

The Hawaii Odd Fellow

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Hawaii Odd Fellows Distributing Some Holiday Cheer



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Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children: The Polynesia Encampment #1 made its annual Christmas visit to the Kapiolani Medical Center on December 7, 2013. As is customary, the members distributed toys to the younger patients and gift cards to the older patients at the hospital. This is the seventh year the Polynesia Encampment has played Santa to the children in the hospital. According to volunteer coordinator Robyn Dolan, Polynesia Encampment is the only volunteer group allowed by the hospital to directly distribute gifts to its patients. She also added that the annual visits have become a traditional part of their efforts to bring Christmas cheer to the children who find themselves having to spend the holiday in the hospital. As in years past, all gifts not distributed that day are added to the Santa's Toyshop where they are added to all the gifts donated for the patients.



Aiding our Wounded Warriors: On Monday, November 18, 2013, Harmony Lodge #3 donated \$500.00 of gift cards to the Wounded Warrior Detachment at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. In accepting the donation, Steven L. Jensen, Commander, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy (ret) stated the gift cards would be used for the Thanksgiving and Christmas lunches for the residents of the Wounded Warrior Battalion. All the Wounded Warriors in residence as well as their Commander showed up for the presentation and thanked the members of Harmony Lodge for their generous gift. As we learned, there are about 24 marines currently in residence which is a good number since at its peak during the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, more than 200 Marines were residents of the program. Picture above are: **L to R:** Mike Lyons, P.G. Harmony Lodge #3, Chaplain Steven Jensen, Lt. Colonel Burl Hudson and Ed Souza V.G. Harmony Lodge #3.



Message from the Noble Grand, Excelsior Lodge #1

Aloha Members!

When evaluating the entire year, it's amazing how fast the year has gone. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of

the members for making this year a most pleasurable and enjoyable one. With your cooperation, patience and assistance, I especially want to acknowledge and thank all of the chairpersons for the various committees and community service projects throughout the year. You are the reason our organization continues to excel in our community service efforts. I would also like to thank the lodge officers and support personnel without whom I could not carry out the functions of the Noble Grand.

It has been an excellent year for the lodge's investments and an outstanding year as recognized by the Sovereign Grand Lodge in serving our community. No other Odd Fellows lodge performs as many community service projects throughout the year as we do. The credit for these achievements belong to the members of Excelsior Lodge #1. And, we are certainly grateful for the assistance provided by the members of the Rebekah, Harmony, Encampment and Kamehameha Canton Lodges for joining us in our endeavors.

I wish you all well and I hope you will all continue to serve the next Noble Grand in the manner you have served me.

It has been a pleasure to serve you and I hope to continue to serve you in some manner in the future.

I wish you all the best for you and your families during this holiday season and throughout the new year.

Mahalo!

Lloyd Nakao, Noble Grand

Excelsior Lodge #1



Message from the Noble Grand, Harmony Lodge #3

Aloha Brothers and Sisters,

The year 2013 came to a close with our annual Christmas dinner, with a great attendance. It was a tumultuous year for Harmony but with the hard work from our officers, committees and all members rallying to help the Lodge continue to go forward, We were able to complete our goals for the past year. At this time, I want to thank all Harmony members, associate members, officers, and all the Odd Fellows from all the Hawaii Lodges who participated and labored very hard to help us complete our goals and projects. With such continued collaboration, the coming year will be brighter and Harmony Lodge will be stronger than ever. To our newly elected Noble Grand Ed Souza, and Vice Grand Karro Yee, and our newly-appointed DDSGM, Lambert Lui-Kwan, I pledge my full support. Let's go forth with Friendship, Love and Truth. Happy New Year to all!

Mahalo!

John Crabbe, Noble Grand

Harmony Lodge #3

Hawaii Public Radio Fall Fund Drive



6:00-10:00 am the first Saturday of the semi annual Hawaii Public Radio Fund Drive, this is the volunteer shift that is reserved for the Hawaii Odd Fellows. Yes, we've been participating in the fund drive for so many years that we are now fixtures in that time slot. As station General Manager Michael Titterton said; "the fund drive wouldn't be the same without you guys there in that slot"

Broken Link

Brother William Fitzpatrick passed away on December 22, 2013 in Dixon, California, Bill was 89 years old and a member of Excelsior Lodge #1.



IOOF Hawaii Fun Night

Saturday, October 19, 2013



Al Perkins (right) ran the Roulette Wheel. Mike Chung and Barry Kim look on.



Al Namuo (left) ran the Craps table.



Hit Me! Steven Tseu P.G. deals at the Black Jack table

Bus Stop Painting /Graffiti Removal



On Saturday October 19, Excelsior and Harmony Lodge members teamed up to clean and paint along a busy 4 1/2 mile stretch of roadway from the King/Kapiolani Blvd. intersection all the way to Waialae and Koko Head Ave. **Above L to R:** Norbert Enos, P. G., Tedmund Cheong, and Al Namuo, painting a bus stop on Waialae Ave. **Below L to R:** Barry Kim, Lisa Parker and project coordinator Stanford Shiroma, P.G. Work on a bus stop near the beginning of the route on King St.



Norbert Enos, P.G., Tedmund Cheong and Al Namuo, P.G. work on a bus stop on Waialae Avenue.

USS Missouri

October 26, 2013



Peggy Uyehara and Mary Thompson worked at painting a ventilator shaft. **Below:** John Shaw polishing the bright work in the fire control center. There sure was a lot of brass in that compartment.



Above: Mike Chung in the fire control room. **Below:** About half our group was tasked with painting. L to R: John Crabbe, Donna Miller and Trisha Wilson.



Christopher Len Medical Mission to Bolivia



In the September issue of the Hawaii Odd Fellow, we ran a photo of P.G. Al Perkins presenting check to member Mindy Len of Excelsior Lodge to contribute to her son's medical mission to Bolivia. Christopher Len (pictured above right) submitted a letter of thanks to te Lodge.

With the help of the Odd Fellows, I recently went on a medical mission trip to Bolivia. On the trip, I met up with a team of 18 other volunteers from all over the country, most of us who haven't met before and each of us travelling with at least 50lbs. Of medical supplies. In Bolivia, we travelled to the jungle region of Chapare where we set up a clinic in a different village each

day. Most of the clinics took place at the local schools due to the larger spaces to set up in the shade. Hundreds of people from the area would line up to be seen for their health problems. One of the most challenging things for me as an ER nurse was switching from the familiar hospital setting to becoming a "Doctor" in the villages diagnosing, treating and prescribing for different diseases not normally seen in the states. All this with limited resources and supplies. Most of the people we saw had very limited access to medical resources. Simple things such as clean drinking water and oral hygiene products were luxuries and scarce in the villages. Words like Malaria, Chagas, Giardia, and worms became a common topic of discussion during the trip. We spent a lot of time educating each person we encountered, sometimes spending over 40 minutes of teaching per person. I began realizing how much of an impact we were having on the people of the villages. For many, this was the first time they were cared for and received medical services. During our 2 week trip, we addressed about 3,500 medical issues. The family that impacted me the most on the trip are of the children pictured at left. The girl who was the oldest at 8 years old, said her parents would be out all day working in the fields while she and her siblings stayed home, and shared with me that they got sick every day. With questioning, I learned that her mother made soup in the morning, which sat out all day for the children to eat. I ended up teaching the young girl how to take care of her family while her parents were out, and discussed with her the importance of fresh food, clean water and good hygiene. The trip had such an impact on my life and made me realize how lucky and blessed we are to be living in this great country. I am also thankful that the Odd Fellows contributed to supporting me on my trip.

Excelsior Lodge Anniversary Dinner

December 21, 2013



The Excelsior Lodge Anniversary Dinner once again held at the Ala Moana Hotel and was attended by 140 members and guests. Those attending enjoyed a tasty meal, good fellowship and music.



Geri and Robert Kawai were in attendance. This was the Excelsior Lodge's 167th anniversary of receiving their charter on December 10, 1846.

Adopt A Highway



Saturday, November 16, 2013 was the final Adopt A Highway clean-up for 2013. This is one of Excelsior Lodge's most well attended projects with over 40 par-

Harmony Lodge #3 Christmas Dinner

December 14, 2013



Harmony Lodge #3 held its Christmas Dinner on December 14, 2013 at the Hilton Prince Kuhio Hotel. As always, the dinner is always a lively event with the celebration lasting well into the night.



As often happens at parties in Hawaii, there are always someone in attendance willing to grace us with their talents. Here, Likelike and Kathy dance the hula for the members.



ticipants attending on that Saturday. The clean-up route stretches more than 2 miles fronting Excelsior's Laie Country Home. As always, it's safety first. Pictured holding flags to warn oncoming motorists to our clean-up are Tricia Wilson (left) and John Scheleski (above). Join us in our next clean-up on February 22, 2014.

Family Programs Hawaii

December 15, 2013



The Hawaii Odd Fellows have been assisting Family Programs Hawaii with their annual Christmas luncheon for the past several years. Members meet at 6:00am to set up tables, string decorations and assist in the various lunch preparations. Traditionally held on a Saturday, this year's event was moved to a Sunday morning. In addition to all the prep work, Excelsior Lodge also sponsors the cost of two tables used by the attendees. The money contributed covers the cost of the food and gifts for the foster children and their families.

Upcoming Events

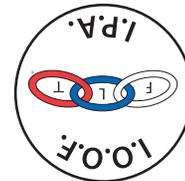
2014 Installation of Officers for Excelsior Lodge #1, Harmony Lodge # 3 and Pacific Rebekah Lodge #1. 7:00pm, Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at the Lodge Hall.

Installation of the Polynesia Encampment and King Kamehameha Canton #1 for 2014. 6:30pm, Wednesday, February 5, 2013

Adopt A Highway: February 22, 2014, 8:30am at the Laie Country Home

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