

FROM THE EAST

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

Brother Winston Churchill.

As Master of Kona Lodge I would like to thank everyone for the great support that I and all the officers have received these past two years. Without your support, counsel and involvement, the degree work would not have been possible. I am sure that all members will continue their unselfish support for next year's officers.

To all those members we have not seen in awhile: we have missed you. There are a lot of demands made on our time, but, try to make time, at least once and awhile so we can see your smiling faces again. The unwavering support of every Lodge member will make this Kona Lodge a Wednesday night destination. Put your heart into it.

See you in Lodge,
Bob Brogan
Master

FROM THE WEST

Aloha Brethren, It that time of year again, at this stated meeting we will be electing our officers so please come and join us to support the new officer line. We held an advanced station meeting in October and I would like to say that you all did a fantastic job in the preparation and execution of the ceremonies. It's the perseverance and dedication that you all displayed that is so vital to lodge and keeping masonry alive!

We will be hosting a 3rd degree for Hilo Lodge on November 15, 2017. Dinner will be served at 6pm with the ceremony at 7pm.

I would like extend an invitation to all of the Masonic brethren, traveling or not, to come and join us at all our ceremonies and

enjoy the dinners, comradery and aloha from our Kona lodge.

Fraternally Yours,
Chris Domino
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH

Aloha my brethren, I can truly say this Masonic year has been one of the most rewarding ones in my short Masonic career. As I reflect on the year I am very proud of the work that has been done in and out of the lodge. This was a testament to all and couldn't happen without the strong leadership our master has given us.

On that note I thank Worshipful Bob Brogan for providing his leadership 2 years in a row. This is a thankless job and I acknowledge his dedication and say thank you from all of us. I look forwarding to continuing to serve the craft and brethren. I extend a personal invitation to any and all brethren who haven't been to lodge in a while. We miss you!

A short housekeeping note: dinner will be \$10.00 from now on so please plan accordingly. I have enjoyed cooking for all of you this year and as always encourage any interested parties to call me to offer thier help 640-1149.

Fraternally,
Troy D Gibson, Sr
Junior Warden

Happy
Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 21 Robert S. Foerster
Nov 10 John H. Caudell
Nov 25 Shane D. Howell
Nov 08 Jesse Kunishige
Nov 18 Michael A. Ventrella III

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 21 1968 Robert Parmenter PM
Nov 28 1984 Richard Denison
Nov 07 1990 Joe E. Zapataoliva
Nov 12 2000 Kristoffer Strauss
Nov 12 2013 Kazuo S. Todd
Nov 12 2014 Nicco T. Colprit

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov 01 Stated Dinner and Meeting
6PM Dinner
7PM Degree
Nov 08 3rd Degree Practice
Nov 15 Courtesy 3rd Degree
Nov 22 High Twelve Dinner (Dark)
Nov 23 THANKSGIVING DAY



Members, officers and visitors pose for a picture at the October Kona Lodge Stated Meeting.

CALLED FROM LABOR

It is my sad duty to report that Brother A. D. Wardle has passed from labor on 5/20/16. He was a past Senior Steward of Kona Lodge.

*"Soft and safe to thee, my Brother,
be thy resting place."*

Lodge Structure Questions

Since there was apparent confusion by some members during the discussion of our dues and Temple Board issues, I have attempted to provide some clarity:

There are three "entities" involved in the ownership and administration of our Lodge property:

- The Condominium Association, which manages the entire building, and is responsible for the exterior maintenance such as painting, roof repairs, parking, maintaining bathrooms, and water service etc. As one of the units in the building, the Lodge is represented on the association by WB Rex Brumley, PM. The association meets annually to decide what necessary repairs and maintenance are needed, and to determine the necessary fees to keep the building in service. This monthly fee has been determined this year to be \$310 per month for each unit. These fees cover the maintenance and contingency funds to do major projects such as roof replacements, etc.

- The Temple Board, which consists of the Lodge Pillars (Master and Wardens), and several Lodge-elected trustees, is the actual "owner" of the Lodge building. This is required by the Hawaii Masonic Code, and is done to shield the Lodge members individually or collectively from liability. Every Masonic Lodge across the country is structured the same way. The Temple Board (sometimes called a Hall Association) is a non-profit entity, whose sole responsibility is to own and manage the physical building. The Temple Board is responsible for paying the monthly bills: Condominium Association fees, our utility bills (Helco), property taxes, (we pay the "commercial rate" to Uncle Harry's slush fund!). The Temple Board gets funds partly from our dues, and secondly, from the monthly "rent" paid by the Lodge or from voluntary donations. The amount of "rent" the Lodge pays to the Temple Board is intended to provide adequate funds to meet obligations without having to dip into reserve funds.

- The Lodge, which consists of each member in good standing, (each having one vote,) Lodge assets, such as bank and investment accounts and our Lodge paraphernalia. While the Lodge technically "owns" the facility, legally it is titled to the Temple Board for reasons stated above. The Lodge gets funds from only a few sources: member dues, fees for degrees and voluntary unsolicited donations. The Lodge cannot solicit funds from the general public, which is why the High Twelve Club comes into play. As a 501 organization, it can do so, and donate funds wherever it wishes.

When the Condominium Association raised monthly fees substantially this February and Hawaii County raised property taxes on commercial property as well, and our Helco bill increased due to increased use, the Temple Board found itself in a bind of not having adequate funding, hence the proposed dues raise was proposed. The High Twelve Club stepped into the fray with a fund-raiser event to assist in the matter, and it will likely be required again in the future.

Still have questions? Call me,
Dan Miller, P.M.

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