Any monies collected in excess of what is needed for this endeavor will be turned over to the Keiki ID Program.

Thank you ahead of time for your generosity in helping to this accomplish project.

Mahalo,

Marty Alexander
Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii



TEMPLE FUNDRAISING

THANK YOU to those Brothers who have donated money toward the renovation.

When you first enter the Lodge there is a Temple Fundraising board with a lot of names posted on it. This idea was originally designed to pay off the money owed after the lodge was built. Now we are hoping to continue this idea to improve the building by filling the remaining of the squares with donations (\$150 per square) from individuals or groups. Once a donation has been made a name plate will be placed on the board and a certificate will be written thanking you, or whomever you want, for the donation.

We are requesting each of you to help support the repair of the building as we are in urgent need now. I do know that \$150 is a lot of money but we can take installments towards your block. Once you have paid off the entire amount then we will put a block up for you and send you your thank you certificate.