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The Hawaii Odd Fellow

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186th Communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge

Cincinnati, Ohio August 20 - 24, 2012

A delegation of ten brothers and sisters from Hawaii's Odd Fellow lodges made the journey to this year's Sovereign Grand Sessions held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

There were two notable firsts for Hawaii at this year's sessions. First, on Saturday, August 18th, the team from Hawaii won the annual Gloria Mundt-Wood scholarship golf tournament. Hawaii had come close in previous years but this was the first win for our team. Congratulations to Jerry Apana, Lambert Lui Kwan, Lloyd Faulkner and Steven Tseu for an outstanding job!

Second, sister Shirley Streck was appointed as the Conductor of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies for the coming year. This is the first office held by a Hawaii sister in the IARA. Stanford Shiroma served as sister Shirley's escort in the Thursday night installation ceremonies.

For the opening night ceremonies, John Crabbe had the honor of presenting Hawaii's flag in the presentation of jurisdictional flags. Sister Norvia Shiroma served as the escort to brother John.



The Hawaii Golf team: Jerry Apana, Lambert Lui Kwan, Lloyd Faulkner & Steven Tseu



Jerry Apana, NG Harmony Lodge & Steven Tseu, NG Excelsior Lodge



Flag Bearer John Crabbe, VG Harmony Lodge & escort Norvia Shiroma, Excelsior Lodge



Shirley Streck, IARA Conductor, 2012—2013

Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions 2012



Jerry Apana at the International Press Association Breakfast



Lloyd Faulkner, PG, Richard Kim, PSGM, & Lloyd Nakao VG, Excelsior Lodge at the Monday Night dinner.



L to R: Lloyd Faulkner PG, Jerry Apana NG, Harmony Lodge, Ken Babb SGL, Shayleen Teixeira, DDSGM & Steven Tseu NG, Excelsior Lodge.



The Prizes for the winners of the Gloria Mundt-Wood golf tournament



John Crabbe & Norvia Shiroma presenting the flag for the jurisdiction of Hawaii



The European delegation to the SGL



Steven Tseu, NG Excelsior Lodge, Sheryl Rhodie, IARA representative to the SGL & Patrick Uza, PG.



Message from Noble Grand, Harmony Lodge #3

Aloha!

Behind every great Noble Grand there is a great staff. I'm so grateful for the team that we have put together and would like to

take this moment to thank each and every one of my staff for doing such a great job. A month before we went dark we welcomed three new members, Jarrett Kamaka, Jack Baynes and Jason Nakoa to our Harmony family. We also hosted the degree work for two new members of Excelsior Lodge #1. Each member of the degree team did a great job on their parts and the degree work went very smoothly with no delays. It was very successful, when people work together it always leads to a positive outcome.

On July 30, 2012, Harmony lodge held their annual golf tournament at the Navy Marine Golf Course. This year's tournament raised \$1,275.00 for the Ronald McDonald House charity. Thanks to all that participated to help support a very special event and to everyone that played in the tournament. The lodge will present a check for the proceeds of the tournament to the Ronald McDonald House charities along with the monies collected during the Good of the Order collection at our Harmony meetings. Aloha and thank you all.

To all the members of this great Lodge, thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to represent Harmony Lodge in this year's trip to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Attending this event was a very moving experience. The parade, the services given by Honorable Delmar L. Burns and visiting each memorial just took my breath away.

As the Noble Grand of Harmony Lodge this year, I looked at the activities at the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions in a different light. Harmony Lodge conducts its business in a similar manner but on a smaller scale. Much of the work done at the Sessions occurs at the committee level. Once the general sessions break for the day, the legislative, communications and judiciary committees, etc. really get down to working on the resolutions and bills brought before them during the daily sessions. These resolutions and bills which will become laws or amendments to the bylaws are discussed at the committee level and voted on at the sessions or laid over until the following year. I participated in some of these committees and learned a lot on this trip. Once again, thank you for this great opportunity.

In FLT, Jerry K. Apana
Noble Grand
Harmony Lodge #3



Message from the Noble Grand Excelsior Lodge #1

Aloha Brothers and Sisters!

To my officers, committee chairs and members of Excelsior Lodge #1, thank you for your continued support and participation in helping us to strengthen our communities and to build a better world. You are the solid foundation of this organization and because of you this Lodge continues to grow and evolve to what it has become today. The number of community service projects we have organized has grown to ten; Adopt-a-highway & beach clean-up, Juvenile Drug Court, Bus stop painting, Hawaii Public Radio phone bank, Arthritis Foundation Walk-a-thon, Special Olympics, Waimea Falls clean-up, Family Programs (foster families), the Blood Bank and Meals on Wheels, and we participated in four other projects organized by our sister lodges.

I want to say Mahalo Nui Loa to Excelsior Lodge #1 for allowing me and my delegation to travel to the 186th Sovereign Grand Lodge Session that was held in Cincinnati, OH. My delegation included Lloyd Nakao, VG, Patrick Uza, PG, Stanford Shiroma, PG, and Norvia Shiroma. We attended the State of the Order, Communications, Legislative and International Press Association committee meetings and have a greater understanding and respect for those who serve in all of the committees.

With this year quickly coming to an end we still have two lodge activities; Fun night (October 20th) and our Annual Dinner (December 8th) and a handful of community service projects remaining so check the lodge calendar for these upcoming activity and project dates. Our Scholarship Committee awarded 24 qualified college students, each with \$1,000 scholarships; congratulations to our young men and women!

This year we welcome Danielle Fisher, Darryl Takizawa, Kahea Williams and Linda Wright, our newest brother's and sister's we look forward to your participation in upcoming service projects and lodge activities!

Aloha and in FLT,
Steven Tseu
NobleGrand
Excelsior Lodge #1

Waimea Falls Park Clean Up



Bus Stop Painting



Hawaii Odd Fellows gathered on Saturday, June 23, 2012 to help with a variety of work to beautify Waimea Falls Park. This is part of the Hawaii Odd Fellow's Living Legacy project.

Juvenile Drug Court



Excelsior Lodge #1 participates in the Juvenile Drug Court project. The Lodge donates several hundreds of dollars to support the Family Drug Court with incentives to help their Juvenile Drug Court students in their efforts to change their lives that once included drugs and alcohol to become up-standing citizens of Hawaii. Excelsior Lodge #1 was 1 of 6 jurisdictions to have participated in the DARE program.

Submitted by Steven Tseu



Twenty-two Odd Fellows and friends gathered at the lodge on Saturday Sept. 8 at 8:00am for our bus stop painting project. The members were divided into three groups, given their bus stop painting assignments and departed at 8:30am. The three groups completed 42 bus stops along Kapiolani Blvd, Date St., Mooheau and Maunaloa Ave. I would like to give Big Mahalos to Brother Al Namuo and Brother Al Perkins for the use of their trucks (besides my truck). Without these vehicles, we would not have been able to do the amount of stops we would like to have done. We completed the painting around 11:00am, returned to the Lodge and cleaned up. Sister Kappy had our meals warm and ready to chow down. I would like to thank those that attended and you know who you are, but I would especially thank the 4 first timers who participated.

Trivia: How many bus stop around on the island, that a crew of 5 take care of? Answer: 4000, we just did 42 on Sept 8.

Submitted by Stanford Shiroma

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We are working to upgrade the Excelsior Lodge website for our members. Beginning with this issue, the Hawaii Odd Fellow quarterly newsletter will be posted on our website. Upcoming Lodge events will also be posted on the website. Make the site your homepage or visit it often to keep up with Lodge activities. Login at: ioofhawaii.org

Harmony Golf Tournament

A great big Mahalo goes out to all that joined Harmony Lodge in this year's Golf Tournament. With all your kokua, we collected \$1275.00 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. All the proceeds will be donated to the Hawaii foundation and will stay right here in Hawaii. This collection along with the collections from our members at each meeting will be presented to them on September 17th, thanks to the Harmony Member's & all that participated in the golf tournament, Ronald McDonald is this year's Big Winner.

I would also like to acknowledge Richard Heflin & Tim Connors for putting together a great lunch (those baked beans were out of this world). Thank you John Crabbe & Richard Lewis for the set up & clean up (great Job) and our DDSGM, Shayleen Teixeira for her donation to the tournament.

Broken Links

An Odd Fellow for fifty one years, brother Valdemar "Val" Myhre passed away on September 3, 2012. He is survived by his wife Irene and two sons. Val served as the chairman of the board of trustees of Excelsior Lodge # 1 for more than twenty years. During this time he was instrumental in gaining Hawaii Odd Fellowship representation in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. He was also the guiding force in the move of the Hawaii lodges from the former Atkinson Tower location to our current 1st avenue address.

Victor Weisberger of Excelsior Lodge #1 passed away on August 10, 2012. Victor was an active member and his passing was unexpected. He was especially proud of his Model T Ford which he restored himself. Victor and his Model T participated in many Kailua 4th of July parades. Brother Victor will be missed.

2012-2013 OFFICERS OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, I.O.O.F.

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Delmar L. Burns, OH Past Sovereign Grand Master

Taking Note

August

Happy 10th Anniversary to the following members who joined the IOOF on August 6, 2002:

Glenn Beppu, William Lau, John Scheleski, and Keith Williams

September

Congratulations to the following members who joined the IOOF on September 18, 2007, celebrating their 5th Year Anniversary:

G. Richard Barlett, Al Crowell, Natasha Higuchi, Lynn Hill, Doug Lee,

Wendell Murakawa, and Antje Shelton

Birthdays

July

Winona Whitman, Gary Karr, Shayne Silva, Troy Higashiyama, Christopher Starr, Newton Wong, Mryna Ariola, Melody Ball, Ruth Gushiken, Stanford Shiroma, Allen Perkins, D. Kehau Kelly, Leona Bayne, Elton Furutani, and Sylvia Bergman

August

Derek Hamada, Buzzy Fernandez, Don McLaren, David Peters, Richard Barlett, Ernest Yamane, Fred Chang, Antonio Garcia, Winona Namuo, Charles Van Gieson, Marlene Nuesca, Curtis Len, Loreen Okamura, Bankole Idowu, Kazuo Mochizuki, Clifford Knott, Wendell Murakawa, Richard Lau, Ryan Ariola, Val Myhre, Kim Mah, and Jack Manini

September

Glenn Akamine, Alfred Christian, Thomas Nakama, Ron Mizuno, Rowena Tsai, Rod Schultz, Hamilton GoPaul, Bill Shea, Mary Thompson, Joseph H. Kelly George F Barlett, Patricia Osborn, Alan Fernandez, Jamie Won, Dean Mishima, George Shibata, Patrick Uza, Judith Van Gieson, and Gunter Koehler,



Adopt A highway



Upcoming Events

Hawaii Public Radio: October 6, 6:00 am to 10:00 am

Ronald McDonald House: October 6, meet at the Lodge for the 11:00 am project.

Crawford Home: October 13, at the Crawford Home

Adopt A Highway: Nov. 17, 8:00am, at the Laie Cottages

Foster Families: Dec.1, 6:30 am at the Blaisdell

Harmony Lodge Christmas Dinner: Dec. 8, 6:00 pm, Prince Kuhio Hotel

Excelsior Lodge Anniversary Dinner: Dec. 8, 6:00pm Ala Moana Hotel

Kalaeloa Veteran's Initiative: Dec. 15, 11:00 am, at the Kaleloa Veteran's Home