

FROM THE EAST

Aloha Brethren, Kona Lodge is starting to get busy with first degrees. Candidates and lodge renovations are in full swing and I could not be more excited.

Our February stated we had multiple guests and witnessed a closing speech from the Washington jurisdiction and I have to say what a privilege it was.

Masonry is truly one of the experiences where the learning is continuous and I am proud to be a part of this lodge which is so inviting and welcoming to our visitors.

Please mark your calendar for upcoming events listed in the February Calendar. I encourage everyone to come down and share in the fellowship and see what your lodge is up to.

Brethren, please send in your dues as we, by HMC law, have to remit our per capita tax early in the year. We still, as a lodge, must pay for all the brethren whether they pay or not. As many of you have not remitted your dues we will take a huge hit to our bank account. Also you cannot sit in lodge if you do not pay your 2019 dues.

It is my honor to serve the will and pleasure of the lodge. Your knowledge and opinions are welcome and appreciated.

Fraternally yours
Troy Gibson
Master

FROM THE WEST

Aloha brethren, I am pleased to see our lodge moving in the right direction. We have many new candidates and entered apprentices to on our agenda.

It's important for the newer members to learn all of our experiences in masonry as we are all brothers as I personally benefited from those experiences when I first joined.

I hope to see all of you in the lodge and enjoy each other's company, and am proud to call each of you my brother.

Fraternally Yours
Chris Domino PM
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Theodore Roosevelt had an illustrious career including but not limited to, Governor of New York, conservationist, writer, leader of the First US Volunteer Cavalry Regiment (commonly known as the Rough Riders), Vice President Of The United States, President of the United States and Nobel Peace Prize recipient in 1906 for his efforts in brokering an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

Vice President Theodore Roosevelt became President in 1901, after President McKinley was assassinated. That same year Theodore Roosevelt became a member of Matnecock Lodge No. 806 in Oyster Bay New York. Brother Roosevelt had many recorded quotes, but I'll speak to two;

- "In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."
- "When you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em 'certainly I can!' then get busy and find out how to do it."

I would ask that you re-read the quotes above and see if you can give a little of your time to spruce up OUR Lodge. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated!

See you in Lodge,
Bob Brogan PM
Junior Warden

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 03 Ramon Villasenor
Mar 04 Russ Charvonina PGM
Mar 15 Allen Kennedy
Mar 15 Bob Brogan PM
Mar 16 Michael Olson

MARCH CALENDAR

Mar 6 Stated Dinner & Meeting
6PM Dinner
7PM Meeting
Mar 13 6PM Degree practice
Mar 20 6PM Degree Practice
Mar 27 Hi 12 Meeting
6:00 Dinner Meeting

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 02 1984 Chuck Sundberg PM
Mar 05 2016 Damien Houser
Mar 06 1953 Richard Marshall
Mar 18 2009 Hector Robles
Mar 25 2015 Daniel Smith
Mar 26 2010 Timothy Cooke
Mar 31 2016 Allen Kennedy



Members of Kona Lodge gathered together to install a tessellated lodge floor.



Above shows the progress after 2 days work on our new lodge beautification project. Come down to the March Stated meeting and view and enjoy this floor.

The symbolism of the 13 folds of the U.S. Flag

If you've attended a funeral honoring a veteran who served our country, perhaps you witnessed the folding of the flag that once covered the casket of a loved one. Each of the 13 folds of the flag holds great significance.

At the ceremony of retreat, a daily observance at bases during which all personnel pay respect to the flag, "the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning, it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body."

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.
4. The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is an acknowledgment to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
9. The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the characters of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
10. The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.
11. The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
12. The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.
13. The last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

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