

## FROM THE EAST

Aloha Brethren, with one quarter of the year gone, I cannot believe how time flies. It seems that only yesterday I was installed as Master of Kona Lodge and invested with such honor and responsibility.

Speaking of time, Masonry has battled its own struggles through the time of ages, but one thing has remained: the Core Values and Traditions of Freemasonry. Change is inevitable and as members we need to preserve, learn and pass on all these values. The beauty of Masonry is that as by our diversity, we all bring different ideas, beliefs, and values but with one common core: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Being the keepers and members in charge as such, we must never change the core principles of Freemasonry. Let us Embrace the Change to Preserve the Past – Teach the Present – Embrace the Future.

Fraternally,  
Chris M Domino  
Master

## FROM THE WEST

Aloha Brethren, as we power through our Masonic year I would like to ask all of you to reflect on what masonry means to you. For me masonry means a number of things but foremost to me among the major tenets that I like to reflect upon is brotherly love for the fraternity.

As a Master Mason I believe we are held to a higher level of conduct. There are established customs and rules that we are obliged to conform to and abide by. In regards to the fraternity, brotherly love is established by being upright and honest with each other. I appreciate being a part of such an honorable society and value each and every one of my brothers.

I close with my most heartfelt appreciation for your support and will serve the will and pleasure of the fraternity to the best of my abilities.

Fraternally yours,  
Troy Gibson  
Senior Warden

## FROM THE SOUTH

Aloha to all brethren of Kona Lodge and to all visitors. April brings in the spring and a new season for us. Summer is upon us and then we gather for our annual installation for the coming year. We must look at ourselves and see if we are doing our best to be the Brothers that we want to be. That would mean for us to be willing to respect and to live in

harmony. Let us strive to advance our thinking and understanding in Masonry.

Our brother Pike said, "We must prosper as people. That consists in advancing our intellectual being within us". Let us share thoughts and practice well-being during our stated meetings. Let's make it a point to address issues that can help improve our society. Let's help our community to grow. Our children are our future and we have begun to show our community that we care. There are numerous fundraisers slated for this year to help increase our scholarship & building fund. *"Let us work together"*

Brethren, come join me for the upcoming stated meeting for a dinner that will have you licking your fingers. We will be serving:

### MENU

- chicken parmesan
- garlic bread
- salad
- dessert
- drinks

Come enjoy the Comradery

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
Joe Zapatoliva  
Junior Warden

## APRIL CALENDAR

- Apr 04 Stated Dinner & Meeting
- 6PM Dinner – followed by Memorial Service for WB Larry Jones PM open door
  - 7PM Meeting
- Apr 11 Open Door Civility Program  
5PM open doors for Hamburger & Hot-dogs  
6PM Civility Program  
Guest speaker:  
MW Russ Charvonja
- Apr 15 Hi-12 Chop Steak Plate  
Fundraiser at KTA  
Parking lot  
10AM- 2PM pickup plates
- Apr 20-21 Grand Lodge Annual  
Communication
- Apr 25 Officers' Practice 1<sup>st</sup> Degree  
(Junior Warden sits in the East)

## MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

4/03/63 Richard Burt, PM  
4/06/96 John McKenna  
4/11/58 Bob Foerster  
4/13/83 Oscar Tuano, PM  
4/21/77 WB Bob Brogan, PM  
4/22/97 Robert Shimamoto, PM  
4/25/85 Paul Kopriva  
4/24/87 Michael P. Baker Sr, PGM  
4/29/92 Robert Self, PM  
4/29/54 Doc Halliday  
4/30/65 Elmer Jensen

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04 05 Cesar Felix  
04 10 Kris Strauss  
04 13 Jerry Akers  
04 21 Eddie Ku  
04 25 James Graham  
04 28 William Lathers (101 years young)  
04 30 WB Oscar Tuano

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Regarding the Memorial Service for WB Jones; many of you may not have known Worshipful Jones. He was a Past Master of our Lodge. Reflect on his picture on the wall of Past Masters and you might remember him. As Masons it is our sacred duty to give him a "Last Tribute of our Affection." Please join us in a remembrance and come to lodge on April 4<sup>th</sup> and offer respect to a fallen brother. WB Jones was called from Labor on Dec 26, 2017 in Honolulu. Amen, SMIB.



*Pictured above are officers, members and visitors present at the March Stated Meeting.*

(from the MASONIC FAMILY CIVILITY PROJECT

*"I violate no secret when I say that one of the greatest values in Masonry is that it affords an opportunity for men of all walks of life to meet on common ground where all men are equal and have one common interest." - Theodore Roosevelt*

**“**When we are uncivil to one another, we silence the other person; we take his or her voice away.” At this point, it often feels like the incivility, the dangers, and the brokenness of this world have reached such a fever pitch that there is no turning back.

Earlier this year, Brother Brent Thompson was a police Officer killed by a sniper in a violent act in Dallas. He was a Master Mason of Corsicana Lodge No. 174 in Texas, and the father of 6 children. The week prior, 33-year old Philandeo Castile was shot dead by Police Officers during a routine traffic stop. And while he was not a Mason, his Uncle Clarence is a District Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Minnesota, who made an impassioned Masonic plea during a CNN interview, which can be found on Facebook.

In the face of so much violence and vitriol, we often feel powerless to do anything. We are not able to prevent a single, disturbed, young individual from bringing a semi-automatic into a nightclub, or driving an armored truck through a crowded street celebration in France. There is already too much anger and hatred towards a system that is perceived as corrupt, imbalanced, and beyond repair. It is hard to know where to begin.

As Freemasons, we already have the tools and resources to help make the world a better place. As the leaders of this lodge, it is our duty to shine a light on the darker places of society with our moral and social virtues. Through the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth, we can move past prejudices and injustice, and treat others with respect and compassion.

The language and the values of Freemasonry were vital to the development of democracy in America. This is a country that was absolutely founded on Masonic principles. It is possible to return to those principles again. It will take the example and leadership of every Mason out there. We can't stop every killing. We can't fix the political system. We can't change the world in one lifetime. But we can improve ourselves. We can improve those around us. And in doing so, we choose to be a part of the solution, rather than the problem.

Of all the threats to our society, one of the most insidious is apathy, or inaction. We all have a part to play. And as Freemasons, it is our duty to pass along those great moral duties which are inculcated within the lodge. It is time that we look to the trowel – the tool we all received as Master Masons – to remind us of our role in spreading the cement of brotherly love, which forms the foundation of a stronger society, and unites us on the fraternal chain.

To learn more about the Civility Project, please visit <http://www.civilitycenter.org/>

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