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Summer Projects Keep Hawaii Members Busy

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Aloha Members,

I have just returned home from the SGL session in Victoria B.C. It was a tremendously successful session for our Hawaii group. There were a total of 18 people from all our lodges among the 600 plus attendees. Incoming Sovereign Grand Master Jimmy

Humphries asked us for assistance in passing out programs for his installation. Although he asked for 4 people, he got 8 at the event. Karro Yee, Cynthia Low and Naomi Kim spearheaded the group in greeting, hugging and passing programs to all those who attended the installation. However, it was taken to a higher level when the ninth person jumped in. When past Sovereign Grand Master Richard Kim joined us, there were hugs, kisses and smiles galore to create a very festive environment.

The general sessions each morning seemed to be business as usual compared to past sessions. All committees seemed to have a lighter workload than in years past. Brother Stanford Shiroma was installed as Sovereign Grand Marshal and Patrick Uza was elected Vice President of the International Press Association. Also, W. Larry Ferguson of West Virginia, who was nominated by Richard Kim, won the election to be Sovereign Grand Warden. All in All, the 18 of us left a very positive and lasting impression upon everyone else at the session.

In FLT

Curtis Lau, Noble Grand, Excelsior Lodge #1

Waimea Falls Park

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Submitted by Rod Schultz, PG

I attended the June 28 work project at Waimea Falls Park and took a few photos. There were about 22 Odd Fellows in attendance at this work project coordinated by Stanford and Kappy Shiroma. We've done this for several years now, and each time we have a different type of work to do. At this outing, we stripped the bark off ironwood trees to be used in making hale (houses) for a Hawaiian village. As you can see from the photographs it was hard work in the hot sun. Also, as a courtesy, our volunteer coordinator from the park also gave us a tour of the village under construction so we could better appreciate our work effort. We can't wait until the next project at the park to see how the work on the Hales has progressed. Following the work project, we all headed over to the Laie property for a leisurely lunch and fellowship.

Harmony Scholarships

The 2015 Harmony Lodge #3 scholarship rules, criteria and applications are being uploaded to the Harmony Lodge website and will be available for download on or about the second week of October. The website can be accessed at www.harmonyhi.com



Aloha Brothers & Sisters

Here we are, already in September and the year keeps rolling on. As the old saying goes, "time and tide waits for no man".

Harmony Lodge #3 with a good number of Excelsior Lodge #1 members conducted a successful work project on the USS Missouri. The working staff of the ship were very pleased with the work that was accomplished by our members that they invited us to participate in a 4th of July Barbeque to be held on the pier and to watch the fireworks from the deck of the ship. A good time was had by all who attended.

Our hard working Scholarship Committee headed by Karro Yee, Mike Chung and Mike Lyons awarded four scholarships to worthy recipients.

I just returned from the Sovereign Grand Lodge Convention which was held in Victoria B.C. It proved to be a great learning experience for me. Our Hawaii contingent was well represented and we all enjoyed our stay in Victoria.

Harmony Lodge #3 will be conducting another work project on the USS Missouri in November and we ask any one interested to please sign up and join us.

In F.L.T.

Ed Souza, Noble Grand, Harmony Lodge No. 3

Broken Links

Walter McGoldrick: Passed away on June 29, 2014. Walter was initiated into Chickasaw Lodge #8 in July of 1939 and transferred his membership to Excelsior Lodge #1 in 1998 where he was a member in good standing until his death. Brother Walter was survived by his wife Helen who passed away on September 5, 2014. Their daughter Jane said Helen died of a broken heart unable to live without the love of her life for 74 years.

Bankole Idowu: A member of Excelsior Lodge #1, for fourteen years, passed away on September 17, 2014. In his later years, Brother Bankole volunteered much of his time to assisting senior citizens with the preparation of their tax returns.

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Odd Fellows and the USS Missouri

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Submitted by the Outside Guardian, Harmony Lodge #3

The USS Missouri has been in many engagements throughout its existence but one battle would decide the fate of the 58,000-ton "Mighty Mo." It would be a mission that the public wouldn't hear very much about. This last battle would take place in five cities over the span of two and a half years, put two well-decorated admirals against each other, and the Iowa class battleship wouldn't fire a single round.

"I compare the work on the ship (USS Missouri) to painting the Golden Gate bridge," says Keven Williamson, Director of Volunteers at the Battleship Missouri Memorial. "You do as much as you can and when you finish, you do it all over again. And that's what we have to do when working on the ship. There is constant work to do on the ship all the time."

For the past few years the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) have made keeping the USS Missouri in ship shape a priority by putting it on the top of their list of community service projects.

"I've volunteered for every USS Missouri project for the past seven years, and it has been an honor to do work on the ship," says Harmony Lodge #3 Noble Grand Ed Souza, who is a retired Navy veteran. "We do all kinds of work on the ship like painting, cleaning, and one time we had to do some demolition work. So it's been rewarding."

After the "Mighty Mo" was taken off of the Navel Vessel Register (NVR) in 1995 the plan to turn "Big Mo" into a museum began to take place. San Diego, CA., Long Beach, CA., Bremerton, WA., San Francisco, CA., and Honolulu, HI all wanted the ship to be anchored in their respective ports. Of all the cities vying for the bid, only two cities were in real contention to become the ship's home-port. One was San Francisco, which had the support of retired Rear Admiral Russell W. Gorman where waterfront businesses and bay area organizations planned for a park-like tourist attraction. The other was Honolulu with the backing of retired Vice Admiral Robert K.U. Kihune. His pitch in getting the famous ship docked in Pearl Harbor was that Pearl Harbor is where WWII started, and the USS Missouri represents where the war ended. Pearl Harbor would be the best place for the historic ship to call home. Today the USS Missouri is anchored off of Ford Island, and it doesn't look much different from the day it was first christened. This pristine condition is greatly credited to organizations like the Odd Fellows that volunteer hours of free labor to keep the battleship in tour operating condition.

"We had about 40 members who volunteered to work at the Missouri in May which was the second time this year,"

says John Crabbe past noble grand. "And as soon as we get there the work is already lined up for us to do thanks to Keven, and we get to see parts of the ship that is not part of the tour."

Crabbe and Souza have spear headed the Missouri project but are quick to point out that this is an Odd Fellows project which includes all of the Hawaii lodges not just Harmony. In May one of the big jobs being done by volunteers was the detailing of the fantail where a lot of events are held, and in this case it was for a ceremony for a retiring admiral. This same section of the ship is also where private events are held and is in constant need for maintenance.

"You know it's great to have you guys (IOOF) come down and work on the ship. We have such a great time," says Williamson. "John Crabbe is great to work with because he always keeps in touch with me as to how many of you guys are coming, and I've got to make sure I find enough work for you guys to do."

The staff at the Battleship Missouri Memorial sees that the IOOF volunteers have an affinity for the ship, and over the years they noticed the IOOF takes possession of the ship every time they show up. The positive and fun attitude that volunteers bring spreads throughout the floating museum. It makes everyone take notice of not only the work being done but that the Odd Fellow volunteers can perform their assigned work without a lot of supervision from staff members.

With all of the enthusiasm the Order shows for the USS Missouri maybe adding, "maintaining the Mighty Mo," to the valediction might seem appropriate. Probably not, but one thing for sure is that the community service Odd Fellow volunteers do is very much appreciated and greatly recognized by those who benefit from it. Whether it is at the USS Missouri, Hawaii Food Bank or adopt a highway, the community notices the service the Order performs. Everyone who volunteers should be proud for the work they perform.

"Although organizations and their volunteers come once or twice a year it takes the burden of that work off of the employees that would end up doing the work if their were no volunteers," says Williamson. "We are a non-profit organization so when we work with you guys we see it as the community giving back to the community. And it is us being able to give a piece of history to you guys which is a win-win situation and a humbling experience for me."

John Crabbe and Ed Souza are committed to making sure future projects at the USS Missouri are a top priority. The next USS Missouri project has not been confirmed but is tentatively scheduled to happen sometime in November.

Sovereign Grand Lodge, Report from the DDSGM

The 2014 Sovereign Grand Session was held on August 15th thru August 22nd in Victoria B.C. Canada at the Fairmont Empress hotel. Victoria has many historic attributes and traditions that link them to the Queen of England. One that was noted from our hotel was having High Tea in the afternoon with tea and pastries. Victoria also boasts the oldest Chinatown in Canada, and a mining quarry that became a beautiful garden called Butchart Gardens, along with a Parliament Building and many historic sites.

There were 626 Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, and General Military Council members registered and assembled to conduct the business of the order that came before this body. This is where the rules, regulations, bills and resolutions are defined, scrutinized then passed or rejected according to the Code of General Laws, prior to general distribution to the jurisdictions. This is also when the Sovereign Grand Lodge Officers are elected for the next year's term. Although there are many routine reports that are given and passed, there are some that become a very much debated subject and are hotly contested.

The session opened on Saturday August 16th with the registration and distribution of information.

On Sunday, specific meetings were held for select committees and in the evening, the formal opening ceremony and presentation and placement of the jurisdictional flags. This year, Hawaii was represented by a large contingent of members, some of which paid their own way to observe the inner workings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The people from Hawaii were; Curtis Lau, Gilbert Shimatsu, Stanford & Kappy Shiroma, Steven Tseu, Cynthia Low, Francis Robinson, Barry & Naomi Kim, Ronald Mizuno, Pat Uza, Shirley Streck, Edward Souza, John Crabbe, Karro Yee, PSGM Richard Kim and Lambert Lui-Kwan. This year the Hawaii Flag was proudly presented by Stanford Shiroma and escorted by Karro Yee. Once again, a great job was done by them.

Monday started the regular session with the usual roll call of officers and delegates. Then followed the announcement of held over bills and the call for new bills and resolutions with their subsequent assignments to investigating committees. Announcements for committee meetings were made and the session was recessed until Tuesday. The formal officers banquet was held this evening with welcome speeches and messages of expectations for the Sovereign Grand Session being echoed.

Tuesday opened at 9:00am as usual with an invocation and a motion to set the voting for the new officers at 10:00am. The motion passed and the order of business continued with the presentation of bills and resolutions. At 10:00am the doors were locked and the voting began with PGM Charles Worrell presiding. Nominations for Sovereign Grand Master were called for and with none appearing from the floor, Jimmy Humphries of Georgia the current Deputy Sovereign Grand Master was declared elected by acclimation. The election for Deputy Sovereign Grand Master was the next office called for and with no nominations from the floor, Danny Woods of Texas was

declared elected by acclimation. Nominations for SGL Warden were then opened. Past SGM Glover nominated Proc from California, Past SGM Cuminale nominated Miller from Connecticut, and Past SGM Kim nominated Ferguson from West Virginia. The first vote tally had Miller with the least amount of votes and as it has been in the past, he was dropped from the next ballot. The next vote had Ferguson 64 votes to Proc's 31 thereby electing Ferguson as the next Sovereign Grand Warden. There was only one nomination for Sovereign Grand Secretary, Terry Barrett. This ended the second day of the session... After a few speeches and presentations the lodge was put on recess till Wednesday. During a meeting of the International Press Association, Pat Uza was elected Vice President of the Association for a term of 2 years.

Wednesday brought bills and resolutions for review and consideration with speeches and a short calendar of legislative actions allowing the committees to meet to review their assignments. The session was put in recess till Thursday, when the order of business resumed. Congratulations to Stanford Shiroma as he was appointed as Sovereign Grand Marshall. A fun night dinner was held with merriment for all.

Thursday's session was called into order and unbeknown to us there was a battle brewing. As I noted in the beginning of my report, the subject matter is bill #5 which would repeal and enact Chapter XXXVIII in the Code of General Laws relating to Offenses and Trials its entirety. This Bill was laid over for two years with minimal action due to the content being challenged every step of the way and this year the committee on Legislation made changes which would make substantial changes and improve upon the initial code. But as in any political arena, the opposition vowed to fight the passage of legislation until a comprehensive product was presented. After much heated debate, the legislation was voted on and passed. The session then continued with the order of business, and then put in recess until Friday. The installation of newly elected officers was held this evening.

Friday brought the opening of the SGL with the order of business being miscellaneous business and the official closing of the 2014 session. I was once again appointed as DDSGM for Hawaii.

In conclusion, the Hawaii delegation that attended this session did well in representing the Lodges in Hawaii, attending committee meetings and observing the inner workings of the SGL and are once again being hailed as ambassadors of Aloha. Thank you for your confidence in us and for sending this group to the Sovereign Grand Session.

Lambert Lui-Kwan

District Deputy Sovereign Grand Master

Hawaii

Odd Fellows Hawaii at the 2014 Sovereign Grand Lodge Sessions



Refurbishing the Lodge Chairs

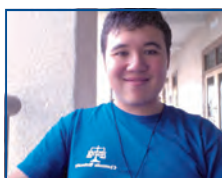
The chairs at the Lodge Hall have seen quite a bit of use over the years. As a matter of fact, when describing the condition of these chairs, the term “knocked the stuffing out of them” comes to mind. A few months ago, a motion was made and approved to re-upholster these chairs and on July 21, a group of Hawaii Odd Fellows gathered to prep the chairs prior to sending them out to the upholsterers. A warm mahalo goes out to Charlie & Judi Van Gieson, Barry & Naomi Kim, Al & Betty Perkins, Francis Robinson, Steven Tseu, John Crabbe & Mike Chung, Victor & Jean Lizardi and their daughter. The efforts of these members saved the Lodge money and insured the chairs would be out for a minimum amount of time. The two photos at the bottom show the refurbished chairs.



2014 Excelsior Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the 2014 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 future community service projects.

Be sure to check the IOOF Hawaii website in early 2015 for changes to the 2015 scholarship qualifications and/or application. Please contact the scholarship committee via email at oddfellows@ioofhawaii.org should you have any questions.



Ryan Ariola, Senior, Chaminade University, Honolulu, HI, Major: Criminal Justice, sponsor: Rahel Ariola



Tennysen Cheong, Senior, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Major: Accounting, sponsor: Tedmund Cheong



Stacie Lau, 5th Year Senior, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Major: Nursing, sponsor: Curtis Lau



Krista Lizardi, Senior, Washington State University, Pullman, Wa, Major: Fine Arts, sponsor: Victor Lizardi.



Brittney Shiroma, Senior, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, Major: Liberal Arts, Minor: Sports Management, sponsor: Stanford Shiroma



Christopher Wong, Senior: Creighton University, Omaha, NE, Major: Human Physiology, sponsor: Wilson Wong (deceased)



Jessica Bragg, Junior, Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, HI, Major: Asian Studies, Minor: Multimedia Studies, sponsor: Frank Bragg



Chelsea Castro, Junior, Kapiolani Community College, Honolulu, HI, Major: Culinary Arts, sponsor: Debra Castro.



Erica Grant, Junior, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hilo, HI, Major: Early Childhood Education, sponsor: Randy Grant



Gavin Ariola, Freshman, Hawaii Pacific University, Honolulu, HI, Major: Justice Administration, sponsor: Steven Ariola.



Sean Grant, Freshman, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hilo, HI, Major: Mechanical Engineering, sponsor: Randy Grant.



Jennifer Wong, 3rd Year, Doctorate of Medicine, University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Honolulu, HI, sponsor: Wilson Wong (deceased)



Shayne Silva, 1st Year, Developmental & Reproductive Biology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Self sponsored.

Hawaii Odd Fellows Summer Picnic

Excelsior Lodge #1 held its annual summer picnic on July 26 at the Laie Country Home. The picnic was open to all Hawaii Odd hose in attendance enjoyed good food, games and fellowship. The Pacific Rebekah Lodge also held a shaved ice and bake sale and raised \$226.50 to be donated to local charities. Over fifty three Odd Fellows members with their guests attended as well as more than twenty five children. Mahalos to: Cynthia Low, Lynn Pang, Judi Van Gieson, Donna Miller, Josie Akana, Denise Werle, Roy Vierra, Robert & Geri Kawai and Robert & Karro Yee for contributing prizes and running the games. And not least, Gilbert Shimatsu and his crew for coordinating and making the picnic such an enjoyable event.



More scenes from the Summer Picnic



Upcoming Events

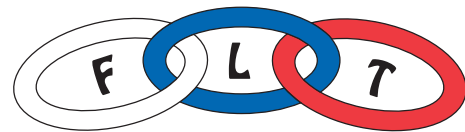
Casino Night: Saturday Night: October 18, 2014, 5:30-10:00pm, Lodge Hall, R.S.V.P. by signing up at the Lodge Hall no later than October 7.

USS Missouri: November 22, 2014, meet dock-side at 8:00am.

Adopt A Highway: Saturday, November 22, 2014, 8:00am, Laie Country Home.

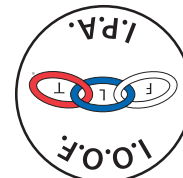
Harmony Lodge #3 Christmas Dinner: December 20, 2014, 5:30 –10:00 Hilton Prince Kuhio Hotel

Excelsior Lodge#1: Anniversary Dinner, December 20, 2014, 5:30-10:00, Ala Moana Hotel



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