

# The Hawaii Odd Fellow

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## Happy Holidays



Excelsior Lodge #1 celebrated their 164<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Held at the Ala Moana Hotel, the event was well attended by the more than 125 members and guests in attendance. Chartered on December 10, 1846, Excelsior Lodge is the oldest Odd Fellows lodge west of the Rockies.



Harmony Lodge #3 held their Christmas Dinner at the Pagoda Hotel on December 12, 2015. **Above:** Chaplain Barry Kim opened the night's festivities with the invocation.



**Excelsior Lodge No.1  
Message from the  
Noble Grand**

The year 2015 will soon be over and who could have imagined that it would have gone by so fast.

Contemplating the year, I am thankful for the many things that happened throughout this year, a year filled with activities and projects that made one feel that things were accomplished for the good of mankind and for the good of our lodge. Especially that you all did a great job on all of our many projects and activities, enjoyed your participation and the camaraderie; and that we enjoyed the inclusion of our other Hawaii brother and sister lodges on many of our projects and activities.

I would like to thank the various committees and chairs for leading our lodge's drive toward a year filled with charitable donations, service projects, social gatherings, growth and well attended meetings. I would also like to thank all of my officers for a job well done in guiding me as I represented our Excelsior Lodge #1 as the Noble Grand.

The greatest thank you to you, the membership for allowing me the privilege of leading Excelsior Lodge #1 as it's Noble Grand this year.

Aloha & FLT,  
Gilbert Shimatsu, Noble Grand  
Excelsior Lodge No.1

To our newly elected Noble Grand Claude Kawabata and Vice Grand John Shaw, I pledge my support. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for your support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In F.L.T.

Karro Yee, Noble Grand

Harmony Lodge No. 3



**Pacific Rebekah Lodge No. 1  
Noble Grand Report**

Sisters and Brothers of Pacific Rebekah Lodge No. 1, I can't believe this year is coming to a close, but as the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun". Not so much playful fun, but fun in working with you to maintain our core values; to support our communities by providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, to take care of our members and to help develop new leaders of our lodge.

This year we were able to introduce 6 new members to our lodge that now totals 56 Rebekah's. We've seen modest growth in membership and although we see men occasionally take leadership roles in the lodge, it is still predominately a women's lodge. My hope is to continue recruiting women into the lodge so that one day it can be restored as a lodge managed entirely by women.

In October we participated in a joint community service project where we cleaned the grounds and spruced up the classrooms for ARC Hawaii, it provides services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Mid-way through the project we learned that the executive director wanted to establish a Hawaiian garden. Having the manpower, our Rebekah's members dug many deep holes and planted native Ti Leaf plants in the garden as part of our "Living Legacy" project.

This year has been a great learning experience; working with my extended family of sisters and brothers of Pacific Rebekah Lodge No. 1. To all of you that served beside me, thank you and I look forward to our continued growth and success.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Steven Tseu, Noble Grand  
Pacific Rebekah Lodge No.1



**Harmony Lodge No.3  
Aloha Brothers & Sisters,**

Time sure flies, in only a few more meetings my term as Noble Grand will be over. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for making this year a successful year. With the support of my officers and our

members we have increased our membership roster. We added 5 Beneficial and 4 Associate members to our roster. We gave out 5 Scholarships and our Lodge hosted its first Horse Racing event. We did a cleanup and beautification at the Arc Hawaii Honolulu (who provide services for special needs adult). Plus 3 USS Missouri projects, 3 Adopt A Highway projects, the 2015 Installation of Incoming Officers, and Memorial Services at Lodge. At every event we had a lots of food, fun, and fellowship. We also implemented a name tag system for our Lodge.

## Excelsior Lodge #1 2015 Scholarship Recipients



Haley Namuo  
Freshman  
Major: Pre-Dental / Dental Hygiene  
Eastern Washington University  
Cheney, WA  
Sponsor: Alvin Namuo



Brock Namuo  
Senior (5th Year)  
Major: Fire Science  
Western Oregon University  
Monmouth, OR  
Sponsor: Alvin Namuo



Sean Grant  
Junior  
Major: Mechanical Engineer  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Honolulu, HI  
Sponsor: Randy Grant



Kyle Wilson  
Senior (5th Year)  
Major: Kinesiology  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Honolulu, HI  
Sponsor: Patricia Wilson



Jessica Bragg  
Senior  
Major: Asian & Pacific Studies  
Hawaii Pacific University  
Honolulu, HI  
Sponsor: Frank Bragg



Judi Chung  
(1st Year)  
Major: Early Childhood Education  
Clark College  
Vancouver, WA  
Sponsor: Judi Van Gieson



Kennysen Cheong  
Senior (5th Year)  
Major: Business Mgmt / Mkting  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Honolulu, HI  
Sponsor: Tedmund Cheong



Richard Barlett  
(1st Year)  
Major: Painting  
New York Academy of Art  
New York, NY  
Sponsor: Self



Christopher Wong  
(1st Year)  
Major: Biomedical Science  
University of Northern Colorado  
Greeley, CO  
Sponsor: Wilson Wong (Deceased)

## Ed Clarke Scholarship



Earlier this year a letter was received from Sister Eileen Clarke, wife of the late Brother Ed Clarke Past Grand, who was a member of Excelsior Lodge No.1 since 1991 until his passing on October 3, 2009. Sister Eileen, a member since June of 2001, was one of the first women members to

join Excelsior Lodge No.1. In her letter Sister Eileen thanked the Lodge for all that we do for the community and with regret she decided to resign as an Excelsior Lodge member. She also requested that her donation of \$500 be used for an educational scholarship in memory of her late husband. The 2015 Excelsior Lodge No.1 Scholarship Committee has awarded the Ed Clarke Memorial Scholarship to one of our younger members, Brother Shayne Silva.

Brother Shayne is a 2009 graduate of Maryknoll School and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa graduating in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Immediately after graduating, Brother Shayne was admitted into the Master's Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he is currently in his second year studying Developmental and Reproductive Biology and is expected to graduate in May of 2016.

Brother Shayne is passionate about what he does and has been able to pursue a medical career helping couples conceive. In his scholarship essay he writes "With the increasing rate of infertility seeing the faces of parents who thought they could never conceive a child is priceless and makes what I'm doing all worthwhile in the end." Brother Shayne is a role model for the younger generation and is much deserving of this memorial scholarship.

The 2015 Excelsior Lodge No.1 Scholarship Committee would also like to thank Sister Eileen Clarke for her very generous donation to assist motivated individuals further their education to make this world a better place. So, the next time you see Brother Shayne please congratulate him on receiving the Ed Clarke Memorial Scholarship. We wish him a very successful career!

Submitted by Geri Tseu, Chair Scholarship Committee

## CAP Award for Roger Caires

Excelsior Lodge #1 member Roger Caires was named the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol Member of the Year for 2015. Roger has 56 years of CAP membership and serves as the Squadron Commander for the Kauai Composite Squadron based at Lihue Airport. Roger also serves as an incident commander, pilot, and FAA certified Flight instructor.



## Arc in Hawaii



Saturday, October 16, 2015 was the date of a Harmony Lodge #3 project to the Arc in Hawaii facility. This project served as our Living Legacy project for the Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1. While at the site our crew cleaned the grounds and a number of interior rooms. **Above:** The garden crew that cleaned the grounds. Members also dug holes and planted native Hawaiian Ti plants.

## Kapiolani Children's Hospital

A jolly group from the Polynesia Encampment #1 made the annual visit to Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. For the second year in a row we had brother Barry "Santa" Kim join us in the giving of gifts. As in years past, the remaining gifts go to the Hospital's Santa's Workshop for distribution at Christmas.



# Excelsior Lodge Anniversary Dinner

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# Harmony Lodge Christmas Dinner

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## Meeting Notices

King Kamehameha Canton #1, meets at 6:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month, Polynesia Encampment #1, meets immediately after the Canton. Excelsior Lodge #1 meets at 7:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Harmony Lodge #3 meets at 7:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1 meets at 6:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

## Upcoming Events

**Adopt A Highway: Saturday, January 16, 2016, 8:30a.m. at the Laie Country Home**

**Harmony Lodge #3, Excelsior Lodge #1 and Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1; Joint Installation of 2016 Officers: Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 7:00p.m. at the Lodge Hall.**

**Super Bowl: Sunday, February 7, 2016, 1:30p.m. At the Lodge Hall. Potluck and B.Y.O.B.**

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## Excelsior Lodge Member Birthdays

January-March 2016

**January:** Vyra Burgess • Georgietta Chock • Randy Grant • Terrie Easley • Toshio Kunishige • Denise Werle • Ranelle Yoshinaga • Richard Burkhart • Richard Kim • Benny Stegal • Natasha Higuchi • Victor Lizardi • Melvina Nakao • Joanne Tanimoto • Robert Yee • Brian Yamane • Carol Crowell • Nathan Ramos Jr. • Paul Tanimoto • Wilfred Munar • Juan Tabali • Jon Yoshinaga • Henry Kishiname • Doug Lee • Donna Masuda-Kam • John Hylin • Virginia Furukawa • Peggy Uehara • Patricia Wilson • Bert Ogasawara • Janice Yamaguchi

**February:** John James Shaw • John Scheleski • Wang Kar Lee • Norman Palenapa • Damaso Bastatas Jr. • John Yong • Carter Crowell • Roger Napoleon • Linda Wright • Sandra Ishihara-Shibata • William Pimental • Jonathan Kono • Jacqueline Gregory • Betty Anne Perkins • Jacqueline Gregory • Marine Paul I

**March:** Geri Enos • George Glover • Geri Higashiya • Debra Castro • Leonard Furukawa • David Heflin • Franklin Pacarro • Ruth South • Shirley Streck • William Kaimikaua • Darryl Takizawa • Ronald Burkhart • Sharon Lau-Manini • Carl McKenzie • William Borthwick • Joseph Kinoshita • Calvin Kam

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## Excelsior Lodge #1 Anniversaries

January-March 2016

**January:** 15 years: Sharon Lau Manini

**February:** 15 years: Gail Uza; 20 Years: Clifford Knott • Wallace Sakuma • Charles Van Gieson

**March:** 30 years: Richard Heflin

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## Harmony Lodge Member Birthdays

January-March 2016

**January:** Richard Kim • Glenn Wakamatsu • Juan Tabali • Colin Chock • Carolyn Morikami • Roy Vierra • Keith Perry • Mike Hanapi • Dave Hite

**February:** Shayleen Teixeira • John Shaw • Skippy Akana • Wilford Ahue

**March:** Yosh Nakama • George Glover • Sharon Lau-Manini

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## Family Programs Hawaii

Once again Hawaii Odd Fellow members assisted in the set-up of the annual Family Programs Christmas Lunch. Many kudos go out to the 20 members who participated in this service project. Especially since the members had to meet at 8:00am the morning after the Excelsior Lodge #1 Anniversary Dinner. Family Programs Hawaii assists the many foster families and the children they house in Hawaii.



## Casino Night 2016

Once again, Excelsior Lodge #1 held its annual Casino Fun Night at the Lodge Hall. Held on Saturday, October 24. The event was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all the members and guests in attendance. Players were given chips at the start of the night to use at either the Craps Tables, Roulette Wheel or the Blackjack Tables. The players with the most chips at the end of the night were awarded various prizes.



# USS Missouri



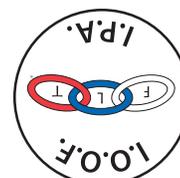
Harmony Lodge #3 sponsored their third and final USS Missouri project of the year on Saturday, November 9, the weekend before the Veterans Day holiday. Because of the inclement weather at the start of the project, Director of Volunteers, Keven Williamson led our volunteers on a special below decks volunteers only tour.

Following the tour our volunteers installed Red, White and Blue bunting around the ship in celebration of Veterans Day.



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