

# The Hawaii Odd Fellow

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## Hawaii Odd Fellows 2019 Officers



## 2018 Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1 Officers



### Excelsior Lodge #1 Officers

**From L to R:** Galan Yamaguchi (Warden), Carter Crowell (Outside Guardian), Roderick Schultz PG (Secretary), Nathan Ramos PG (Left Supporter of the Noble Grand), Robert Yee (Junior Past Grand), Cynthia Low PNG (Treasurer), Lei Fountain (Left Scene Support), Curtis Lau PG (Vice Grand), Freidalane Menezes (Chaplain), Jon Yoshinaga (Noble Grand), Jordana Ferreira (Conductor), Phil Schmidt (Inside Guardian), Allen Perkins PG (Left Supporter of the Vice Grand), Steven Tseu PG (Right Supporter of the Noble Grand), Left Scene Support James Kahalehoe, Tedmund Cheong, Warden Steven Ariola, George Richard Barlett (Right Scene Support)

### Harmony Lodge #3 Officers

**From L to R:** Steven Tseu PGR (Right Supporter of the Vice Grand), Mike Chung PG (Treasurer), Curtis Lau PG (Right Supporter of the Noble Grand), Nathan Ramos PG (Left Supporter of the Noble Grand), Christie Matsushige (Conductor), John Coito (Right Scene Support), Michael Lyons PG (Noble Grand), David Hite (Chaplain), Jessica Caires (Secretary), Louis Caires (Vice Grand), Joy Matsumoto (Inside Guardian), Aaron Verdugo (Left Scene Support), Phil Schmidt (Warden), Danny Bayne (Junior Past Grand)

### Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1 Officers

**From L to R:** Jana Menezes (Inside Guardian), Naomi Kim (Secretary), Cynthia Low (Treasurer), Charles Van Gieson DDSGM (Left Supporter of the Noble Grand), Robert Yee (Warden), John Shaw PG (Noble Grand), Freidalane Menezes (Chaplain), Carol Crowell (Left Supporter of the Vice Grand), Nathan Ramos PG (Vice Grand), Karro Yee (Right Supporter of the Vice Grand)

### Final print edition of the Hawaii Odd Fellow and Web Page changes

This issue of the Hawaii Odd Fellow newsletter will be the last issue to be printed and mailed. Beginning with the next issue, all editions of the newsletter will be PDF files which will be posted on the IOOF Hawaii website. Members who elected to receive the newsletter via email will continue to receive it in this manner. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, send a message to: [excelsior@ioofhawaii.org](mailto:excelsior@ioofhawaii.org) with your email address.

Publishing electronically has multiple benefits. We will be able to publish in a much more timely manner, at a greatly reduced cost, and will no longer have to deal with the limitations related to a printed publication.

In conjunction with the change to electronic publication, the website committee is planning significant changes to the IOOFHAWAII web page. The website has not been significantly altered since it was first posted and has begun to show its age. As envisioned, this will become the "Go To" resource for all Hawaii Odd Fellow activities and member related materials.

In December, Excelsior Lodge began posting its meeting minutes on the site under the "Members Only" tab. As development of the website continues, we will begin posting more confidential lodge forms and information here. The contents under this tab are exclusively for member use and for this reason, access to this tab is password protected. If you do not currently have the password, you can get it from any of our Excelsior lodge officers. Please remember, the password is for the use of members in good standing

## 2018 Activities



What would summer be without the 4th of July? A tradition for the Hawaii Odd Fellows has been participating in the Kailua 4th of July celebration. As usual, our members represented us well while bringing some public recognition to our order.

Another Hawaii Odd Fellow tradition is Excelsior Lodge's summer picnic. This year the fun began early on July 14 and as usual, was very well attended. Open to all Hawaii Odd Fellows, it is for many, the highlight of our Odd Fellow summer calendar.

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### Waimea Falls Park



Saturday, March 31 marked another project day at Waimea Falls Park. Despite the hard work and the occasional mosquito, we always manage to have a good showing of Odd Fellows at this work project. The 2019 Waimea project is scheduled for Saturday, July 6. Check our website for updates.

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### Laie Property Update

Work is in process in regards to the repair of the seawall at our Laie property. Excelsior Lodge has retained the services of Sea Engineering to perform the initial evaluation and assessment of the seawall. In November 2018, engineers from SE presented several possible options for alleviating the seawall situation to the trustees of Excelsior Lodge. These proposals included fixing the existing wall as well as the possible options for the replacement of the wall. However, all options will be dependent on what will be allowable by both State of Hawaii and City and County agencies. As of January 2019, Sea Engineering was in the early stages of exploring the possible permitting options with these agencies.

In the meantime, guests staying at the Laie property are reminded that for safety reasons, the area on the Oceanside of the seawall is absolutely off limits. The area past the white picket fence are also off limits. Guest can still enjoy all the facilities at the property but will need to access the beach from one of the public right of ways on Kamehameha Highway.

## SGL 2018



A Hawaii delegation of Odd Fellows from Excelsior Lodge #1 and Harmony Lodge #3 made the long journey to Baltimore, Maryland to attend the 175th Communication of our order. The four day session left little time to explore this historic city but several members managed to enjoy some famous Chesapeake Bay crabs and take in some of the many historic sites. Brother Rod Schultz served as our Grand Representative and was our flag bearer along with escort Karro Yee at the opening ceremonies.

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## Adopt A Highway



The Adopt A Highway program was one of the first Excelsior Lodge service projects. We started this project in 1997 and more that twenty years later, are still enthusiastically performing this project to keep the area around our Laie property litter free. Scheduled four times a year our members look forward to the feeling of accomplishment and camaraderie that accompanies the clean-up. Check our IOOFHAWAII website on the next scheduled clean-up date.

## USS Missouri



Service projects on the USS Missouri are seldom boring and you never know what kind of work will be assigned in the morning. In the many years we have been volunteering onboard, members have landscaped the property, painted many parts of the ship, sanded the Teak decks, made souvenir bookmarks, polished innumerable brass fixtures, swept, chipped rust, and this time, moved a pallet of 50lb. of concrete below decks. Very hard work for which we are thankful to have young members. Join us on March 16 for the next project, it will definitely be a unique experience.

## 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. **Meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30 beginning in April of this year.**

**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.

## Casino Night



The Odd Fellows Casino Night has become an October highlight for our members. Sponsored by Excelsior Lodge, the night includes games of craps, roulette, and blackjack. And as with any Hawaii Odd Fellow function, lots of good food and fellowship.



## Upcoming Events

**Rebekah Holiday Lunch:** February 24, 2019, 11:00am at the Lodge Hall.

**USS Missouri:** Saturday, March 16, 2019, 8:00am. Meet at the Arizona Memorial parking lot by 7:30am.

**Hawaii Public Radio-Spring Fund Drive:** Saturday, April 6, 2019, 6:00-10:00am 738 Kaheka St.

**Hawaii Food Bank-Annual Food Drive:** Saturday, April 13, 2019, 8:00-11:00am, Windward City Shopping Center.

**Blood Bank of Hawaii, Blood Drive:** Saturday morning, April 20, 2019, at the Lodge Hall.

**Waikalua Fish Pond:** Saturday, April 27, 2019, 8:00am.

**Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns:** May 3-5, 2019

**Adopt A Highway:** Saturday, May 11, 2019, 8:00am at the Laie Property

**Arthritis Walk:** Sunday, May 19, 2019, 8:00am, University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus

**Harmony Lodge #3 Degree Day:** Saturday, May 25, 2019. 8:00am at the Kapahulu Lodge Hall (New member applications should be submitted by May 7 to be included in the day's degree work).

**Odd Fellows Memorial Day:** Sunday, June 9, 2019, 9:00am at the Oahu Cemetery.

**Horse Races:** Saturday, June 15, 2019, 5:00pm at the Lodge Hall.

**USS Missouri:** Saturday, June 22, 2019, 8:00am Meet at the Arizona Memorial parking lot by 7:30 am.

**Fourth of July Parade:** Thursday, July 4, 2019, 7:00am.

**Waimea Falls Cleanup:** Saturday, July 6, 2019, 9:00am, meet in the parking lot.

## Excelsior Lodge Anniversary Dinner



Excelsior Lodge #1 celebrated their 171<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on December 9, 2017. The dinner is always well attended and an occasion where old friendships are renewed. Held once again at the Ala Moana Hotel, the dinner serves as a pleasant segue into the holiday season.

## Harmony Lodge Christmas Dinner



Harmony Lodge #3 held their Christmas Dinner on December 16, 2017 at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel.



## Broken Links

### Excelsior Lodge

**Thomas Yim**, February 8, 2018 Thomas was a member of the Lodge for 18 years.

**John Hill, PG, PCP**, June 8, 2018. John was a member of Excelsior for 58 years.

**Fred Lum PG, PCP**, June 27, 2018. Fred was a member of Excelsior Lodge for 21 years.

**Antonio Garcia**, November 18, 2019 Tony was an Excelsior member for 21 years.

### Harmony Lodge

**Colin Chock**, August 8, 2018.

**Manly Kanoa Jr.**, November 13, 2018.

**William "Bobo" Shea**, December 7, 2018.

## Family Programs Hawaii



Members of our Hawaii lodges continued to support the mission of Family Programs Hawaii. For many years, the Odd Fellows have been among the 1,000 volunteers assisting in making the Christmas lunch a reality for the 1,700 foster children and parents in the program. In addition to working in the setup for the lunch, Excelsior Lodge also provides financial support for the project. As a recognized volunteer group for Family Programs, you can be sure the Hawaii Odd Fellows are already planning for the 2019 Christmas lunch.

### **Important Notice !!**

#### **Laie Country Home**

Due to wave damage to the seawall on the property, members are warned, **DO NOT USE THE STAIRWAY** for beach access. Caution tape has been placed marking the restricted area. For your safety, **DO NOT**

#### **CROSS THIS BARRIER.**

Until repairs can be completed, all members and guests are being advised to use the **public right of way** to access the beach front. For your safety and the safety of your guests, **DO NOT SIT OR SWIM NEAR THE SEAWARD SIDE OF THE SEAWALL.** The structural integrity of the wall has been compromised and there is the potential for **INJURY** or **DEATH** from falling concrete or a partial collapse of the seawall. The Laie caretaker is aware of this advisory and will

## Memorial Day



Sunday June 10, 2018. was the date for our Hawaii Odd Fellows Memorial Day observance. Once again, the memorial was observed at the Lodge Hall. For the 2019 Memorial Day service, we will be returning to Oahu Cemetery for the memorial ceremony.

**enforce the restriction. Violation of this safety restriction can result in the suspension of your privilege to use the Laie property. Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility.**



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as is not to be divulged to non-members.

Another important change to the webpage will be the inclusion of all Harmony Lodge information. With the consolidation of the websites, Christie Matsushige will join our website committee to represent Harmony Lodge. In late March or early April, Harmony will post their scholarship information on the webpage. Also planned is a Harmony "Members Only" tab.

In addition to posting information on scholarship applications and upcoming activities, we anticipate allowing all our Hawaii Odd Fellow members online access to information related to our order. Do you have any suggestions on what you would like to see included in the site? If you do, send a quick message to Wang Lee at [wlee@iooffhawaii.org](mailto:wlee@iooffhawaii.org). In the meantime, watch for the upgrades.

## Hawaii Odd Fellows Educational Scholarships

The time for the submission of scholarship applications to both Excelsior Lodge #1 and Harmony Lodge #3 will be coming up shortly.

**Excelsior Lodge #1** will post the revised 2019 scholarship application to their website by the end of March. The Scholarship Committee wants to remind you that the 2019 application must be used for your submission. The 2018 application will not be accepted. Deadline for the submission of all applications is July 31, 2019.

The revised **Harmony Lodge #3**, 2019 scholarship applications will be available on the IOOFHAWAII website in the March/April time period. The deadline for submission of the Harmony Lodge scholarship is June 15, 2019.

