FROM THE EAST

Due to the current climate in the world it has been my unfortunate duty to suspend all functions for Kona lodge until this pandemic is under control. Following the CDC guidelines is of the utmost importance to navigate these difficult times and as good citizens it is our duty to do our part.

During this delay I hope that all of you take care of your family and yourselves. This is a opportunity for self-reflection and Masonic study which is what I will be doing during our break. I pray we will be back to business soon and look forward to seeing all of you very soon.

Take care and god bless, Troy D Gibson, Sr Master

FROM THE WEST

Aloha Brethren, This is a very difficult time we all are experiencing. This pandemic, for most of us, we have never experienced. Although the virus has not hit (per the reports of department of health) our island as hard as other areas, the risks are still present and real.

As Masons, we regard ourselves as role models with in our families, friends, coworkers, and among fellow brethren. This is a time where we as mason can set examples as being men in our daily lives and provide brotherly love, relief and truth to the society we surround ourselves in.

The perfect example is how we as a fraternity rise above all and still conduct monthly business, communications and maintain our beliefs. We are a lodge of one and we all need to be certain we all will get through this time.

Brethren, be safe be diligent and be a Mason.

Fraternally Yours, Chris Domino Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Aloha Brothers, I take a moment and wish you a Happy Easter and Passover holiday, and to thank PM Chris Domino for March stated dinner, it was great!!!

Now that is done, let's get down to business. As you know COVID-19 is spreading around the globe, and soon it will be with us. We are taking precautions and following the CDC guidelines by going dark until further notice.

Please take care of yourself and your families, wash your hands well, and keep a social distance. When it is good to return to lodge, there will be a few changes, I can't tell you now because it will spoil the surprise.

Also don't forget, we will have a great dinner and good fellowship, oh yeah the meeting also. Again stay safe.

Fraternally yours, James Lysiuk Junior Warden

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aloha All: Per direction from WM Troy Gibson and similar communication from Grand Lodge, all meetings scheduled for Kona Lodge going forward are to be cancelled until further notice due to the risks of spreading the Wuhan Virus (COVID-19). Many of our members fall into the class of "high risk" candidates and could be very seriously impacted by accidental exposure.

In the meantime, WB Troy has tasked Brother Barrow Hutchinson, Brother Jerry Akers and me to "keep the bills paid" and will do so. If anyone has questions, please contact me or WB Troy. My cell number is: (808) 854-7865 or email me.

Be safe and stay well...
Dan Miller PM
Lodge Secretary

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/5 Cesar Felix
4/6 Max Baum
4/10 Kristofer Strauss

4/13 Jerry Akers

4/25 James Graham

4/30 WB Oscar Tuano PM

MASONIC ANNIVERSARY

04/3/63 Richard Burt PM
04/6/96 John McKenna
04/6/96 James Dykes III
03/8/10 Tha Kribbs
03/11/58 Bob Foerster
04/13/83 Oscar Tuano PM
4/20/15 Terry Robinson
4/21/77 Bob Brogan PM
4/22/97 Bob Shimamoto PM
4/28/87 Michael Baker PGM
4/29/92 Bob Self PM
4/29/54 Doc Halliday
4/30/65 Elmer Jensen



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

THE RUG OF APPRECIATION

As a young man Sarkis H. Nahigian fled Armenia to escape persecution and arrived in the United States in 1890. He worked hard and became a successful businessman in Chicago and a devoted Mason. In 1948 he presented a priceless Oriental rug, 46½ feet long and 29½ feet wide, to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. In presenting the gift he said:

"I came to America believing in miracles. I say these words with gratitude, faith and pride. Gratitude -- to the generations of hard-working and God-fearing men and women who came to this new country to make a home for freedom. Faith, in that the democracy they built will never die. Pride, in that my chance has come to show my appreciation for being an American. And believe me when I say there is no finer title, no higher position than to be a citizen of the United States."

"Here we have freedom of thought, freedom of the press, and freedom of speech. One does not appreciate what these freedoms mean until one recalls what it was to be deprived of them. Now, again, in humble spirit, it gives me great pleasure to donate to our beloved George Washington Memorial Building, the largest Persian Royal Meshed carpet I have ever known. I donate this carpet in grateful appreciation of all the unlimited privileges and friendships and support I have enjoyed in this blessed United States of America, and not among the least of these is my privilege of being a Mason."

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