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Aloha Companions,

I hope that this email finds you COVID-19 free and staying sane! It is funny how everyone's salutations and wardrobes have changed over the last couple of months. I have never seen this many face masks and gloves being worn in Hawaii or anywhere during the summer truth be told.

Over this past year, we have seen several challenges face us not only as a Fraternity, but as husbands, business owners, brothers, and sons. It has been such a privilege to watch how everyone adapts to the situation and supports and comforts one another.

I would specifically like to recognize Sir Knights that have stepped up and gone above and beyond the call of duty during this pandemic. The first are the Companions of Maui York Rite Bodies, who led by Sir Knight Chris Williams, took it upon themselves to hold a Pandemic Food Drive and create a food bank through for the benefit of all the Brothers and their families on Maui. They collected can foods and frozen foods from members and the community, with Sir Knight Chris offering to drive anywhere on the island to pick up donations. The food was distributed to those in need on Maui's York Rite Fridays between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm. All in, they collected over \$2,400 in frozen hams, turkeys, can foods, and rice. As if that was not enough, Sir Knight Chris offered to deliver items to anyone who could not travel to Maui Lodge.

On Oahu, Sir Knight Rudy Alvarado of Honolulu York Rite Bodies organized a Hawaiian Lodge Food Drive for Pu'uhale Elementary School. Sir Knight Rudy and the Brothers of Hawaiian Lodge management to raise approximately \$1,000 in their food drive and were able to all the families in the community that came for assistance.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that Sir Knight Chris Williams also serves as the Deputy Grand Illustrious Master of Hawaii's Grand Council of Cryptic Masons and Sir Knight Rudy Alvarado also serves Hawaii Lodge F. & A. M. as its Senior Warden.

Both of these Companions have exemplified what it means to be a Mason and I would like to personally thank them for setting the example for others to follow during this time of need.

Yours in chivalry,

Dustin Verity

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Left: Picture of Maui York Rite Bodies' Food Bank.



Left: Picture Hawaii Lodge F. & A. M. Pu'uhale Elementary School Food Drive.