

Excelsior Lodge Summer Picnic

Excelsior Lodge #1 held its annual summer picnic on Saturday, July 27 at the Laie Country Home. There were more than sixty members, guest and family in attendance. Fun, fellowship and food were the orders of the day. **Top right photo:** In attendance as our guests were visitors, **L to R:** Donald and Shelia Robertson and Joyce and Jimmy Humphries our incoming Sovereign Grand Lodge Warden. Pictured with our guests are Excelsior Lodge members Stanford Shiroma, PG and John Scheleski, PG. The picnic is a highly anticipated yearly event especially enjoyed by the children and families of our members and as attested by the accompanying photos, all those who are young at heart. Many thanks to brother Curtis Lau, Vice Grand, Excelsior Lodge, and all his volunteers for making the picnic such a successful event!



Children and adults compete in the four legged "Geta" race.



Carter Crowell made sure parking for the members went smoothly.



The Spoon race is another of our staple games.



What would our picnic be without Bingo?



Aloha Members!

The third quarter included the Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions which were held in Schaumburg, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. Members representing Excelsior Lodge #1 were Gilbert Shimatsu, Francis

Robinson, Pat Uza, Steven Tseu, Richard Kim and myself. Other members attending included, Shirley Streck, Norvia Shiroma, George Barlett, and Stanford Shiroma (Grand Representative).

The Excelsior Lodge #1 was recognized with the following: The \$3,000 contribution from the lodge to the Educational Foundation, IOOF was one of the larger contributions made. And, your lodge was recognized for its outstanding Community Service projects. No other lodge or area came close to the level of community service projects performed by our members. You should all take great pride in this, "Make A Difference" Award. Thank you, members, for all your efforts. I have noticed and much-appreciated the participation and assistance in the projects by other lodges. Mahalo, for all your efforts!

There are a number of community service projects scheduled in the next few months. Some are scheduled for the same day. In addition, there is a "casino night" and the annual dinner on the events calendar. We hope to see you all there!

In Friendship, Love and Truth

Lloyd Nakao,

Noble Grand, Excelsior Lodge #1

Laie Country Home Reminder

Under Section 1. A. of the abridged version of the:

Rules Governing the Use of Excelsior Lodge #1 Laie Country Home

Every member of Excelsior Lodge #1, their family and guests are expected to observe the following rules governing the use of the Laie Country Home.

1. A. Must have attended at least ten or more regular meetings and at least two or more Excelsior Lodge volunteer projects per year (i.e. **one year prior to reservation request). If this criteria is met, member may make reservations sixty days in advance.**



Aloha to all Members!

As we return from "darkness" through the months of July and August, we anticipate a busy ending to the year in the months ahead. Several of our committees continued working on pending issues through our dark period and I would like to take this opportunity to give them a big MAHALO for their commitment to the Lodge.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Vice Grand Ed Souza and I, along with the delegates from all the Hawaii Lodges, will have returned from the 187th Sovereign Grand Lodge session held in Schaumburg, Illinois, from August 15th - 24th. The sessions provide a wealth of information which should be shared with all members. Vice Grand Souza and I will do our best to share our experiences with you and pass on the beneficial information to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly shout out a big "Mahalo" to Judi Van Gieson, who stepped up to the plate to coordinate our Make a Difference Day projects, and complete all the paperwork that was necessary for submission to the SGL. As a result, we received award letters from the SGL.

In addition, I would like to congratulate Lambert Lui-Kwan on his appointment as DDSGM for Hawaii for 2013- 2014. It is my hope that we may all work in a collaborative manner with DDSGM Lui-Kwan on all the issues our Lodges may face. Unfortunately, DDSGM Lui-Kwan will be somewhat sidelined by an injury to his knee which many of you already know will keep him from attending our Lodge meetings. However, he will be ever-ready to assist us in any way we need via e-mail at ddsgmhawaii@hawaiiantel.net. Also, I would like to say Mahalo to Steven Tseu, who has accepted the Pro Tem assignment as our Lodge Secretary for the duration of this year.

Some of you may have tried to access the Harmony website and found that there is no such site. The previous site has been discontinued but we are finalizing efforts to once again be up and running in the very near future. Thank you all for your patience with this project.

We'll get back to our usual projects in the month of September beginning with the Ronald McDonald House. I hope you have all enjoyed your "summer" vacations and look forward to seeing you at our meeting on September 10.

In FLTriendship, Love and Truth

John W. Crabbe

Noble Grand

Harmony Lodge No. 3

Excelsior Lodge 2013 Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to the 2013 IOOF Excelsior Lodge #1 Scholarship Recipients! The scholarship committee and the lodge members would like to congratulate this year's scholarship winners and will look forward to these recipients participating at future community service projects.

Please check the IOOF Hawaii website in early 2014 for changes to the 2014 scholarship qualifications and/or application. Please contact the scholarship committee via email at oddfel-lows@ioofhawaii.org should you have any questions.



Sarah Hamilton
Senior
St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX
Major: Music Performance-Voice
Sponsor: Andrea Hamilton



Kasey Kam
Senior (5th Year)
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI
Major: Travel Industry Management
Sponsor: Donna Masuda Kam



Kelcie Lau
Senior
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Major: Kinesiology
Sponsor: Curtis Lau



Stacie Lau
Senior
University of Hawaii
Major: Nursing
Sponsor: Curtis Lau



Maxwell Sakai
Senior (5th Year)
Full Sail University, Winter Park, FL
Major: Game Design
Sponsor: Judi Van Gieson



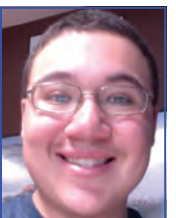
Shayne Silva
Senior (5th Year)
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Major: Biology
Sponsor: Self



Amanda Tseu
Senior
University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
Major: Human Physiology
Sponsor: Steven Tseu



Leilani Wilson
Senior
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Major: Fashion Design and Merchandising/Hawaiian Language
Sponsor: Patricia Wilson



Ryan Ariola
Junior
Major: Criminal Justice
Chaminade University, Honolulu, HI
Sponsor: Rachel Ariola



Kennysen Cheong
Junior
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Major: Accounting
Sponsor: Tedmund Cheong



Kristy Higashiyama
Junior
University of Hawaii at West Oahu, Kapolei, HI
Major: Business Administration
Sponsor: Geri Higashiyama



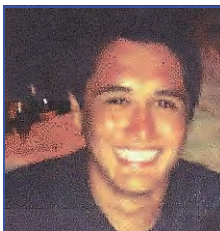
Krista Lizardi
Junior
Washington State University, Pullman, WA
Major: Liberal Arts
Sponsor: Victor Lizardi



Heather Osborn
Junior
Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA
Major: General Biology
Sponsor: John Osborn



Brittney Shiroma
Junior
Washington State University,
Pullman, WA
Major: Sports Management
Sponsor: Stanford Shiroma



Kyle Wilson
Junior
University of Hawaii at Manoa
Major: Kinesiology
Sponsor: Patricia Wilson



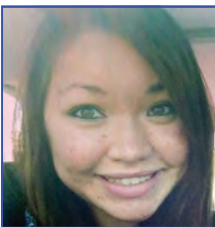
Christopher Wong
Junior
Creighton University, Omaha, NE
Major: Exercise Science
Sponsor: Wilson Wong



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



Chelsey Castro
Sophomore
Kapiolani Community College,
Honolulu, HI
Major: Culinary and Pastry Arts
Sponsor: Debra Castro



Erica Grant
Sophomore
University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hilo, HI
Major: Nursing
Sponsor: Randy Grant



Brock Namuo
Sophomore
Western Oregon University,
Monmouth, OR
Major: Fire Science
Sponsor: Alvin Namuo



Jordyn Waracka
Freshman
University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hilo, HI
Major: Psychology
Sponsor: Charles Van Gieson



Leslie Osborn
2nd Year
Kansas State University, College of
Veterinary Medicine, Manhattan, KS
Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine
Sponsor: John Osborn



Jennifer Wong
2nd Year
University of Hawaii, John A. Burns
School of Medicine
Doctorate of Medicine
Sponsor: Wilson Wong



Jonathan Wong
2nd Year
University of Hawaii, John A. Burns
School of Medicine
Doctorate of Medicine
Sponsor: Wilson Wong



Raenelle Yoshinaga
University of Hawaii, School of Nursing-
Public Health
Graduate School
Sponsor: Self



SGL 2013

Schaumburg, Illinois

Aloha,

It was an honor and a pleasure to serve as Hawaii's Grand Representative for the Sovereign Grand Lodge 2013 Session this August in Schaumburg, Illinois.

This report will address some highlights of this session that may be of interest to our members.

The Hawaii delegation, made up of eleven individuals, represented Hawaii with candy, lei, and much Aloha.

There were many awards given to Hawaii Lodges and members in various Sovereign Grand Lodge projects (i.e. Education Foundation, Community Service, Arthritis, 2013 Making a Difference Scholarship, etc.). For Specifics see *Advance Report of the Officers and Committees of the The Sovereign Grand Lodges*.

I am proud to report that the **Excelsior Lodge # 1** received the Sovereign Grand Master's "Make a Difference Day" award while also receiving Honorable Mention for the Newsletter Photo Layout award.

Major Bills withdrawn were from the General Military Counsel. These bills were part of the 5-year plan to merge the GMC and Ladies Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant (LAPM) (Bills 22-2012 to 32-2012).

Report #111, an Amendment to Constitution of Harmony Lodge #3 was adopted (see the 2013 Daily Journal Fourth Day page 489).

New Officers 2013-2014

Robert W. Smith | **Sovereign Grand Master**

Jimmy C. Humphrey | **Deputy Sovereign Grand Master**

Danny M. Wood | **Sovereign Grand Warden**

Dorothy M. Laycock | **President International Association of Rebekah Assemblies**

Lambert Lui-Kwan | **Hawaii's DDSGM**

Mottos & Challenges by the SGL Grand Master and IARA President

Motto of Sovereign Grand Master: Change the World- One Person at a time

Challenge: Each member to sponsor one new member

Goals: Fix up our lodges. Develop a program that will appeal to new and old members. Present a "Can Do Attitude"

Motto of IARA President: Make a Difference, Share a smile

Recommendations

1. We need to support all our officers including our new DDSGM.

2. All lodges to work together and plan an event/activity that will draw attention to our order.

3. Form a committee to develop a program that will appeal to the new and old members.

4. Strive to achieve more awards and certificates. (Reports are to be submitted to the SGL by July 15).

5. To increase membership in Hawaii, create a new brochure that will promote awareness of Odd Fellowship.

Mahalo, for trusting me with the privilege of representing Hawai'i for the Sovereign Grand Lodge. By being the new kid on the block I sought help and advice from others; it would be beneficial for me to discuss varying issues and bills with others for further knowledge and clarification. Although new, I felt I represented Hawaii well with my commitment, passion, and Aloha spirit. I appreciate all the support that everyone has given me and look forward for the opportunity to do this work again.

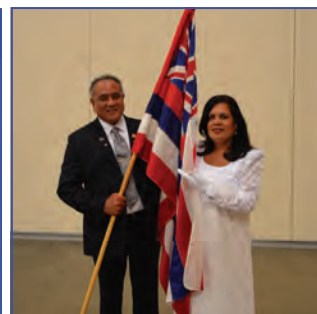
Sincerely,

Stanford Y. Shiroma

Grand Representative



L to R: Ed Souza and John Crabbe, NG of Harmony Lodge #3 display two of the plaques awarded to Harmony Lodge with Stanford Shiroma, Grand Representative, Hawaii



Your Editor and Steven Tseu with several Century Lodge Odd Fellows. **Above Right:** Hawaii Flag Bearer Stanford Shiroma, PG with escort sister Norvia Shiroma.



Chuck Renninger, SGM, presented Stanford Shiroma, PG and Lloyd Nakao, NG with an award to Excelsior Lodge's work to "Make a Difference" day in Hawaii

GENERAL PROCLAMATION

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees
of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows



Fraternal Greetings:

I, Robert W. Smith, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority duly vested in me, do proclaim the following:

September 20, 2013: Rebekah Degree Day, commemorating the 162nd Anniversary of the Degree of Rebekah. All Rebekah Lodges are encouraged to initiate an '*Anniversary Class*' commemorating the day.

October 2013: Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Month. All units are asked to make immediate plans for their delegates or to support the Pilgrimage in all ways possible.

January 15, 2014: Thomas Wildey Day, in celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Wildey, founder of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America. All units are encouraged to initiate a '*Wildey Class*' in celebration of the occasion.

March 23, 2014: Schuyler Colfax Day, in honor of the anniversary of the birthday of Schuyler Colfax, author of the Degree of Rebekah. Rebekah Lodges are encouraged to initiate a '*Colfax Class*' in honor of the occasion.

April 26, 2014: Founder's Day, commemorating the 195th Anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, Maryland. All units of the Order are encouraged to hold special festivities in celebration of the day: *Degree Day* (name the class for someone in your jurisdiction), *Anniversary Ball*, *Community Work Project*, et cetera.

June 10, 2014: Memorial Day, for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. All units are asked to set aside time to remember.

I ask that you observe the above-mentioned days on the date noted or a date as near as possible. Done in the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, this 23rd day of August 2013 in the 195th year of our Order.

(Seal)

Yours in F, L & T,

/s/ Robert W. Smith

Attest:

Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett

Sovereign Grand Secretary

Medal of Honor Reception



Pictured from left are: Richard Heflin, PDDSGM, Richard Kim, PSGM, Medal of Honor recipient Jay R. Vargas, Francis Robinson, PG, Randy Grant and Allen Perkins, PG.

On Thursday, 8 August, the pictured Excelsior Lodge members were invited and honored to represent Excelsior Lodge at a special Medal of Honor Foundation Event, sponsored by Lodge Financial Advisors Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney. The guest speaker was Jay R. Vargas, Captain, U.S. Marine Corps. At Dai Do, Vietnam, in 1968, Vargas led three companies in an attack, maneuvering his Marines across hundreds of yards of open rice paddy under intense fire. Elements of his force pinned down, he led a platoon to their aid. Vargas urged his men forward, destroying several enemy bunkers. Again wounded, he pressed on. After the objective was secured, the enemy counterattacked. Vargas' men held, then launched a renewed assault. The enemy retaliated with a massive counterattack. Fighting was hand-to-hand. Vargas was again wounded. When his battalion commander was struck, Vargas raced to his rescue, then resumed command.

Notes from the Editor: We always encourage our readers to "opt out" of receiving a hard copy of the Hawaii Odd Fellow newsletter and instead have it delivered to you via email. You benefit by being able to view the entire publication in color as well as receiving your newsletter 7-10 days ahead of the mailed copy. You also help the Lodge by saving it the cost of printing and mailing a hard copy. Simply send an email to: puza@hawaiiantel.net and type: "opt out" in the subject line. We will not take your name off the mailing list should you later change your mind. **Newsletter photos:** There have been instances in other publications where a member did not want the pictures of their family members or themselves published. The Hawaii Odd Fellow prints photos from most of the community service projects as well as our social events in the newsletter. If you do not want your, or the photos of your guests published, please send an email to the editor

Excelsior Lodge Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

October 2013: Alfred Antonio • Ben Baniaga • Lambert Burke • Miriam Cabral • Tedmund Cheong • Yona Chock • Glen Goya • Richard Heflin • Gary Johnson • Naomi Kim • Rod King • John Lattanzi • Jean Lizardi • Wayne Lovell • Francis Robinson • Gail Uza • Bay Watanabe • Keith Williams •

November 2013: Steven Ariola • Ernest Baptist • Glenn Beppu • Claude Kawabata • Timothy Connors • Hap Johnson • Lynne M. Hill • William S.L. Lau • Freida Menezes • Melvin Mung Lim Jr. • Trina Rivers • William Settle • Juana Tabali-Weir • Ben Villaflor • Benjamin Wadahara •

December 2013: Lawrence Ah Nee • Bernice Akamine • John Bonsey • Louis Caires • Delores Gregorie • John Hill • Brandee Kahaleiwai • Geraldine Kawai • Dr. Howard G. Malin • Lloyd Nakao • John Osborn • Wallace Sakuma • Norvia Shiroma • Jesse Smith • Kenneth B. Wiseman, III • Thomas Yim • Nicholas Young •

Member Anniversaries

October 2013:

15 years: Ben Baniaga • Kazuo Mochizuki • Ernest Yamanane

November 2013

5 years: Alfred Antonio • Steven Ariola • Mindy Len • Jean and Victor Lizardi • Roger Napoleon • Joanne Tanimoto

20 years: Norbert Enos PG • David Heflin

December 2013

5 years: Geraldine Higashiyama • Troy Higashiyama • Tia Iaea • Lloyd Nakao • Melvina Nakao • Patricia Patterson • Norvia "Kappy" Shiroma • Geraldine Tseu

at: puza@hawaiiantel.net. Photos are also posted on our website on the FLKR page where they are open to viewing by the general public. Mahalo

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Hawaii Odd Fellow website: We encourage you to visit our website at: ioofhawaii.org. There you will find archived editions of the Hawaii Odd Fellow newsletter as well as a FLKR link to the Hawaii photo bank. Here you will find and be able to download many of the pictures that we simply do not have room to print in our newsletter.

Waimea Falls Community Service Project



Hawaii Odd Fellows have spent Saturday, August 3rd and September 7th at Waimea Falls Park volunteering to build a new amphitheater. Said one member "it's really hard work but oh so satisfying". This work crew plans to attend more work days until the project is completed.

Upcoming Events

Hawaii Public Radio, Fall Fund Drive: Saturday, October 19, 2013, 6:00—10:00 am, at the HPR Studio, 738 Kaheka St. Call Patrick Uza @ 383-9268 for information

Bus Stop Painting: Saturday, October 19, 2013, 8:00-11:00 am. Meet at the Lodge Hall at 7:45am.

Fun Night: Saturday, October 19, 2013: 6:00-10:00pm, @ The Lodge Hall, open to all Hawaii Odd Fellows. Sign up at the Lodge Hall or contact Curtis Lau at: curtismasterpiece@yahoo.com or 391-8135.

USS Missouri: Saturday, October 26, 2013, 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Meet at the Arizona Memorial Parking lot by 7:45 am.

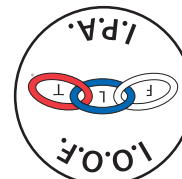
Harmony Lodge Christmas Party: Saturday, December 14, 2013, Hilton Prince Kuhio Hotel. Cocktails: 6:00pm, Dinner: 6:30pm. Invitations to come.

Excelsior Lodge Anniversary Dinner: Saturday, December 21, 2013. Social Hour: 6:00pm, Dinner: 7:00pm. Invitations to come. For further information contact: Curtis Lau at: curtismasterpiece@yahoo.com or 391-8135.



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