

2014 Hawaii Odd Fellow Officers

Odd Fellow lodges, Excelsior #1, Harmony #3, along with Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1 installed their elected and appointed officers for 2014 on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The joint installation was held at the Kapahulu Lodge Hall and was well attended by Hawaii Odd Fellow members. The officers for the Polynesia Encampment #1 and Kamehameha Canton #1 were installed the night of February 5, 2014 also at the Kapahulu Lodge Hall. We wish the best for these officers and hope all members fully support their efforts in the coming year.



Excelsior Lodge #1

Front Row, L-R: Joanne Tanimoto (Financial Secretary), Freidalane Menezes (Chaplain), Curtis Lau (Noble Grand), Cynthia Low (Treasurer), Gilbert Shimatsu (Vice Grand), Alan Perkins (Right Supporter NG), **Back Row:** Ron Mizuno (Left Supporter VG), Charles Van Gieson (Right Supporter VG), Barry Kim (Left Scene Supporter), Lloyd Nakao (Past Noble Grand), Judi Van Gieson (Secretary), Melody Ball (Right Scene Supporter), Robert Yee (Inside Guardian), Peter Comilla (Conductor), Carter Crowell (Outside Guardian), Nathan Ramos (Warden)



Harmony Lodge #3

Front Row, L-R: John Crabbe (Past Noble Grand), Juana Tabali-Weir (Chaplain), Edward Souza (Noble Grand), Karro Yee ((Vice Grand), Michael Chung (Treasurer), William Shea (Right Supporter VG), **Back Row:** Charles Van Gieson (Right Supporter NG), Claude Kawabata (Warden), Steven Tseu (Secretary), Michael Lyons (Left Supporter NG), Al Jeremiah (Left Supporter VG), John Shaw (Conductor), Jerrette Kamaka (Outside Guardian), Roy Vierra (Inside Guardian)



Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1

L-R: Steven Tseu (Vice Grand), Judi Van Gieson (Secretary), Charles Van Gieson (Past Grand), Cynthia Low (Noble Grand), Freidalane Menezes (Chaplain), Karro Yee (Right Supporter NG), Joanne Tanimoto (Treasurer), Melvina Nakao (Warden)



Polynesia Encampment #1

L-R: Stanford Shiroma (Past Chief Patriarch), Norvia Shiroma (Chaplain), Lloyd Nakao (Sr. Warden), Ron Mizuno (Jr. Warden), Richard Kim (PSGM), Roderick Schultz (Scribe), Gilbert Shimatsu (Inside Sentinel), Steven Tseu (Chief Patriarch), George Barlett (Guide), Norbert Enos (2nd Guard of the Tent), Gerri Enos (Outside Sentinel), Francis Robinson (3rd Watch), Al Namuo (1st Guard of the Tent)



Aloha,

As we begin a brand new year of Odd Fellowship in Hawaii, we ride the momentum of tremendous unity brought about last year. All Hawaii Odd Fellows are now more tightly knit than they have been in quite a

while. I refer back to the bundle of sticks. Separately, they can be broken easily, but together, they can withstand the strength of a giant.

We will not be attempting to re-invent the wheel this year. However, we will concentrate on the core values of our order. Our projects will continue taking care of our members while having fun along the way.

When I joined the lodge six years ago, my daughters were still in high school. They were required to perform a certain amount of community service hours as a requirement for graduation. Adopt A Highway was a staple of that service. They would go on the beach with adult supervision to clean the beach while other members would clean the highway. Another staple was our bus stop painting/clean-up project which we were doing twice a year. Unfortunately, there has lately been a shortage of trucks available to facilitate this project. If you own a pick-up truck and are able to help, please contact Stanford Shiroma. Also, if you know of some high school students in need of community service hours, please consider inviting them to one or more of these projects. In May, we will assist in the Hawaii Special Olympics which will be a good venue for community service as well.

Other projects on queue include the Hawaii Food Bank food drive, Hawaii Public Radio Spring pledge drive, and clean-up and maintenance work on the USS Missouri. However, more projects may be added in the interim, please check the bulletin board or see one of our project chairpersons.

Among other activities, the Scholarship Committee has posted the criteria for the 2014 Excelsior educational scholarship on our website. If you have any questions relating to our educational scholarships, please contact Geri Tseu. Again, I look forward to a most productive and fantastic year practicing the tenets of Odd Fellowship in Hawaii.

In F.L.T.

Curtis Lau

Noble Grand, Excelsior Lodge #1

The Hawaii Odd Fellow is published quarterly on the 15th of March, June, September and December. We are always looking for information from all the Hawaii Lodges and you are encouraged to send your information to: puza@hawaiiantel.net. Please remember, the quality of the content in this newsletter needs your active participation.



Aloha to all Members,

Here it is already February and the year is quickly moving on. I would like to make my first order of business thanking the brothers and sisters for giving me the honor to serve as Noble Grand of Harmony Lodge. It is

with great confidence and trust in my officers that I look forward to a very productive year in conducting our meetings and working on projects in full cooperation with all the brother and sister lodges of Hawaii. We have set several goals which I wish to accomplish as we move forward.

1. To actively recruit new active members to grow our lodge.
2. Schedule more working projects throughout the year. The committee has already published a schedule with different projects and tentative dates.
3. Look for more ways to effectively donate to deserving charitable organizations.
4. Finalize efforts to get a working Harmony website up in the very near future.

Finally, I would like to urge all members to attend lodge meetings 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

2013 Excelsior Charitable Donations

In 2013 Excelsior Lodge #1 distributed \$7,250.00 in charitable donations to the Sovereign Grand Lodge and local charities. The following are the organizations receiving donations from the Lodge. Hawaii Cord Blood Bank, Waikiki Health Center, Kapiolani Medical Center, The Institute for Human Services, SGL Educational Foundation, The Laulima Giving Program, The Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Easter Seals, Catholic Relief Services, Arthritis Foundation-Hawaii Branch, Hawaii Meals on Wheels, Christopher Len-Medical Mission to Bolivia, Family Programs Hawaii, Hawaii Juvenile Drug Court, Family Court of the First District and Lanakila Meals on Wheels. Excelsior Lodge has as one of its goals, to primarily support local Hawaii based charities.



Welcome brothers and sisters,

It is an honor to be the Nobel Grand of Rebekah Lodge #1. Let us remember all the lessons we learned last year and give our thanks to Past Nobel Grands Charlie and Judi Van Gieson. Without their guidance,

dedication, and vision, the Rebekah lodge would not be where it is today! This dynamic duo will be a difficult act to follow.

Now on to the present, 2014-2015! The Rebekah lodge is looking forward to an amazing and fun filled year. It is with great reverence and optimism that I welcome my Right Support, sister, and Past Grand, Karro Yee; Left Support and Past Grand, Francis Robinson; newly appointed and elected officers and finally our Chaplain, Freida Menezes.

Furthermore, I would like to thank all our wonderful sisters and brothers who volunteer their time and energy in creating our delicious and thoughtful meals after our meetings, this lets us do more projects with our budget.

Our main event this year, is the 25th Annual Hawaii Food Bank food drive on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at Windward City Shopping Center. Volunteer duties include sign waving, and fish netting for dollars or food. Let us make this a historic food drive; see you all there for fellowship and service learning.

In closing, I would like to invite my brothers and sisters from Excelsior Lodge #1 and Harmony lodges #3 to build memories together with us at our Rebekah meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. Sign up and get your membership form from our Secretary Judi Van Gieson.

In friendship, love and truth,

Cynthia Low

Noble Grand

Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1



Broken Links

Raymond K. Chun a long time Hawaii Odd Fellow member passed away on February 3, 2014. Raymond is survived by his wife Becky and 5 daughters. Farewell brother, until we meet again.

Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1 Holiday Lunch



The annual Pacific Rebekah Holiday Lunch was held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Kapahulu Lodge Hall. About forty Rebekah members, family and friends showed up to share in fellowship, games and good food.

Excelsior Lodge Scholarships

Excelsior Lodge has posted its educational scholarship information on the Hawaii Odd Fellow website. Interested applicants are urged to visit the site and review the scholarship information since some of the qualifying criteria have been changed.

Visit the site at: ioofhawaii.org



"We seek to the character of man"

King Kamehameha Canton #1



Canton Kamehameha #1 installed its officers for 2014 on Wednesday, February 5 at the Lodge Hall. Pictured above from left to right are: Shirley Streck (Clerk), George Barlett (PG), Steven Tseu (Past Captain), Francis Robinson ((PG), Norvia Shiroma (Chaplain), Stanford Shiroma (Captain), Lloyd Nakao (Ensign), Ron Mizuno (Accountant), Norbert Enos (Lieutenant)

Birthdays

March- William Borthwick, Ronald Burkhart, Debra Castro, Geri Enos, Leonard Furukawa, George Glover, David Heflin, Geri Higashiyama, William Kaimikaua, Sharon Lau-Manini, Carl McKenzie, Robert Nakama, Franklin Pacarro, Ruth South, Shirley Streck, Darryl Takizawa,

April- Rachel Ariola, Michael Chung, Robert Dahl, Tia laea, Randy Javar, Robert Kawai, Patricia Kekaulike, Mindy Len, Michael Lyons, Cynthia Low, Herman Moore, Scott Nitta, Patti Patterson, Ronald Yasui

May- Malia Anderson, J. Frank Bragg, Frances Chung, Peter Comilla, John Crabbe, Norbert Enos, Andrea Hamilton, Michael Kang, Jon Lui Kwan, Curtis Lau, Fred Lum, Lu K. Nunes, Garret Rivers, Gilbert Shimatsu, Jimmy Shin, Philip Schmidt, Geri Tseu, Mae Tsuneda, Katherine Wada, Karro Yee

June- Joaquin Almanza, Al Chock, Danielle Fisher, Lorin Kushiya, Alan Lloyd, Lambert Lui Kwan, Alvin Namuo, Roy Ota, Lisa Parker, Walter Simao, Steven Tseu, Naomi Oshiro,

USS Missouri

February 22, 2014



Harmony Lodge #3 hosted another USS Missouri service project on Saturday, February 22nd. As you can see from the photos, not all the work done is aboard the ship. On this particular Saturday, members also worked in the gardens surrounding the Missouri spreading mulch. Members also did some work demolishing old cabinets, repainting cabinets, cleaning the ship's store and constructing cradles that hold shells for the Mighty Mo's big 16 inch guns.



Help Wanted

Do you want to get more involved in lodge activities? Excelsior, Harmony and Pacific Rebekah Lodges are always looking for enthusiastic members to volunteer on one of their many committees. Do you have computer skills? Excelsior Lodge's Communications committee could use your help keeping the website updated. Can you write, use a camera? The newsletter committee will always welcome your help. If you would like to be more involved but are not sure of how to get started see the Noble Grand of your respective lodge. Curtis Lau: Excelsior Lodge #1, Ed Souza: Harmony Lodge #3 or Cynthia Low: Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1. Either way, don't hesitate, take the plunge!

Flagpole Installation

The Adopt A Highway project is held quarterly fronting the Laie Country Home property and the 22nd of March was the first clean up of 2014. We always have a good showing for this project so it is natural that at times, other minor fixes are made to the cottages on the property. This time, the goal was to replace the flagpole that once marked the property from the highway. Due to corrosion from the constant exposure to the ocean breezes, the old flag pole had to be taken down for safety reasons. The initiative to replace the flagpole was spearheaded by Past Grand Norbert Enos who ordered the flagpole and organized the work crew. Beginning Friday afternoon, the work crew dug the footing for the flagpole which was completed on Saturday with the pouring of the concrete base. Pictured at left is the finished flagpole flying our National colors along with the State flag.



Upcoming Events

Foodbank Food Drive: April 19, 7:15-11:30am, Windward City Shopping Center

Odd Fellows Make a Difference Day

Blood Bank: April 26, 6:30am-2:00pm, Young St. Donor Center

U.S. Veterans Initiative: April 26, 8:00-11:00am, cleaning and painting at the Kalaeloa facility. Contact Patrick Uza @ 383-9268 for more information.

Bus Stop Painting: Saturday, May 3, meet at the Lodge Hall, 8:00am.

Hawaii Special Olympics: May 31, 8:00am to 3:00pm, University of Hawaii.

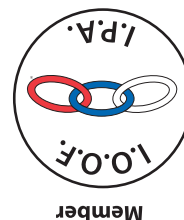
Adopt a Highway: Saturday, May 31, 8:00am, Laie Country Home

Excelsior Lodge Summer Picnic: Saturday, July 26, 11:00am to 2:00pm, Laie Country Home.

National Make a Difference Day, U.S. Veterans Initiative: October 25, Kalaeloa facility, 11:00am to 1:00pm.

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