



ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA I - MOKU O MĀMALAHOA
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OFFICE OF THE ALI'I 'AIMOKU

May 18, 2005

Aloha kākou,

On behalf of the Royal order of Kamehameha I (“Royal Order”), an unincorporated association under the honorable leadership of Ali'i Nui and Grand Master Ali'i Sir Herman K. Kaonohiokalā Kana'e, K.G.C.K., duly elected on November 10, 2001,

I send our Aloha and deepest respect to you, your 'ohana, and your associations.

Recently it has come to our attention that representatives and employees of the University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy, the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i, Windward Community College and individuals in our community have been using the Royal Order of Kamehameha I's name and reputation falsely.

This has led to much confusion and misunderstanding among various state, county, and federal agencies and amongst the community at large.

The Ali'i Nui has asked me in my capacity as Ali'i 'Aimoku to endeavor to clear up any unfortunate misrepresentations that have been maliciously used to confuse you, your 'ohana and your associations.

The Royal order of Kamehameha I would like you to know the following facts.

First, make no mistake, the confusion that is being generated by employees and representatives of the University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy has come because of our strong opposition to any further desecration of Mauna Kea. The Royal Order, along with many others in the community, including but not limited to, Mauna Kea Anaina Hou, Clarence Ching, Hank Fergerstrom and the Sierra Club Hawai'i Island Chapter, have fought long and hard for the ultimate protection of our beloved and sacred mountain, Mauna Kea.

The Royal Order of Kamehameha I's positions regarding Mauna Kea come from the public hearings held by the Royal Order back in 2000 in our community of Keaukaha where over 400 people testified for the greater protection of Mauna Kea. As a result of the hearings, the Royal Order and Mauna Kea Anaina Hou compiled a community report entitled *Mauna Kea - the Temple: Protecting the Sacred Resource*, completed on September 10, 2001. The report was sent out to various state, county and federal officials as well as to various organizations and

individuals with concerns for Mauna Kea. The Royal order continues today to defend the people's call for maximum protections of Mauna Kea.

As many of you know, the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, represented by Ali'i Nui and Grand Master Ali'i Nui Ali'i Sir Herman K. Kaonohiokalā Kana'e, K.G.C.K., is an unincorporated association of individuals whose purpose and mandate remains to uphold the protocols of traditional and customary Hawaiian leadership. The unincorporated Royal Order was created well over 130 years ago. Its charter dates back to the 1860's. It has been since the beginning — and continues to be today — an unincorporated association.

The confusion arises because on January 10, 2001, Ali'i Nui Ali'i Sir Gabriel Makuakane was removed from office by the 'Aha 'Ula (the Grand Council of Chiefs). His removal caused his followers, principally Mr. David Kawika Lovell and Mr. William Souza, to form a Corporation in 2001. Mr. Lovell formed this Corporation under the Royal Order's Hilo, Puna and Ka'u chapter names. Coincidentally, both Lovell and Souza are employed by the University of Hawai'i.

The Royal order was formed to instill loyalty and patriotism to the Hawaiian Kingdom and to uphold the protocols of the traditional and customary Hawaiian leadership. Therefore, incorporation under U.S. law remains in conflict with the Royal Order's design and mandate. Thus the Royal Order remains unincorporated.

Unfortunately, Mr. David Kawika Lovell and Mr. William Souza continue to claim to represent the traditional and historic Royal Order created under King Kamehameha V in 1865, instead of informing the people that they represent only a Corporation named after the Royal Order that they created in 2001. *(Please see attached timeline)*

Most unfortunate, however, is that we have just learned that Mr. Lovell testified in a public forum before the Hawai'i state legislature, not only as a representative of the traditional Royal Order of Kamehameha I, but further testified against a resolution for the protection of Mauna Kea (Senate Concurrent Resolution 68).

Mr. Lovell spoke specifically against a resolution supported by Senators Lorraine Inouye and Clayton Hee that asks the State Auditor, Marion Higa, to review the University's activities and to look at the state's obligation to charge reasonable lease rent to the foreign nations and corporations that have telescopes on Mauna Kea.

At the legislative hearing, Mr. Lovell continued to make public statements against the legitimacy of myself as Ali'i 'Aimoku and against Ms. Kealoha Pisciotta, president of Mauna Kea Anaina Hou, who has express authorization from me, in my absence, to speak on my behalf on issues relating to Mauna Kea.

In conclusion, we would like to affirm here that our objective is not to put Mr. Lovell and his group down or to deny Mr. Lovell's right to speak his mind, but rather to clarify our position and to ensure that the confusion not be further perpetuated by Mr. Lovell or anyone else. We can only express our deep sadness at the actions perpetrated by Mr. Lovell and Mr. Souza against our efforts and wish to affirm that our position on Mauna Kea remains as it always has.

We continue to support:

1. No further expansion/development on Mauna Kea.
2. Charging reasonable lease rent. (Our report suggests at least \$50 million a year, for various purposes, including education, health care and housing for native Hawaiians. We ask no money for ourselves or our organizations.)
3. Removing the University's control of Mauna Kea through the formation of an independent management authority with Hawaiian, environmental and recreational groups having real input and voting power. We do not support our people holding advisory positions to the University with no decision-making power.

In the light of our ancestors we pray to honor Mauna Kea which continues to inspire us *all* to raise the standard of Aloha, and that in this Aloha we stand firm and speak the truth for our beloved mauna. For it is the light of Ke Akua, Nā Akua and Nā 'Aumākua that shines on Mauna Kea that brings us life and gives blessings to us and our generations to come.

On behalf of the Royal order of Kamehameha I, E Ho'okanaka,
I remain,

Ali Sir Paul K. Neves K.G.C.K.

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Ali'i 'Aimoku O Māmalahoa

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We have compiled this brief timeline as a courtesy for your knowledge.

- **April 11, 1865** - King Kamehameha V creates the Royal Order of Kamehameha I to strengthen the Hawaiian Kingdom. King Lunalilo, King Kalākaua, and Queen Lili'uokalani continue the Royal Order.
- **January 17, 1893** - Treason and the United States conspiracy weakens the Hawaiian Kingdom. The Royal Order then goes underground.
- **May 2, 1902** - Prince Jonah Kūhio Kalaniana'ole restores the Royal Order; Prince David Kalākaua (Ali'i Nui) continues the Royal Order.
- **January 7, 1995** - The Royal Order proclaims the continued existence of the Hawaiian Kingdom.
- **December 11, 1999** - The Royal Order publicly announces its commitment to protect Mauna Kea.
- The Royal Order notifies U.S. State Department of improper interference in Hawaiian Kingdom affairs.
- **February 1999** - The Royal Order begins consultations with NASA and continues to raise questions on Mauna Kea development, Akaka Bill, and military expansion.
- The Royal Order sends representatives to observe Hawaiian Kingdom case heard at The Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, Netherlands.
- Ali'i Nui Gabriel Makuakane sends Royal Order members to Washington D.C. to support U.S. agenda.
- **January 10, 2001** - The Royal Order 'Ahu 'Ula (The Grand Council of Chiefs) removes Ali'i Nui Gabriel Makuakane as Ali'i Nui.
- **July 13, 2001** - Some members break away from the Royal Order and form a "Corporation" under State and U.S. Laws of incorporation.
- **November 10, 2001** - The Royal Order elects Ali'i Sir Herman Kaonohiokalā Kana'e as Ali'i Nui of the Royal Order.
- **March 20, 2002** - The Royal Order under Ali'i 'Aimoku Ali'i Sir Paul K. Neves, Mauna Kea Anaina Hou, Sierra Club, Clarence Ching, and Hank Fergerstrom are all granted standing to participate in the BLNR contested case hearing on Mauna Kea. The Royal Order testifies under duress and in protest of U.S. occupation of Hawai'i.

The Royal order and other parties in the contested case hearing represented themselves and had no legal counsel.

- **November 8, 2004** - BLNR grants UH-IFA permit to build the 4-6 NASA Outrigger Telescopes on Mauna Kea.
- **November 29, 2004**, attorneys Ms. Lea Hong, Mr. William Tam and Mr. Dexter Ke'eaumoku Kaiama file an administrative appeal in Third Circuit Court (Civil no. 04-1-397) on behalf of the Royal Order, Mauna Kea Anaina Hou, Sierra Club and Clarence Ching against the BLNR and University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy.
- **April 14, 2004** - The Royal Order sends third notification to all concerned parties, including the University of Hawai'i, clarifying who under traditional protocol is authorized to speak on the Royal Order's behalf and who is not. (Those not allowed to speak for the Royal Order officially have included Mr. Lovell, Mr. Souza, and Mr. Hugh "Buttons" Lovell.)
- **NASA EIS hearing testimony filed by the "Corporation" supports construction of NASA Outrigger Telescopes Project on Mauna Kea and requests all mitigation funds to be awarded to said "Corporation" without conditions. (See page G-208/209 of NASA Final EIS for the Outrigger Telescopes Project, Volume II).**
- **In June 2005**, the court case (Civil no. 04-1-397) appealing the BLNR decision to approve the construction of the Outrigger Telescopes Project will be heard before Honorable Judge Hara in Circuit Court of the Third Circuit (Hilo).
- **Today!** - **The Royal Order continues its spiritual, cultural and political path as Traditional Customary Leadership** and we will continue to testify at the state legislature for more protections for Mauna Kea and are supporting both SCR 68 and SB 1474 which call for an administrative and fiscal audit of the University of Hawai'i's activities on Mauna Kea.

We hope this communication will help you, your 'ohana and your associations. Mahalo nui loa for your time and kind attention.

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