

GRAND COMMANDERY OF HAWAII

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FIRST STEPS TOWARDS OUR VISION

It was a Saturday, early morning the weather forecast was rather gloomy, yet the activities around the Palace grounds turned hectic. Preparations discussed with leaders of the Royal Order of Kamehameha at numerous times and over lunch, at the Pacific Club months earlier, started to take form, chairs and podiums were set up by volunteers, many of them leaders in their respective organizations. Our frater, S.K. David Kalakaua, Eminent Commander 1878-78 being honored at Iolani Palace with a celebration commemorating his 183rd Birthday.



This page is just too small to express our emotions, but this picture speaks a thousand words – there is Unity in the entire Hawai'i Masonic Fraternity

The daylong activities included a Royal Hawaiian Band performance, a review and posting of the Royal Guard. Presentations of the Masonic Fraternity to H.R.H. King David Kalakaua included a portrait. The Grand Commander presented on behalf of the Knights Templar a satin cape embroidered with the KT red cross with gold rays reserved for Past Commanders and gloves. The daylong festivities included a Royal Hawaiian Band Performance and a review of the Royal Guard in the presence of H.R.H. Princess Kawanakoa and the Royal Order. The King was a true leader focused on good governance, innovation, social issues in his kingdom, true to all principles of Free & Accepted Masonry, inspired by his State visits to Washington D.C., Austria, Germany, England and Japan, etc., where he was bestowed with some of the highest honors. In his zest for the arts, especially music and dance he became symbol of humility and unity as exemplified by being fezzed on his last day on earth a Shriner. Together, the entire fraternity wished their brother and a monarch a very "Happy Birthday."

In the first picture, from right to leftat the First Step of the Iolani Palace stairs to celebrate the 183rd Birthday of King David Kalakaua, the SCOTTISH Rite was represented by Illustrious Sir Ken Perry, the GRAND LODGE of Hawaii by Most Worshipful Alexander Escasa, the ALOHA SHRINERS by Illustrious Sir Chris Kaminaka, Potentate and the YORK RITE by SK Gerhart Walch, Right Eminent Grand Commander. MW Alexander Escasa, serves concurrently as the Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Hawaii, Knights Templar.



ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Yours in Chivalry,

Gerhart W. Walch

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The Members of the Knights Templar Hawaii Honor Guard/Drill Team under the direction of S.K. Aaron Daguio, PC, Master of the KT Hawaii Drill Team, served an important role during preparation of the entire event.