

# The Hawaii Odd Fellow

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## Hawaii Odd Fellows Spring Activities



Hawaii Food Bank Food Drive, April 19, 2014



Hawaii Public Radio Spring Fund Drive, April 5, 2014



U.S. Veterans Initiative, May 17, 2014



Hawaii Special Olympics, May 31, 2014



Hawaii Food Bank, April 2014





### **Aloha Brothers and Sisters,**

The first several months have just blown right by. My hat's off to all of you. Meeting attendance is good, the organization is growing, and we have very good attendance at all our community service projects.

I urge you to go out to a project that you haven't attended before. At many of these projects, you'll see members who, for whatever reason, can't make it to our regular meetings. It gives you a new perspective on things, and of course time for fellowship with other members. I've been fortunate to attend the Food Bank Drive, Juvenile Drug Court Graduation and cleaning up the Kalaeloa Veterans Center all for the first time. They were all fantastic events. In June, We have the Waimea Falls Project and The Battleship Missouri clean up.

Finally, a small group of us returned from our pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier recently. As always, it was an outstanding and humbling event that we partake in. My only wish is that more of you could watch and be a part of this fine tribute.

In F.L. & T.

Curtis Lau, Noble Grand, Excelsior Lodge #1

### **Important Laie Country Home Announcement**

We bid a fond aloha to Bernice and Glenn Akamine who stepped down in May as caretakers of our Laie property. Glenn and Bernice have moved to the Big Island to begin a new phase in their life. Always welcoming to our members who stayed at the property, their presence will be missed.

While we wish Glenn and Bernice good luck, we welcome William Kaimikaua as our new Laie Country Home Caretaker. Willie is a long time member of our lodge and is looking forward to the challenge of maintaining the Laie property. Of note is the temporary change in reservation procedures. As of May 17, 2014 all reservations for the Country Home should be directed to Judi Van Gieson at judiavg43@hawaii.rr.com. All the previous rules, regulations and qualifications for use of the property will remain unchanged.

Beginning July 1, 2014, reservation requests can be made directly to Willie at dckaimikaua@gmail.com or by calling 293-9090. Be advised, as in the past, email reservation requests are preferred.



### **Aloha to all Members,**

Here we are already in June and we've gone through just about half a year of business. With the support of my Officers and Members we have increased our membership in the Lodge which was one of my primary goals for the year. We are also working on finalizing a website for Harmony Lodge which should be up and running before the end of summer. Our members have also participated in several projects this year which includes work on the USS Missouri, Adopt A Highway and the annual Food Bank food drive.

Our recent Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was such a memorable experience for all who attended. Thanks to Donna Miller, who arranged tours to the White House, the Capital and all of the memorials which made the trip a grand time for all. The highlight of the pilgrimage for me, was the honor I was given, to represent the Odd Fellows from Hawaii in laying the wreath at the ceremony. As we walked toward the tomb, dressed in my Senior Chiefs uniform, carrying the wreath to the guard sent chills throughout my body. This is an honor I will cherish as long as I live.

Finally, I would like to urge all members to attend our lodge meetings, which are held on the second and forth Tuesdays of the month and enjoy the camaraderie. May we all practice Friendship, Love and Truth in our lives throughout the year.

In F.L. & T.

Ed Souza, Noble Grand, Harmony Lodge No. 3

### **Member Discounts**

Excelsior Lodge #1 has extended the courtesy of allowing our neighboring businesses the right to park their vehicles in our parking lot during non-meeting/event dates. In the spirit of reciprocation, the following businesses are offering discounts for services or goods purchased by Excelsior members.

**Wayne's Carpet Co.**  
**10% discount on goods and services**  
**Goodyear Tire**  
**15% on goods and services**  
**The Cat Clinic**  
**20% on services for your pet**

You must present your current Excelsior Lodge #1 membership card to be eligible for these discounts.

## Membership Update



Harmony Lodge # 3 held a degree day for Hawaii Odd Fellow candidates on Saturday, May, 10, 2014. The morning's activities saw all four degrees being conferred on nine new members. Pictured above are: Ed Souza, Noble Grand, Harmony Lodge #3, Joseph Kinoshita, (Excelsior Lodge #1), Mike Hanapi, (Harmony Lodge #3), Cynthia Marugame (Excelsior Lodge #1), Craig Chock, (Harmony Lodge #3), Jessica Caires, (Excelsior Lodge #1), Louis Caires, (Excelsior Lodge #1), Jason Lippert, (Excelsior Lodge #1), Stephen Vierra (Harmony Lodge #3) and Joe Chang, (Harmony Lodge #3).



Excelsior Lodge #1 conferred the third degree to seven members on their June 3rd meeting. Pictured at left are Excelsior members: L-R: Jordana Ferreira, Betty Ann Perkins, Curtis Lau, N.G., Bert Ogasawara and Faye Blake (unavailable for photo). Also receiving the third degree were: Danny Baine, Manly Kanoa and Sylvia Tenn of Harmony Lodge #3.

Stanford Shiroma, Captain (in white shirt), presided over the mustering in of L-R: Naomi Kim, Barry Kim and Randy Grant into the Kamehameha Canton #1 on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. In the Encampment meeting immediately preceding the Canton meeting, all three candidates had conferred upon them, the Royal Purple degree.





## Special Olympics 2014



### U.S. Veterans Initiative Odd Fellows Make a Difference Day



I am writing to report on the successful completion of Excelsior Lodge #1's participation in the Special Olympics Hawaii, 46th Annual State Summer Games at the University of Hawaii Manoa campus.

This year's summer games started on Friday, May 30, 2014 with the Troy Barboza Torch Run. Our Odd Fellow volunteers assisted with the Shot Put event on Saturday, May 31. It was a beautiful sunny day with a steady cool breeze coming down through Manoa Valley. Our shift began at 9:00am and concluded with the last group of athletes being processed through at 2:30pm.

We had a great group of volunteers that showed up early and assisted with breakdown at the end of our session. Interacting with the athletes is always a memorable and heartwarming experience.

The literature provided to all volunteers made mention of the friendly nature of the athletes and their receptiveness to encouragement. I must commend our volunteers on their interaction with the athletes during our session which were both friendly and encouraging. Excelsior Lodge #1 was well represented at this event. Worthy of special mention is Brother Manly Kanoa who served as judge and announcer during most of the day for the Shot Put event. His performance inspired the athletes and volunteers alike.

The following members and guest were in attendance. Nathan Ramos, Kenny Cheong, Steven Tseu, Robert Yee, Gilbert Shimatsu, Jordana Ferreira, Melvina and Lloyd Nakao, Peggy Uehara, Curtis Lau, Betty Perkins, Lambert Lui-Kwan, Richard Barlett, Richard Kim, Cynthia Low, Manly Kanoa, Jodie Sope, Tiara Sope, Bert Ogasawara, Jean and Victor Lizardi, John Scheleski and Donna Miller.

Submitted in FLT, Nathan Ramos

As one of our Odd Fellows Make a Difference day projects, on May 17, Excelsior Lodge #1 members travelled to the Kalaeloa Veterans Initiative to contribute their time and labor to benefit our homeless veterans. The Veterans Center, seeks to assist veterans by relocating them off the streets and into their three step training program. While at the center, veterans are required to undergo substance and mental health treatment as well as job training and counseling. The Center offers both short and long term



housing for our veterans and enjoys a substantial amount of community support in their efforts to relieve the problem of homelessness among our population of veterans. During the Saturday project, Excelsior members disassembled and cleaned the activities stage and cleaned and sorted equipment in the gym. We also had some of our participating members assist in the building of a new shelving unit for the Center's intake office. Plan to join us on October 25, 2014, when we will be going back to assist our veterans as part of the National Make A Difference Day.

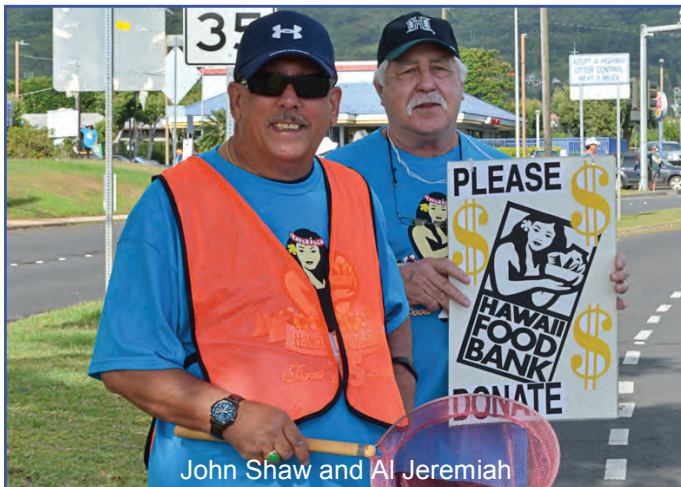
## Blood Drive

### Odd Fellows Make A Difference Day

The Hawaii Odd Fellows supported two projects on the Odd Fellows Make A Difference Day. In addition to the U.S. Veterans Initiative, King Kamehameha Canton #1 sponsored a blood drive for the Hawaii Blood Bank. Members took calls at the Young street branch and assisted in the contribution of 13 pints of whole blood.

## Hawaii Food Bank

### 2014 Food Drive



John Shaw and Al Jeremiah



Curtis Lau, N.G., Naomi Kim and Steven Tseu, P.G.

The Hawaii Odd Fellows have been participating in the Food Bank's food drives so long that no one can quite remember when we first started helping the organization. On Saturday, April 19, sponsored by

the Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1, the Hawaii Odd Fellows once again turned out in force to support this worthy project. There were over forty members from all the various Hawaii Lodges in attendance. Between the hours of 8:00am-12:00pm, we collected donations of canned goods and cash with the goal of alleviating hunger in Hawaii.

## 2014 Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns



The members of the Hawaii delegation to the Tomb of the Unknowns: L to R: Ronald Mizuno, PG, Donna Miller, Karro Yee, Vice Grand, Harmony Lodge #3, Curtis Lau, Noble Grand, Excelsior Lodge #1, Ed Souza, Noble Grand, Harmony Lodge #3, John Crabbe, P.G. Harmony Lodge #3 and John Scheleski, P.G. Excelsior Lodge #1.

## Visiting Brother



Brother Helge Revheim (in Aloha Shirt) of Norway visited the Harmony Lodge #3 meeting of April 22, 2014. We enjoyed Brother Revheim's company and he shared a brief Powerpoint presentation of Norway and Odd Fellowship in Norway.

## Broken Link

Ernest Yamane, long time member and former Trustee of Excelsior Lodge #1 passed away on May 7, 2014. On June 6, members bid farewell to Brother Ernest with an Odd Fellows funeral service at Hosoi Mortuary



## Flagpole Blessing

On Saturday, May 31, members of King Kamehameha Canton #1 held a blessing ceremony for the recently installed flagpole at the Laie Country Home. Pictured are: L to R: Al Namuo, Stanford Shiroma, Captain, George Barlett, Norbert Enos and Norvia Shiroma.



## HPD Promotion for Tricia Wilson

Tricia Wilson, (pictured at left with Chief of Police Louis Kealoha) received her promotion to Lieutenant in the Honolulu Police Department on April 14, 2014. Tricia is a member of Excelsior Lodge #1 and is also the daughter of Richard Kim, PDDSGM.

## Upcoming Events

**Waimea Falls Park Clean-up: Saturday, June 28, 2014. Meet at 8:00am at the Waimea Falls Parking Lot**

**Summer Picnic (all Hawaii Lodges invited): Saturday, July 26, 2014, 9:30am-4:00pm, Laie Country Home (BYOB and a chair)**

**Adopt A Highway: Saturday, August 30, 2014, 8:00am at the Laie Country Home**

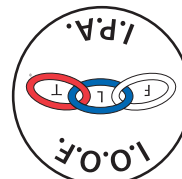
**Fun Night: Saturday, October 18, 2014, 5:30-9:00pm, Kapahulu Lodge Hall**

**Harmony Lodge #3 Christmas Dinner: Saturday December 13, 2014, Hilton Prince Kuhio Hotel  
Time: TBA**

**Excelsior Lodge #1, Anniversary Dinner, Saturday December 20, 2014, Ala Moana Hotel  
Time: TBA**

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