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Aloha,

and mahalo for your letter of 29 July; my resume is enclosed. I also received in the same mail a letter from Fr. Robbins, Chaplain General, saying he would be a sponsor. Many thanks to you both.

Low salaries undoubtedly have a lot to do with few clergy being members. The local Hilo Campus Ministry Board has never paid me the salary they promised me when I came here almost seven years ago. I cannot continue forever "paying my own salary", in effect, and have started looking for openings on the mainland.

I do have several "royal descents" — probably at least 6 or 7 from colonists, according to Weiss et al. If you would like to see the various charts I have made I will send copies to you. I have not done any really original research on these more ancient lines, but simply copied what has been published. I know several of them have been questioned (but having heard many confessions, I have my doubts about even the "best" of "proven" lines!) As Bishop Butler said, "but, for us, probability is the very guide of life."

I don't know what the initiation fees are for Magna Charta Society, but suspect I can't afford it unless I find a better paying job.

But since I was born on St. Francis' Day, I should not complain about being wed to lady poverty. *ev Xpistw*
Bill Austin

P.S.

RE BASSETTS :

I have not traced William Bassett's line (he arrived 1621 in the "Fortune," m. Elizabeth Tilden before 1624 - was at Plymouth, Dartmouth, and Bridgewater.

but I do have Ralph Bassett, Jr. (and senior) on chart # 7, 411, 620 and his dau.

Margaret Bassett on # 463, 227 who died 17 March 1336/7, m. Lord Edmund de Stafford, 1st Baron Stafford, in 1298.

I presume this is the same family, but don't have the books available to check. Such is island living in the middle of the Pacific!

Yours,

Bill Austin